

BORNISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in Southend
Community Centre on Wednesday 22
November 2023 at 7.30pm

PRESENT

Mr Donald John MacDonald (Chair)
Mr Kenny MacDonald (Vice-Chair)
Ms Joan MacInnes (Treasurer)
Ms Marie Campbell (Clerk)
Ms Chrissie Laing
Ms Iseabail MacDonald
Mr Murdoch MacRury

Cllr Paul Steele
Cllr Iain M Macleod
Cllr Susan Thomson

APOLOGIES

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Allan MacDonald, CnES

CONSTITUTION

Election of Chairman 1 Allan MacDonald, Comhairle nan Eilean Siar, called for nominations for Chair of the Community Council.

It was agreed to appoint Mr Donald John MacDonald as Chair of the Community Council.

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

It was agreed to appoint Mr Kenny MacDonald 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 Ms Joan MacInnes as Treasurer of the Community Council.

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

It was agreed to appoint Ms Marie Campbell as Clerk of the Community Council.

Governance Documents 5 Allan MacDonald (CNES) 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.

It was agreed to approve the Constitution and that the signed Constitution be sent to the Comhairle for approval.

Venue 6 Elected Bornish Community Council members who were present (DJ MacDonald, M Campbell and J MacInnes) raised their objection to having to travel to a venue outside their own Community Council area for the inauguration meeting.

The request to hold the meeting in Stoneybridge Hall was refused by the Comhairle.

Questions

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Bornish Community Council Members present wished to know who is the Comhairle Official nominated to liaise with Bornish Community Council?

Alan MacDonald undertook to find this out and will let the Community Council know.

A question was raised about the status of Associations of Community Councils. Only individual Community Councils have a basis in law. A further question was raised about the status of Association representation at e.g. Outer Hebrides Community Planning Partnership.