

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

Thursday 1 December 2022
Berner Community Centre, 7.30pm

Present: Madeleine Macaulay (MM), Chrissie MacDonald (CM), Calum Richings (CR), Cllr Misty Macdonald (NMD), Rhiannon Teather (RT), Neil James Macaulay (NJM), Joanna George (Development Officer, GBCDT)

Apologies: Alice Murray, Cllr Ranald Fraser

1. Welcome

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the BCC meeting held on Thursday 6 October 2022 were approved by Madeleine Macaulay and seconded by Chrissie MacDonald.

3. Matters Arising

- The need for new BCC Committee Members was discussed. It was agreed AGM a good occasion to publicise and co-opt.
- Deer. CM was noted this is real problem at present with increasing numbers. Members discussed writing to Grimersta Estate about management.
- Bosta. RT to action writing a letter to GBCDT regarding Bosta. Members reiterated they are dissatisfied with lack of progress.
- Bernera Bridge: CM raised the issue of safety near the bridge and suggested we need a fence and a gate on the Bernera side for safety of pedestrians crossing, very blind coming from across the bridge. The mesh also reduces the visibility. There is less reversing space on the Bernera side also, which could cause issues. All agreed we should write to the CnES about moving the give way sign, so you give way from the Earshader side. Gates should put either side of bridge and there should be a fence/gate for safety, as well as an enclosure for Joan's garden to protect the new plants from sheep once installed.

4. Finance Update

CR provided an update, current balance is £8,576.00. Money still to be paid out for Joan's bench. Plants and pots still to be put out but due to sheep and weather will be delayed until spring.

5. Cost of Living Fund

Joanna George provided an overview of the project, a joint venture between BCA and GBCDT. £9100 of funding granted for Bernera, in order to provide products, advice and support. BCA compiling a possible list of products to help support people, vouchers also being considered. CM noted it would be helpful if any vouchers were for local shop or businesses. Currently working on an application for a further £6,300 - fund for wellbeing, hall costs and food costs,

including a free transport service to be provided. NMD recommended the Levelling Up Fund as another option to help improve facilities, £30,000-£40,000 available for projects.

6. Challenge Fund – Joan Tribute

To be taken forward.

7. Bosta

RT and NMD to follow up with the Development Trust.

8. AGM

Now scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2022, 7.30pm. RT to book main hall and organise a flyer for circulation electronically.

9. AOCB

- Challenge Fund applications are live with the deadline for submissions of Friday 27 January 2023. Some preliminary ideas discussed including provision of a vending machine, tool shed or anything that might support BCA provision of a shop or post office.
- New Recycling Bins. These are currently being delivered across the West Side. Coming to Bernera soon!

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held on Thursday 12 January 2023.

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: [Community Associations \(e-sgire.org\)](https://e-sgire.org/communities/ward6/community-associations/). Great Bernera is currently listed under Ward 6:
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