

Berneray Community Council

Meeting 26.09.22

Present; Malcom Gibson, Stuart MacIntyre, Emily Hicks, Sharon Macpherson, Donald Maclean, Margaret Maclean

Uisdean Robertson, Mustapha Hocine, Joanna Peteranna, Andrew Rodger

Apologies; Eilidh Carr

Donald Maclean (chair) opened the meeting and welcomed everyone.

The Community Council are keen to have units built in Berneray for ...'hot desking', individuals working from home and small businesses, Joanna Peteranna was invited to the meeting to provide information , Donald introduced Joanna who gave us information on the following;

Steps required

Locating Sites

Questionnaires

Surveys

Planning

Funding

This has given the Community Council something to look at and Joanna Peteranna will put us in touch with a colleague who will support us with questionnaires.

Donald introduced Andrew Rodger and asked him to give us an update from the 'steering group' now that the 'buy out' vote has been concluded;

Andrew confirmed vote figures and told us what the next steps would be...

The steering group will inform the public of plans to make negotiations to purchase BOH estate

The steering group will write to the owners of BOH estate to establish legal entity to pursue purchase

A group of advisers are being pulled together from other successful buy-out groups to gain access to a 'knowledge pool' to help the process along

Formation of the most appropriate community legal entity will be progressed with advice and membership offered and board members enlisted/recruited/nominated

Mustapha Hocine gave us an update on education e learning being the main topic which is so far working well

Uisdean Robertson updated us on Cal Mac/Ferries/pier closures

Mustapha Hocine and Uidean Robertson spoke about under spend on covid money and fuel poverty and lack of money available in the care dept

Donald Maclean thanked Uisdean Robertson, Mustapha Hocine, Joanna Peteranna and Andrew Rodger for their attendance

AOCB

Margaret Maclean mentioned the 'dog bin' being used as a litter bin and also the dumping of rubbish washed up on the beach being left at the bin, Sharon Macpherson volunteered to remove the rubbish

Finance

Emily needs to complete paper work to be able to sign cheques

Donald and Andrew writing 2 cheques

Gesture donation to Faye Macleod

Payment to Andrew Ross for Ink and paper

Date of Next Meeting

TBC