

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting held Wednesday 4th November 2020 (via Zoom)

Present: Joan Macaulay (Chair, JM), Cllr Norman Macdonald (NMD), Calum Richings (Treasurer, CR), Chrissie Macdonald, Madeleine Macaulay (MM), Neil James Macaulay (NJM) Norman Macdonald (ND), Cllr Ranald Fraser (RF)

In Attendance:- Helen Strong

Apologies:, Cllr Angus Morrison, Rhiannon Teather

Matters Arising

As Rhiannon is unable to be at the meeting Madeleine has kindly agreed to take notes of the meeting.

Previous Minutes

The minutes from the meeting held on 8th October 2020 were approved by Norman Macdonald and seconded by Neil James Macaulay.

Finance Update

The current balance is 34,904.89 of which 31,250 is for the fuel pumps.

Berner Bridge

There will be a meeting with Council Representatives on Wednesday 11th November at 7.30 pm In attendance will be Calum Mackenzie, Murdo Mackay and Robert Emmott. Community invited to attend.

Awaiting Grimersta Estate approval for ground. Temporary bridge will have a life span of approx. 30 years. NJM asked that the old bridge be looked at as this could be reinstated while we use the temporary bridge. Central Government funding to be investigated. CnES to help with Gas Cylinders to the 6 properties requiring gas as the boat was unable to take the Gas across.

Funding (Bosta; Crown Estate)

JM still awaiting update from CnES regarding RTIF funding. At stage two with funding for Bosta works.

Crown Estate Funding: - Suggestions were given for a Machinery Ring, Solar Panels for the Community Centre, paths to Norse Mill and Bosta, match funding for the Bosta project. No suggestions from the Community came forward from the newsletter.

Petrol Pumps

ND updated on progress for the fuel pump, Design drawings required for the shed. Hope to have the pump by the 18th January 2021. Approval needed from CnES before works can commence but otherwise ready to go.

BCC Face Book Page

Complaints received regarding negative comments on the Facebook page and Facebook asking for one unappropriated comment to be taken down. BCC will not reply to any comments made on the page and if further complaints are received the comments section will be closed. Healthy debates are natural, but kindness is required.

Little Bernera

NJM to speak to Scottish Salmon regarding getting stones across to Little Bernera.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC (Bridge Council Meeting 11th Nov)

Please write to berneracomcouncil@gmail.com to raise any issues or suggest ideas.