

BORNISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Bhornais Minute/ Note of Meeting	TITLE	Bornish Community Council Committee Meeting
	DATE	13/02/24 at 7.00 pm
	VENUE	Stoneybridge Hall
	DISTRIBUTION	Committee + Councillors + CnES

Present:	Donald John MacDonald (DJM) Murdo MacRury (MMR) Seonag MacInnes (SMI) Kenny Macdonald (KMD) Marie Campbell (MC) Ronnie MacKenzie (RMK) – Storas Uibhist Board member (part of meeting).
Absent: apologies	Chrissie Laing (CL) Iseabail Macdonald Cllr Iain MacLeod (IML) Cllr Susan Thompson (ST) Cllr Paul Steele (PS)

Agenda Item	Summary and noted	Action	Who	When
1	Welcome	DJM thanked everyone for attending this first meeting of current term of office.		
2	Minutes	Previous minutes August 2023 Draft agreed by all present	Send August 23 minutes to CnES	MC
3	Matters arising	<p>a) Connectivity. Ongoing issues with service delivery by ferry and plane operators and wider funding challenges ahead. Consultations taking place on a number of topics by CalMac including a review of the governance and legal structures that deliver ferry services and on other issues. Consultation on timetables by Loganair.</p> <p>b) Deer Management. The Storas Management Plan is effective as very few deer are seen locally.</p>	Contact Cllr Uisdean Robertson, chair of Transport committee to ask for updates and offer support as required.	MC MC

		<p>Darren Taylor (DT) CEO of Storas Uibhist has agreed to attend a future meeting to discuss Deer Management and other relevant topics will be raised with him.</p> <p>The Uist Deer Management Group AGM is on 23rd February at 3pm online despite North Uist Community Council's request to have it in person.</p> <p>MMR raised the issue of wandering sheep. KMD to investigate possible solution.</p> <p>c) Roads – request by Mingarry resident to raise poor state of township road with CnES.</p> <p>d) Snishival Bridge – no update on securing funding from SU. Road flooded again last week. Am Paipear article noted.</p>	<p>Invite DT to next meeting</p> <p>Contact DJ MacDonald in CnES Roads Dept</p> <p>On agenda for Storas CEO meeting</p>	<p>KMD</p> <p>MC</p> <p>MC</p>	
4	Inaugural meeting BCC	<p>This meeting took place in Southend Hall on 23rd November 2023 led by Alan MacDonald CnES.</p> <p>Attended by DJM, SMI and MC. Cllrs MacLeod and Steele also present.</p> <p>DJM elected Chairman, Kenny MacDonald elected Vice Chairman (in absentia), SMI elected Treasurer and MC elected Secretary. The Constitution was signed by the Office Bearers.</p> <p>Alan MacDonald outlined new scheme and stated that CnES can offer training to Community Councils.</p> <p>Elected Bornish Community Council members who were present (DJ MacDonald, M Campbell and J MacInnes) raised their objection to having to travel to a venue outside their own Community Council area for the inauguration meeting. The request to hold the meeting in Stoneybridge Hall was refused by the Comhairle.</p> <p>Other items discussed included the identification of the CnES contact person referred to in the scheme, the relationship between this meeting the AGM to be</p>			

		<p>held in May in particular regarding appointing Office Bearers, and the status of the Uist and Barra Association of Community Councils bearing in mind that only individual Community Councils have a legal basis.</p> <p>The minute subsequently sent did not accurately reflect the business of the meeting and an accurate minute will be returned to CnES.</p>	Send proposed amended minutes to CnES	MC	
5	Financial matters	<p>£750 has been received from CnES – Councillors contribution to Christmas event. All invoices paid to Stoneybridge Hall and MacLeans bakery for event. Current account balance £823.00.</p> <p>Funding request – funding has been identified to replace goal posts for Snishival football pitch. Can we provide £100 funding for nets?</p> <p>Funding request – Dannsairean Mairi have asked for a contribution towards a Highland Dancing Competition in April. £50.00 was suggested.</p>	<p>Councillor’s contribution to be acknowledged.</p> <p>Agreed</p> <p>Agreed</p>	MC	
6	Christmas Event 2023	<p>Successful event held in Stoneybridge Hall with 82 people in attendance. Rising costs have seriously depleted our resources and external funding is increasingly difficult to find.</p> <p>For future events we will need to run our own fundraising event(s) and reduce costs where possible.</p>	<p>Consider options for next event and possible fundraising</p> <p>Agreed to approach local partners for contribution.</p>	ALL	ongoing
7	School Transport	<p>The School catchment area for children from Ormiclate to North in our area is lochdar School. Several children currently attend Daliburgh and are not entitled to free school transport. Daliburgh School Parent Council are supporting parents to request changing the boundary to include Ormiclate, Stoneybridge and Snishival. CnES has outlined the process to commence the change of boundary request which requires Councillors to ask for a formal consultation.</p> <p>Bornish Community Council supports the parents concerned in this endeavour.</p>			

8	South Uist Catchment Area Study	We have been contacted by firm conducting hydrological assessment of Roe Glas as part of South Uist Main Drain catchment to ask for information on any Flood Action groups in the area. MC has advised on previous and current activity. Discussion on small area being studied in our catchment and potential useful information on broader issues.	Continue to engage with the study	MC	
9	Uist and Barra Association of Community Councils (U&BACC)	No meeting has yet been scheduled	Continue to engage		
10	South Uist and Eriskay Forum	No update but work ongoing to progress.	Continue to engage		
11	Councillors update	Councillors unable to attend as Comhairle meetings are taking place.			
12	Uist and Barra Housing Group	AGM held 12/02/24. No update on outcome.	Continue to engage		
13	Correspondence	List sent to members. Am Paipear – Mel Groundsell editor has requested attendance at meetings Storas Uibhist Board – request by Ronnie Mac Kenzie to attend on regular basis to update as part of wider engagement	Agreed Agreed		

14	AOCB	<p>Community shop -Jane Twelves has asked us to consider support for a project regarding Howmore shop being established as community shop.</p> <p>Discussion on various community shops plans past and present including connection to current Tagsa Uibhist and Storas Uibhist plans re local food.</p>	Project noted and await further information		
15	Storas Board update	<p>Ronnie MacKenzie outlined his ideas to fulfil election manifesto to engage community in meaningful involvement in how Storas Uibhist is managed and the community's contribution to its future direction.</p> <p>It was noted that Storas will commence a comprehensive community consultation in Spring 2024.</p> <p>Agreement that this is required and Bornish Community Council will commit to being part of that process.</p>	On agenda for Storas CEO meeting. Await further information on options for engagement.	All	
16	Dates of next meetings	<p>Second Tuesday of each month till June 2024 – AGM will be held in May 2024.</p> <p>Tuesday 12th March 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 9th April 2024</p> <p>Tuesday 14th May 2024 (and AGM)</p> <p>Tuesday 11th June 2024</p>	Tuesday 12 th March Stoneybridge Hall 7pm	All	