

## **BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **APPROVED MINUTES OF MEETING held on**

**Thursday 18 April 2024**

**Berner Community Centre, 7.30pm - 9.00pm**

**Present.** Madeleine Macaulay (MM, Chair), Calum Richings (CR, Treasurer), Ella Macaulay Fraser (EMF), Rhiannon Teather (RT, Secretary), Chrissie Macdonald (CM), Neil James Macaulay (NJM).

**Apologies.** Robert Mackenzie, Cllr Norman Macdonald, Cllr Ranald Fraser.

#### **1. Welcome**

It was noted our meeting was rescheduled from 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024 (last week) due to insufficient numbers.

#### **2. Previous Minutes**

The minutes from the previous meeting held on 14 March 2024 were approved by Chrissie Macdonald and seconded by Madeleine Macaulay.

#### **3. Matters Arising**

- CM. Queried whether there was any update on Crown Estate fund. Cllrs not present to answer and so to be taken forward.
- CM and MM. CR to bring MacGregor's invoices in for review. It was noted the soap dispenser at Pier is better than the one at Bosta and it was agreed that a similar one is to be purchased for Bosta as more economical.
- GBCDT. A message was passed on from GBCDT that the new board are looking for members and everyone is invited to their next meeting on 1 May.
- Bernera Defibrillators. CM has ordered new pads for both defibs. as these are out of date. CR spoke to Donnie Maclean (SFRS) who recommended some contacts for Lucky2BeHere.

#### **4. Finance Update**

CR and CM update. The current balance is £20,574.05. £1,000 paid in by CnES and £487 for toilets (quarterly payment for Bosta). Lucky2BeHere paid (£60 out). AllSorts paid (£40 paid out). £211.30 to BCA for Challenge Fund (George Foreman grills purchased for kitchen). MM queried whether BCA have been paid the remaining funds of £325. CM confirmed they were. George Foreman grills (x4) were purchased and CR has been supplied with the receipts. £100 remained to be spent. CM queried SSE CHQ with CR; CR

confirmed this is expired and it will need to be reissued. CR to arrange. It was noted signatories require to be updated on the account. Item for next agenda.

#### **5. Bins & Problem Rubbish at Kirkibost Pier**

MM update. Regarding rubbish at Kirkibost Pier, MM followed up again with Iain Campbell (Cleansing Services), sent photos and asked for contact information for Kenny Morrison and has received no response. It was noted commercial businesses at the Pier should have their own bins and these are insufficient at present. It was noted more bins will be required on account of the Pontoons development, with caravan hook up etc. However there is a balance to be struck since more bins attract rats.

#### **6. Bosta Works / Toilets Update**

CM to follow up with Callum Macaulay regarding equipment. CR to follow up with Marybank regarding disabled facilities/products. To be taken forward. There was a discussion re whether one toilet should be allocated for storage only (to be decided). CR to produce MacGregors invoices to account for what we are using/what is required. MM authorised by committee to purchase baby changer, disabled facility items, dispensers.

#### **7. Challenge Fund 2022 (Joan's Bench & Garden) & 2023 (BCA Kitchen Equipment) Updates**

MM update. The fencing wood has been ordered and the gates will be ordered once Rob Mackenzie is back.

#### **8. Crown Estate Funding & Other Avenues**

To be taken forward, Cllrs unavailable to answer questions.

#### **9. Spiorad na Mara Off-shore Wind Farm – Meeting Request from Northland**

The recent correspondence with Northland was discussed, since BCC has been approached for a meeting in light of our Scoping Report feedback. It was agreed inappropriate to meet only with the BCC with community excluded, as was seeming to be proposed. It was agreed any meeting would need to be an open meeting as usual which will be advertised locally. RT to action and ask for preferred for dates in May/June.

#### **10. Bernera Bridge – Safety Changes**

Update. CnES are refusing installation of the metal grating. It was reiterated that the committee have serious concerns about the safety for young children and so this decision is to be appealed. It was noted there is still support on committee for switching the giveaway location across the bridge (due to blind spot at present). MM action/e-mail.

### **11. Petrol Pumps Shelter**

CR provided an update. Misty Macdonald has dimensions for sheeting and these will be cut soon, hopeful for installation this coming weekend.

### **12. Tourist Board Signage / Recycling Signs**

Stuart to be asked re signage; queried whether this is something CnES would do. MM/CM to follow up.

### **13. Graveyards / Little Bernera**

To be taken forward.

### **14. AOCB**

- It was noted Zurich Community Council Insurance was renewed by CnES.
- MM has ordered King's Portrait.
- SEPA Consultation re Online Waste Criminals circulated to committee.
- It was agreed to reschedule next BCC meeting to Thursday 16 May 2024.

**The next BCC meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday 16 May 2024**