

BORNISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Bhornais Minute/ Note of Meeting	TITLE	Bornish Community Council Committee Meeting
	DATE	13/08/24 at 7.00 pm
	VENUE	Stoneybridge Hall
	DISTRIBUTION	Committee + Councillors + CnES

Present:	Donald John MacDonald (DJM) Seonag MacInnes (SMI) Murdo MacRury (MMR) Marie Campbell (MC)) Kenny Macdonald (KMD) Donald MacIssac(DMI) Elizabeth MacInnes (IMI) Kenny MacInnes(KMI) Mel Groundsell (MG), Editor Am Paipear Gerard McKernan (GMK)
Absent: apologies	Cllr Susan Thompson Cllr Iain MacLeod (IML) Iseabail Macdonald (IMD) Chrissie Laing (CL) Miriam McKernan (MMK)

Agenda Item		Summary and noted	Action	Who	When
1	Welcome	DMD thanked everyone for attending			
2	Minutes	Previous minutes June 2024 agreed by those present	Send June minutes to CnES	MC	
3	Matters arising	a) Connectivity Ferries – many continuing issues including ongoing problems with CalMac new booking system, lack of communication re ferry time changes & cancellation, as well as litany of breakdowns, unsuitable replacement ferries, unacceptable standard of service causing travel chaos all summer and with serious repercussions.			

	<p>Discussion on why it is so hard to procure (temporary) new ferries to relieve pressure Resolution to issues needed from Cal Mac through to Scottish Govt</p> <p>Planes Ongoing issues with both Loganair and HAS re timetables, cancellations, weather, and health related services being affected. Some work being done on HAS improved delivery –plans for ramp to improve accessibility, new hanger for their planes, restoration of fuel depot, possibly change of flight dates to improve service Cabinet Secretary for Health visiting Uist on 21/8 to meet Benbecula Patient Participation Group specifically discuss health and transport issues</p>	<p>Write to First Minister John Swinney and new CalMac CEO. Contact other CCs for support</p>	MC	
	<p>b) Deer and other estate management/crofting issues – still very few deer on west side, but still occasional sightings eg Drimore</p>	<p>Ask for Loganair stats on cancellations and reasons in last 6 months</p>	ST	
	<p>c) Snishival Bridge – no update on funding. Recent accident on bridge gives impetus to our concerns. Road very busy with fishermen at this time of year Snishival residents have approached Storas re erecting barriers on bridge as temporary safety measure</p>	<p>Keep in touch with BPPG</p> <p>Raise issue directly with Storas CEO</p> <p>Ask Storas CEO for update</p>	MC	DMD

		<p>Noted yet again the lack of progress on meaningful community engagement by Storas Ulbhist</p> <p>d) Roads – list of roads sent to CnES and reply that they will be inspected and work done Discussion on cost of fully getting roads up to standard and how this can be achieved practically and costs covered. ST spoke of application to previous UK government “Levelling Up Fund” for 20M for roads – uncertain if it is now carried on to new government. North Locheynort Township have made contact re serious issues re bridge and road. Discussions with CnES ongoing.</p> <p>e) School Transport – No update</p> <p>f) Christmas event 2024 – MC circulated updated to do list as reference point. MacLeans have agreed to cater on 7th December. FR Michael has agreed to donate 1K of parish funds. More Ideas for funding discussed including Co-op Community Fund, Cllrs and whist and other fundraising by BCC. KMD agreed to chair</p>	<p>Report any road issues on CnES website</p> <p>Keep in touch with Parent Council re next stages</p> <p>Sub group to meet before next BCC meeting Apply to councillors Discuss whist date with organisers</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>DMD</p> <p>Sub group</p>	
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		<p>sub-group to organise and others at meeting agreed to be part of it</p> <p>Some issued raised re minibus travel delays last year with knock on effect to completing ceilidh performances</p> <p>Santa or no Santa?!</p>			
	Meeting with Co-op senior management	<p>MC reported on positive meeting</p> <p>A report with recommendations will be produced in autumn</p> <p>Some changes already taking place</p>	Continue to engage in discussions when report is available	tbc	
5	Finances	<p>£1500 in bank</p> <p>Accounts returned by CnES £326 from CnES in bank 10th July – unclear why.</p> <p>May have invoice for hall usage for meetings pending</p> <p>Query re Challenge Fund still in existence?</p>	Request info from CnES re CF	ST	
6	Uist & Barra Association of Community Councils	<p>No update</p> <p>Still awaiting draft Constitution from CnES</p>	Chase up constitution	ST	
7	Uist and Barra Housing Group	No update – no invitation sent requesting meeting	Ask Group representative to next meeting	MC	
8	South Uist and Eriskay Forum	<p>No update on formation. Crown Estates ward money ward has been allocated</p> <p>DMD represented BCC on decision panel and distributed list of awards</p>			
9	Councillors update	Positive discussions with Hebridean Air Services on improvements to service delivery, but no larger plane on agenda or PSO			

10	Correspondence	List of consultation requests sent prior to meeting			
11	AOCB	Internet service in North Locheynort unreliable since new equipment installed	Agreed may be teething problems, but can follow up if it persists		
12	Date of next meeting	Tuesday 10 th September 7pm			