

Benbecula Community Council (BCC)

Minutes – UCVO and on MS Teams, 29th February 5.30pm

Present:

David Bagley

Dave Adey (Vice Chair, & Treasurer)

Rona MacKay (Chair)

Vanessa Langley

Tracy Walker

Helen Bagley (Secretary)

Attending:

Cllr Susan Thomson

Sheena Stewart (UCVO)

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1. Apologies
 - a. Gail Robertson, Hugh MacCormick, Brian MacPherson & Cllr Iain MacLeod
2. Approval of minutes of last meeting
 - a. Minutes approved by David and seconded by Dave.
3. BCC Constitution
 - a. Rona & Dave to sign Constitution papers at end of meeting and Rona to check about attending at least 6 meetings or you get removed.
4. Treasurer's Report.
 - a. At the moment we have £3583.04 in bank.
 - b. Dave has sent the paperwork into Comhairle for the BCC grant.
 - c. Rona, Sheena & Helen to get together to organise a funding application form.
5. Councillors update.
 - a. Budget has been passed.
 - b. There is a Scottish Council Tax freeze.
 - c. Emergency planning is based in Stornoway. Subgroup in Benbecula was paused as there is no chair. There was a suggestion about someone on the Island becoming chair, they must be a member of the Emergency Services, any suggestions as to who would be welcome.
 - d. There are cuts to all transport inclusive of Community transport.
6. Community Engagement.
 - a. Tracy to do a questionnaire for a Community Ceilidh, open to all ages to bring the community together.
 - b. Christmas ideas welcome to bring Santa to Benbecula.
 - c. Fun day with Inflatables, Dave has donated his caravan site for the event.
 - d. Make a sub-group with Ronan, Tracy, David & Helen. Might be an idea to ask Emily Durie for ideas.
7. AOCB

- a. Screen machine update - there is nothing new to report, **Vanessa to do a letter and send to Rona.**
 - b. West Camp -Joanna Peteranna (HIE) has spoken to MOD and the plan is to turn the land back to previous state and handing it back to its original owners. **Rona to check with the Scottish Government as to who the land belongs to.**
 - c. Dave suggested showing an expression of interest in West Camp for Community groups getting together and creating a community hub.
 - d. Councillors would like to be kept in the loop about west camp.
 - e. It was suggested we wait till Joanna Peteranna has had a meeting with MOD in April before we proceed with anything.
 - f. Andrew Muncaster is doing a dissertation which has been shared on Facebook, if anyone would like to get in touch with him.
 - g. Rona to type up a letter regarding Council Policies and Procedures on School Closures during Bad Weather.
8. Secretary
- a. Dave and Helen to work together.
9. Date of next meeting
- a. Monday, March 18th UCVO Building 5.30pm.
 - b. Thursday, April 25TH UCVO Building 5.30pm.
 - c. Thursday, May 23rd UCVO Building 5.30pm.