

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Approved Minutes for Meeting held on
Thursday 9th December 2021, 6.30-8pm
Berner Community Centre

Present

Madeleine Macaulay (MM), Neil James Macaulay (NJM), Chrissie Macdonald (CM), Norman Macdonald (ND), Calum Richings (CR), Rhiannon Teather (RT), Alice Murray (AM).
Present via Phone Call - Cllr Norman Macdonald (NMD).

Apologies

Cllr Ranald Fraser, Cllr Angus Morrison.

1. Welcome

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 11th November 2021 were approved by Chrissie Macdonald and seconded by Madeleine Macaulay.

3. Matters Arising

- *Petrol Pumps / Crown Estate Funding:* There was a discussion about the cost of Petrol Pumps, the need for a bus shelter style structure to protect them and how to fund this. NMD informed us that we are still waiting for news about the percentage allocation per ward of Crown Estate Funding for this year. Ward Priority Fund needs to be committed by end of March. NMD stated he had requested a separate meeting to discuss this. There may be funding remaining to cover Petrol Pumps structure. ND to get a quote for Petrol Pumps structure and a half step.
- *Drainage.* NMD stated that two squads are out conducting works and a team should reach Bernera soon.

4. Finance Update

CR provided an update. The current balance is 7,833; 450 paid out to the cleaners but this has not been banked yet. Callum Macaulay has been paid for his work regarding planning permission etc. at Bosta. MM queried progress on online banking. It was agreed CM and CR will meet, share information, and facilitate CM's log in access to the online account. MM requested a list of regular payees and a bank statement document be produced for the meetings. Details to be lodged with RT. It was agreed an iPad should be purchased for banking, and BCC admin, so that information can be easily accessed and shared at the meetings. MM, CM, CR to coordinate.

5. Joan Tribute / BCC Going Forward

There was discussion about a possible tribute for Joan Macaulay, ideally at the new picnic area for the bridge. There was support for a bench with a plaque, a little garden, or a custom wooden tribute. NJM to get a quote from a tradesman for his preferred option and it was agreed we would take this forward as the Challenge Fund application.

Madeleine Macaulay's appointment as Chair was agreed by all.

6. Funding Updates / 'Community Shout Out' Initiative

CM provided preferred dates for BCA in mid-January for a joint event. It was agreed to set up a joint meeting with reps from BCC, BCA and GBCDT to fill out the application for the 'Community Shout Out' Event funding, provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 15th December, 6pm at CC. RT to confirm and issue invitations for joint committee meeting.

7. Bernera Bridge Update

NMD provided an update. Catherine Macaulay has been asked to do the ribbon cutting at the new Bridge, reps from Breedons and Comharlie will also be in attendance. Depending on the weather, the plan is that there will be refreshments at the Community Centre afterwards, provided by BCA. There was a discussion about the openness of the event and how the information was being circulated. NMD confirmed that any invitations formally issued do not require a reply.

There was a query about plans for the new picnic area. RT to circulate the existing plans for the new area again for reference. CR has raised concerns about disabled access to area. RT/CR to coordinate a reply so this is in writing.

It was confirmed the original Bernera Bridge will remain in place as a foot bridge. There will be bollards installed to prevent traffic crossing.

8. Graveyards / Disabled Parking Space at Bosta

It was established at the previous meeting that the creation of any new parking at Bosta is under the jurisdiction of Tobson Grazings Committee. ND (also Tobson Grazings Clerk) indicated that while they would not be able to extend the ground for further parking spaces, it would be possible to paint a dedicated disabled parking place close to the graveyard and install a sign. RT to feedback to the resident that raised this issue.

9. AOCB

- Placement of Sculpture for Professor Donald Macaulay of Kirkibost. There was agreement in principle that this could be placed in the picnic area but the specifics cannot be confirmed until the works are finished.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 13th January 2022.

Please contact: berneracomcouncil@gmail.com to make suggestions or raise any issues.

The minutes from previous meetings, dating back to 2012, can be found at: <https://e-sgire.org/communities/ward4/community-associations/>