**Berneray Community Council**

**Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Bhearnaraigh**

**MINUTES**

**25th October 2021**

**Berneray Community Hall**

**7.30pm**

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| **Present** | Donald MacLean - Chair (**DML**) | Margaret MacLean **(MM)** |
|  | Malcolm Gibson - Vice (**MG**) | Sharon MacPherson - Sec (**SM**) |
|  | Emily Hicks - Treasurer **(EH)** | Cllr Uisdean Robertson |

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| **Apologies** | Eilidh Carr **(EC)** | Stuart McIntyre (**SMI)** |

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|  | **Agenda Item** | **Action** |
| 1 | The group warmly welcomed Margaret MacLean and Stuart McIntyre (absent) - newly appointed members to the Community Council.  Apologies from Eilidh Carr and Stuart McIntyre |  |
| 2 | Minutes from previous meeting  N/A |  |
| 3 | DM gave a brief overview - Berneray Community Council responsibilities:   * Skip at Harbour * Verge grass cutting - machinery maintenance required * Harbour toilets and shower * Cemetery (grave plots) Due to the limited space available (approx 50 plots remaining), there is potential for extending the cemetery - DM will initiate further discussion. | **DM** |
| 4 | *Councillors Report:*  Uisdean *Robertson was present and spoke about the following:*   * *Air Traffic Control – discussions are ongoing* * *Sound of Harris / Sound of Barra Enhancement (Feasability study)* * *Closure of Uig pier – There will be no Uig - Lochmaddy sailing from Sept 2022 (6 Months)* * *Uist & Barra Housing Group* * *Covid response funding* * *Electric Charge Point* |  |
|  | **AOCB**  *Covid Response Funding*  It was noted that since the COVID-19 pandemic, many islanders are continuing to work from home. MG suggested office 'hot desks' unit(s)/building could be a possible solution / be of great benefit to the community. The group agreed this idea could also be an incentive for young people living/working on the islands. Uisdean offered to look into this / have further discussion.  *Church Road Street Lights*  Unnecessary electricity usage - It was noted that the street lights at Church Road remained switched on during the day at times.  *Seal View Area*  Complaints were noted over motorhome vehicles parking overnight at Seal View area and blocking other vehicles from using the space. Concerns were also raised about some tourists approaching/disturbing seals on nearby rocks. The group suggested speaking with SNH/RSBP to assist with designing/installing sign at Seal View to better inform visitors.  *Harbour Breakwater*  Concerns were raised over the stability of the breakwater stonework. Uisdean agreed to contact Harbour Master Kenny Morrison.  *Non-commercial pontoon*  Some members of the group agreed there may be some interest for a non-commercial pontoon at Harbour. Funding options would need to be researched. | **UR**  **UR/MG** |
|  | **Date of Next Meeting:**  **Monday 22nd November 2021**  **Berneray Community Hall, 7.30pm** |  |