

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Approved Minutes for Meeting held on
Thursday 13th January 2022, 6.30-7.45pm
Berner Community Centre

Present

Madeleine Macaulay (MM), Chrissie Macdonald (CM), Norman Macdonald (ND), Calum Richings (CR), Rhiannon Teather (RT).

Present via Phone Call - Cllr Norman Macdonald (NMD).

Apologies

Neil James Macaulay, Alice Murray; Cllr Ranald Fraser; Cllr Angus Morrison.

1. Welcome

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 9th December 2021 were approved by Norman Macdonald and seconded by Chrissie Macdonald, with one correction to the apologies.

3. Matters Arising

Petrol Pumps / Crown Estate Funding: Structure/steps for Petrol Pumps still to be measured and quoted. ND/CM to ask John to measure for metal shelter with polycarbonate and follow up. A small drawing will be needed for works.

4. Finance Update

CR provided an update. The current balance is 7,213. Callum Macaulay has not yet banked his cheque for planning works. The balance remaining will be 6,500 approx. CR provided an accounts overview. Two further cheques go out to toilet cleaners. We have an account with MacGregors for toilet supplies which is paid direct. Money in from CnES for Kirkibost and Bosta; neither of these incoming payments have increased. CM and CR to coordinate sharing of bank details; iPad still to be ordered. RT to be paid.

5. Joan Tribute / Challenge Fund

MM to follow up with Neil James for quote for memorial bench for Joan. Deadline next Friday for Challenge Fund application.

6. Funding Updates

Bosta Toilets. There was a query about the current progress with the septic tank and who is paying for the works (BCA received funds for solar panels and GBCDT for septic tank). It was confirmed the only payments BCC will need to cover are for future repairs. RT to ask GBCDT for an update about Bosta toilets.

7. ‘Community Shout Out’ Initiative Events

CM provided an update from BCA. The current Covid restrictions mean a maximum of 20 people are allowed in the hall from Monday, so the original date for the ‘Chat, Cheese and Wine’ meeting of 24th Jan will need to be pushed back a few weeks. BCA will be in touch with a revised date once restrictions are lifted to allow all residents to attend.

8. Bernera Bridge Update

NMD provided an update. Angus Gillies is looking for opinions on the current plans for picnic area; there will be a mesh for the walkway on bridge, any issues with stones should be noted. CM reported that there is a bump on the tar/transition in concrete from mainland side of bridge. CR queried the location of service ducts and their accessibility, recommending duct extensions on the verges to allow for easy maintenance. NMD suggested writing a letter with these points to Mr Gillies; CR to follow up with his concerns. RT queried disabled access and whether this had been addressed. CR reported some adjustments with drop curbs and some room for parking. NMD offered funds for two additional circular tables from Ward Priority Fund, which means there will be two more picnic tables than on the original plans. All agreed.

9. Graveyards / Parking Spaces at Bosta

Regarding the creation of a new disabled parking space close to Bosta graveyard, it was agreed the works (paint and sign) will be completed once the weather is suitable for the paint to dry.

10. AOCB

- **Remembrance Day Wreath Invoice.** CR received and to pay.
- **Ditch Maintenance E-mail.** We received a request from Tech Services to leave ditch clearings on the old dock on the Breacleto to Kirkibost Moor road, to reduce removal costs once ditch maintenance works commence. All approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday 10th February 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/>