

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES

**of meeting held on Thursday 13 April 2023
Bernera Community Centre, 7.30pm**

Present: Madeleine Macaulay (Chair, MM), Calum Richings (Treasurer, CR), Cllr Norman Macdonald (NMD), Neil James Macaulay (NJM), Rhiannon Teather (Secretary, RT)

Apologies: Cllr Ranald Fraser, Chrissie Macdonald, Robert Mackenzie.

1. Welcome

2. Previous Minutes

It was noted we did not meet in March due to insufficient numbers. The minutes from previous meeting held on 9 February 2023 were approved by Madeleine Macaulay and seconded by Calum Richings.

3. Matters Arising

- The recent correspondence with Mull Community Council was discussed regarding Scottish Highly Protected Marine Areas Consultation; members to fill in the consultation survey prior to the deadline on 17 April 2023.
- CR to pay BCA invoice for room bookings; RT wages to be paid.
- Meeting Room Hire. Careen MacLennan (BCA) is arranging block booking for every second Thursday of the month; we will provide a public list so everyone knows when the meetings are in due course.
- It was noted out insurance was paid by CnES.
- Minutes from meetings held in December and January passed to Belle Ann at CnES,

4. Finance Update

CR provided an update. The current balance is £18,813.23 as of 20 March 2023. £10,000 (Crown Estate funds) returned by GBCDT to allow us to complete Bosta project.

5. Challenge Fund Update 2022

MM to order mahogany bench.

6. Challenge Fund 2023

The grant payment was scheduled for transfer to BCC on 14 March 2023. CR/CM to check online banking to confirm arrival. RT to e-mail BCA Chair re grant for quooker tap and kitchen equipment, in order for BCA to make arrangements for installation/ordering.

7. Bernera Bridge – Safety Changes

NMD provided an update that the safety changes will be implemented in due course. The green mesh will be installed on the wooden fence so it cannot be climbed on. No agreement reached as yet on the road markings.

8. Bosta Works Update

NMD reported that progress has been made with the works and it is just the septic tank still to be installed.

9. Petrol Pumps Shelter

NMD provided an update: the frame is up; wood to be installed.

10. Graveyards

Bosta graveyard was discussed. CR queried whether CnES can assist with equipment to identify empty plots. There are likely some empty plots at Bosta but difficult to identify. NMD/CR to follow up.

NJM provided an update regarding Little Bernera graveyard. The stones are still waiting to go to Little Bernera; bags in poor condition and now need to be replaced.

11. Future Funding Projects & Bernera Action Plan

To be taken forward. Graveyard is a priority.

12. AOCB

- Community Bikes. MM to write to GBCDT.

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). Great Bernera is currently listed under Ward 6: <https://e-sgire.org/communities/ward6/community-associations/>