

BERNERA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in the Bernera
Community Centre, on Wednesday 29
November 2023 at 7.30pm

PRESENT	Ms Mairi Madeleine Macaulay (Chair) Ms Ella Macaulay Fraser (Vice-Chair) Mr Neil James Macaulay Ms Christina Macdonald	Mr Robert Mackenzie Mr Calum I M Richings Ms Rhiannon Teather
IN ATTENDANCE	Mr Derek Mackay	
APOLOGIES	Mr Ranald Fraser	Mr Norman Macdonald

CONSTITUTION

Election of Chairman	of 1	Mr Derek Mackay, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, called for nominations for Chair of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Ms Mairi Madeleine Macaulay as Chair of the Community Council.
Election of Vice-Chairman	of Vice- 2	The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Ms Ella Macaulay Fraser as Vice-Chair of the Community Council.
Appointment of Treasurer	of 3	The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer of the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Mr Calum Richings as Treasurer of the Community Council.
Appointment of Clerk	of 4	The Chairman called for nominations for the appointment of Clerk to the Community Council. It was agreed to appoint Ms Rhiannon Teather as Clerk of the Community Council.
Governance Documents	5	Mr Derek Mackay circulated the new Scheme of Establishment, along with copies of the Standing Orders, Code of Conduct and the Constitution. It was noted that the main changes made in the revised Scheme were to increase the minimum number of members from four to six, introducing a mechanism to fill casual vacancies through co-option and holding the AGM in May or June each year. It was agreed to note the governance documents and to approve the Constitution.

- 6 The Community Council discussed the current position with the toilets at Bosta and capacity issues at Bernera Cemetery. Mr Derek Mackay indicated that the Comhairle would be arranging ongoing seminars and training for Community Councillors and the Community Council was invited to identify training needs and seminar topics.

It was agreed:

- 1) To approach the Great Bernera Community Trust to get an update on the current position with Bosta Toilets, including confirmation whether the contractor would complete the works.**
- 2) To note that Mr Derek Mackay would confirm whether the Comhairle could assist with the identification of empty plots at Bernera Cemetery; and**
- 3) That initial training for Community Councillors should include training in respect of the planning system.**