

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday 14 November 2024
Bernera Community Centre, 7.30-9pm

Present. Cllr Norman Macdonald (NM), Madeleine Macaulay (Chair, MM), Calum Richings (Treasurer, CR), Ella Macaulay Fraser (Vice Chair, EMF), Chrissie Macdonald (CM), Rhiannon Teather (Secretary, RT)

Apologies. Cllr Ranald Fraser, Rob Mackenzie, Neil James Macaulay.

1. Welcome & Previous Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 October 2024 were approved by Chrissie Macdonald and seconded by Madeleine Macaulay.

2. Matters Arising

- Bosta cattlegrid. It was noted this is safe for now but will require replacement. Cllr ND aware and noted it is a matter for Tobson Common Grazings.
- RT noted Community Council minutes now on new website and can be found at: <https://www.cne-siar.gov.uk/council-and-committees/bernera-community-council>

3. Finance Update

CR & CM update. £18,284.43 is current balance. There was further discussion about MacGregor's invoices. CR will generate a record of invoices from previous years for comparison/so we can make a decision. It was suggested that only toilet roll and cleaners are purchased; air fresheners not needed.

£623.11 out to CM for toilet materials (basins, taps etc.) she has purchased for refurb.

CR to check when CnES to be invoiced for Kirkibost Pier toilets.

Door requires to be fixed at Kirkibost Pier. CnES to be notified as it is their responsibility to fix it. Wages to be paid out for Bosta toilets (rate is £550 in summer; £650 in December). MM has taken over Kirkibost toilet cleaning and is to be paid.

4. AGM

Scheduled for 12th December 2024. CR to bring port and mince pies!

5. Bernera Surgery

A concern has been raised that appointments are only being offered in Leurbost and it is a worry that appointments may be phased out from Bernera surgery; enquiry as to whether this is a widespread issue. Noted that not many days available at Bernera surgery as is.

If anyone else has a concern about this or had difficulty getting an appointment locally, please let us know and we can take it forward.

6. Bosta Works / Toilets Update

Cleaning and painting scheduled for January.

7. Challenge Fund 2022 (Joan's Bench & Garden)

MM update. This is ongoing; RM met with Angus Gillies and we have been forwarded a plan of the services to assist with locating installation of fencing etc. Works scheduled for New Year.

8. Crown Estate Fund

We are informed that playpark materials have arrived and being stored; good weather pending for installation.

9. Bernera Bridge – Safety Changes

A rep. from CnES has agreed to meet next week to review concerns. CM to meet and discuss. MM raised a point that swapping the giveway might leave picnic area etc. vulnerable to faster traffic. On the other hand, members still point to the poor visibility on the bridge from the Bernera side. CM to meet rep. and discuss; NM will pass details.

10. Graveyards / Little Bernera

RT passed CR CnES archaeologist e-mail.

11. AOCB

- CM requested more deer signs on Uig/Bernera road, as many deer on the roads at the moment.
- Signage. MM to remind Stuart re bins/recycling signage.

Please contact: berneracomcouncil@gmail.com to make suggestions or raise any issues.

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