

DRAFT Minutes of Great Bernera Community Development Trust Meeting

Thursday 30th June 2022 by zoom

Present: Ann Ryan, John Porteous, Callum MacAulay, Tony Spinks, Joanna George, Nat Higginbottom, Norma Macleod

Minutes of meeting 25th April – correction – power is still to be sourced for pier (Callum)

Minutes of meeting 16th May – correction – end date for Bosta work is not end May, more likely be completed in the winter when its not so busy (Callum). Both minutes were approved and seconded by Ann and Callum

Matters Arising

Scot Gov response – discussion took place on email from Dave Thomson. At present it looks like 13% of Great Bernera population will not be able to vote, the committee felt this was a significant number and Ann is to contact Dave to discuss further and request a teams meeting.

It was proposed to send a letter/flyer out to everyone in Bernera to get buy in from crofters etc. Also put notice on fence posts/gates of crofts where owners are not resident in Bernera. Contact Crofters commission to see if they will give us details of the croft owners.

Alasdair Allan is still trying to arrange a teams meeting with Ciran.

Staff Updates

Joanna – update on Housing webinars, and meetings. The Free Church in Callanish have agreed to a stage 2 feasibility study however will need to make sure they have the congregation etc on board before any decision is made. Their preference is to go with HHP. Housing survey –feedback received from 11 people, this will need to be sent to HHP.

Funding

Both Joanna and Nat talked about funding opportunities. It was decided to place a few applications into the Shovel ready fund for pontoon and hatchery areas. Other funds are Business Gateway, Local Energy Scotland.

E-bikes are being delivered tomorrow, kettlebells and exercise bike have been delivered to the community hall.

Nat has completed the majority of the website, only page which has nothing on is the buy out page. All to provide feedback to Nat.

Hatchery

John to contact with Scottish Salmon re hatchery to update on our progress

Committee Structure – need more people on committee. Discuss at AGM which will take place in September.

Pontoon building – plumbing work ongoing. Had to stop work for a couple of weeks when CNES questioned ownership of land. Now have a lease for the land. Bulding control condemned the septic tank so need to source a new one.

Asset Transfer – CNES have offered the trust the land round the pier . The trust members decided not to take up this offer.

Accounts

Year end accounts need to be completed.

Meeting ended 9.40p.m.