

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Approved Minutes of Meeting held on

**Thursday 11 May 2023
Bernera Community Centre, 7.30pm**

Present: Madeleine Macaulay (MM, Chair), Robert Mackenzie (RM), Chrissie Macdonald (CM), Rhiannon Teather (RT, Secretary), Neil James Macaulay (NJM)

Apologies: Cllr Misty Macdonald, Calum Richings (CR, Treasurer)

1. Welcome

2. Previous Minutes

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 13 April 2023 were approved by Madeleine Macaulay and seconded by Neil James Macaulay.

3. Matters Arising

4. Finance Update

CR not present at meeting to give an update. It was noted BCA room hire invoice still to be paid. RT wages also outstanding. It was agreed these would be followed up with CR to arrange payments before the next meeting and that we need to discuss having a more efficient payment system going forward.

5. Challenge Fund Update 2022

MM to take forward; payment to be arranged for mahogany bench.

6. Challenge Fund 2023

Chrissie to follow up regarding how BCA wish to be paid and the works arranged at next BCA meeting. CM to follow up with CR/online banking to confirm funds from CnES are in.

7. Bernera Bridge – Safety Changes

CM relayed that there is some urgency to sort out the road markings at the bridge before the summer properly sets in with visitors to the island. There have already been a few incidents of difficulties with capacity at the bridge if required to reverse. The giveway remains a blindspot at present.

8. Bosta Works Update

It was agreed BCC still need to have a meeting with the GBCDT regarding the works at Bosta, which would cover the works completed thus far and what remains outstanding. It was noted that while a meeting has been agreed in principle previously, it has proved difficult to get

people around the table with a firm date scheduled. MM to approach Alice Murray and John Porteous for an update.

9. Petrol Pumps Shelter

This has not been completed as yet; to be taken forward/awaiting an update at next meeting.

10. Graveyards

It was noted CnES/Harbour Master have complained about the stones at the Pier, since these are still waiting to be taken to Little Bernera. It was noted these will need to be removed in the coming weeks.

11. Future Funding Projects & Bernera Action Plan

To be taken forward.

12. AOCB

- E-mail received regarding when we can expect the collections for new bins; since there were no Cllrs present for an update; to be taken forward.
- Meetings Schedule 2023. We have produced a list of our meetings for the rest of the year which will be displayed publicly at the Community Centre. Many thanks to Careen of BCA for arranging the block bookings for us.
- The importance of better cross-committee communication was emphasised; MM to request a joint meeting with the GBCDT in order that there is better transparency about ongoing projects, how money is being spent, the situation with the community bikes etc.

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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