


BENBECULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Beinn na Faoghla Minute/ Note of Meeting	TITLE	Benbecula Community Council		
	DATE	23rd May 2024	TIME	5.30pm
	VENUE	UCVO & MS Teams		
	DISTRIBUTION			
Present:	Dave Avey (vice Chair), Rona MacKay (Chair), Helen Bagley (Secretary), David Bagley, Tracy Walker, Vanessa Langley, Cllr Iain MacLeod, Sheena Stewart (UCVO), Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Cllr Paul Steele, Derek Collins.			
Apologies:	Brian MacPherson, Susan Thompson, Mustapha Hocine			
Absent:				

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome & Minutes	Minutes approved by		Tracy/David	
2	Matters arising Conflicts of Interest for the agenda –	Nothing to report.			
3	Co – option of new member	Brian MacPherson has been Co – opted onto Benbecula Community Council	Report To Shona Howden	Helen	
4	Declarations of interest for items on the agenda	Rona has an interest in NHS & Travel.			
5	Planning applications & licensing issues for Benbecula.	Nothing to report.			

6	<p>Treasure's report and BCC funds.</p> <p>Application form</p>	<p>No change at the moment.</p> <p>Derek Collins asked for funding for a hard standing at the picnic table at Griminish war memorial.</p>	<p>Dave is still trying to get last payments for the annual grant payments.</p> <p>Gail asked MacAulays Askernish & they are willing to concrete the area if we can get someone to do the shuttering.</p> <p>Dave to ask someone he knows if they will do it & BCC pay for it.</p> <p>Dave to meet Derek to see where it is going.</p>	<p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p>	
7	<p>Community Engagement</p>	<p>Community family ceilidh (bring your own bottle) October?</p> <p>Benbecula fun day at otters Edge camp site.</p> <p>Do a survey</p> <p>Christmas – Santa sleigh maybe a tractor all lit up pulling it.</p>	<p>Burger van, Inflatables (weather depending) marquees for stalls, arts & crafts, Tagasa, Vanessa to talk to Miranda about a spinning demonstration.</p> <p>To drive around Benbecula with the Santa Sleigh.</p>	<p>Dave, David & Helen</p> <p>Rona & Sheena David & Helen</p>	
8	<p>NHS & Travel</p>	<p>Alastair Allan had a meeting with the PPG at Charlie's Bistro, & Pam Roe was invited and spoke about how hard it was for her to travel regarding her illness.</p>	<p>Vanessa asked for an action point & Alastair Allan would send details.</p> <p>To do a petition it would have to go to a parliamentary committee, Alistair Allan would send details on how to do it.</p>	<p>Vanessa</p>	

			<p>It was taken to Locality planning, but they didn't think it was anything to do with them. It's not just a travel matter.</p> <p>It's a medical & patient travel.</p> <p>Council responsible for flights.</p> <p>Health board answers to Scottish ministers, focus on equity & provision as we need something now as it's not working, there is no substance misuse on Island anymore so no detox.</p> <p>Cllr Paul Steele said the plane brought a lot of focus onto the services that have been reduced due to having a smaller plane.</p> <p>A petition was talked about, also ask more people to talk about their experiences with the plane & hospital appointments.</p> <p>A lot of people are of the opinion that the hospital is underused & undermanned.</p> <p>A letter to be sent to Community Councils on other Islands & enquire about their medical provisions.</p>	Rona	
9	Councillors update	A letter has been drafted to be sent to the Health Secretary.	Uisdean has drafted a letter to the Health Secretary so will have to wait & see what comes back from it. We did well to get a service at all.	Uisdean	

		Timetable for ferry on the little Minch 2025.	<p>Ask Uist & Barra Outer Hebrides about a survey.</p> <p>Ask Gail to see what timetable they would like, maybe send to school, groupcall sent out to parents.</p> <p>Rona does a survey & writes a letter.</p>	<p>Dave</p> <p>Rona</p>	
10	West Camp Update.	No update.			
11	AOB	Fuel situation.	<p>The pier at Loch Carnan – no intention of shutting it, it does require an upgrade but is still in use.</p> <p>Crown Estate funding – path to Liniclate.</p> <p>Co – op suggestion – public toilets there.</p> <p>Roads at Churchill will get 20 signs at both ends of the scheme, slow signs to be redone, Angus assures us that MacKay’s will make the pavements right.</p> <p>Ask Donyards about weatherboard & maybe applying for crowd funding for the hall.</p>	Dave	
	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 25 th June, UCVO Building 5.30pm			