

**Berneray Community Council**  
**Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Bhearnaraigh**

**MINUTES**  
**25<sup>th</sup> October 2021**  
**Berneray Community Hall**  
**7.30pm**

<b>Present</b>	Donald MacLean - Chair ( <b>DML</b> )	Margaret MacLean ( <b>MM</b> )
	Malcolm Gibson - Vice ( <b>MG</b> )	Sharon MacPherson - Sec ( <b>SM</b> )
	Emily Hicks - Treasurer ( <b>EH</b> )	Cllr Uisdean Robertson

<b>Apologies</b>	Eilidh Carr ( <b>EC</b> )	Stuart McIntyre ( <b>SMI</b> )
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	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Action</b>
1	The group warmly welcomed Margaret MacLean and Stuart McIntyre (absent) - newly appointed members to the Community Council.  Apologies from Eilidh Carr and Stuart McIntyre	
2	Minutes from previous meeting N/A	
3	DM gave a brief overview - Berneray Community Council responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Skip at Harbour</li> <li>• Verge grass cutting - machinery maintenance required</li> <li>• Harbour toilets and shower</li> <li>• Cemetery (grave plots) Due to the limited space available (approx 50 plots remaining), there is potential for extending the cemetery - DM will initiate further discussion.</li> </ul>	<b>DM</b>
4	<i>Councillors Report:</i>  <i>Uisdean Robertson was present and spoke about the following:</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Air Traffic Control – discussions are ongoing</li> <li>• Sound of Harris / Sound of Barra Enhancement (Feasibility study)</li> <li>• Closure of Uig pier – There will be no Uig - Lochmaddy sailing from Sept 2022 (6 Months)</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Uist &amp; Barra Housing Group</li> <li>• Covid response funding</li> <li>• Electric Charge Point</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><u>Covid Response Funding</u> It was noted that since the COVID-19 pandemic, many islanders are continuing to work from home. MG suggested office 'hot desks' unit(s)/building could be a possible solution / be of great benefit to the community. The group agreed this idea could also be an incentive for young people living/working on the islands. Uisdean offered to look into this / have further discussion.</p> <p><u>Church Road Street Lights</u> Unnecessary electricity usage - It was noted that the street lights at Church Road remained switched on during the day at times.</p> <p><u>Seal View Area</u> Complaints were noted over motorhome vehicles parking overnight at Seal View area and blocking other vehicles from using the space. Concerns were also raised about some tourists approaching/disturbing seals on nearby rocks. The group suggested speaking with SNH/RSBP to assist with designing/installing sign at Seal View to better inform visitors.</p> <p><u>Harbour Breakwater</u> Concerns were raised over the stability of the breakwater stonework. Uisdean agreed to contact Harbour Master Kenny Morrison.</p> <p><u>Non-commercial pontoon</u> Some members of the group agreed there may be some interest for a non-commercial pontoon at Harbour. Funding options would need to be researched.</p>	<p><b>UR</b></p> <p><b>UR/MG</b></p>
	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2021 Berneray Community Hall, 7.30pm</b></p>	