

BENBECULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in the Uist Council of Voluntary Organisations, Balivanich, Benbecula at 5.30pm on Thursday 14 December 2023.

PRESENT
Ms Rona Mackay (Chair)
Mr David Adey (Vice Chair)
Mr David Bagley
Ms Vanessa Langley
Mr Hugh McCormick
Ms Tracey Walker

IN ATTENDANCE
Ms Shona Hadwen (CNES)

APOLOGIES
Ms Gail Robertson

CONSTITUTION

Election of Chairman 1 Ms Shona Hadwen, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, called for nominations for Chair of the Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Ms Rona Mackay as Chair of the Community Council.

Election of Vice-Chairman 2 The Chair called for nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Mr David Adey as Vice-Chair of the Community Council.

Appointment of Treasurer 3 The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Treasurer of the Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Mr David Adey as Treasurer of the Community Council.

Appointment of Clerk 4 The Chair called for nominations for the appointment of Clerk to the Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Ms Rona Mackay as Clerk of the Community Council.

In discussion it was mentioned that the Community Council had previously advertised (without success) for a Clerk. Ms Mackay agreed to take on the role to act as a point of contact for the Community Council, but it was agreed amongst members that they would assist Ms Mackay on a rotational basis. Members of the Community Council also agreed that they would re-advertise the post.

Governance Documents 5 Ms Shona Hadwen went through the Governance Documents which included the new Scheme of Establishment, 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.

The Constitution would be considered at the next meeting.

It was agreed that Ms Hadwen would also send links to the Community Council pages on the new Comhairle website, as well as issuing a template for the minute.