

# BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre  
Breaclete  
Great Bernera  
Isle of Lewis  
HS2 9LT

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2026

<b>CHAIR:</b>	Norma Macleod
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Iso Macdonald (Co-opted)
<b>MINUTE SECRETARY:</b>	Carolyn Prosser
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>	Callum Macaulay, Careen MacLennan (co-opted), Catherine Macaulay, Chrissie Macdonald, Detta Macleod, Ella Macaulay Fraser, Glynis Davis, Jess Macaulay, Joanna George, John Latimir, Karina Macaulay and Matt Locke
<b>BCA ADMINISTRATORS</b>	Joanna George and Victoria Rudge (currently on maternity leave)
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Norma, Callum, Careen, Catherine, Chrissie, Detta, Glynis, Jo and Karina

In Carolyn's absence, tonight's minutes were taken by Karina.

### 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Carolyn, Ella, Iso, Jess, John and Matt.

### 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 14 January 2026 were approved (proposed by Glynis and seconded by Catherine).

### 3. BCA ADMINISTRATORS

Vic starts back in March. Sadly, Jo finishes then but has agreed to come on to the Committee.

### 4. FINANCE

The financial position as at 31 January 2026 was discussed.

### 5. FUNDING

- (a) **TESCO Groundworks:** A bench for the playpark is now in place but needs to be concreted in.
- (b) **THE ROBERTSON TRUST:** Norma had previously reported that an application was being made to the Robertson Trust which, if successful, would be used to support the cost of utilities.
- (c) **NHS CAPITAL GRANT:** As previously reported, NHS Western Isles had invited island-based organisations to apply for capital grant funding to support projects that will benefit health and wellbeing within the community. Brenda Jones has kindly applied on our behalf for new gym equipment.

### 6. REPORTS

A copy of Jo's report accompanied these minutes.

- (a) **DISHWASHERS:** Payment has been approved for new machines. Callum and Mark to liaise in regard to installation.

- (b) **PIER WASHING MACHINES:** It was agreed the BCA would place an order on behalf of the Development Trust and they would refund us.
- (c) **SECURITY CAMERAS FOR COMMUNITY HALL:** Norma had previously advised that she had passed a mobile phone to the Association and all that was now required was a SIM card. A decision regarding cameras is awaited and who will be responsible. Vic to organise on her return in March.
- (d) **SAFE:** A discussion took place as to whether a safe was required. Glynis to speak to Colin Halliday as the Museum/Historical Society has a safe they never use.
- (e) **BCA OFFICE:** It was agreed to change the office code. Callum to arrange.
- (f) **LAPTOP:** The current laptop needs replacing. It was agreed that Jo would look into purchasing a new one and to download all files.

## 7. SIGNS FOR TOILETS/DONATIONS/ELECTONIC DONATIONS

A new box is ready to be installed for donations. This to be installed outside the toilets adjacent to the café/museum area.

## 8. BERNERA BULLETIN/FUTURE EVENT ARRANGEMENTS

Where applicable, flyers will be distributed and all upcoming events will be listed on the BCA Facebook Page and published in the Bernera Bulletin. These to include:

- **SOCIAL NIGHT: Saturday 14 February**
- **FILM NIGHT:** "I swear" to be shown at 8.00 pm on **28 February** (film membership £5.00 per person)
- **BIG BREAKFAST: Saturday 18 April** - details to follow
- **MEAL NIGHT: Saturday 24 July** – details to follow
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS: Thursday 5 November**
- **BIG BREAKFAST: Saturday 21 November** – details to follow
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Saturday 19 December** – details to follow
- **HOGMANNAY: Thursday 31 December – Community Hall**

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**BACK DROP MURAL FOR THE LARGE HALL:** Karina had previously suggested that photos (kindly donated by Sandie Maciver) from the 2024 Bernera Riot Commemorative Walk be turned into a mural to decorate the back wall of the large hall. This suggestion was welcomed and Stuart Sutherland would be asked to quote for such print work. On-going.

**FUEL PUMP:** Agreed there was a need to have a phone contact for the fuel pumps. Need to set up a mobile phone and a rota system for those who can be contacted in case of issues. Callum will look at putting a USB plug in both the café and office for phone charging. Need to check if café/shop volunteers will be happy to man the phone during café/shop opening hours. Fuel pump training £45.00 plus VAT. Mark is going to do the training and organise reimbursement of this cost from Kath.

**CALENDARS FOR 2026:** Of the few remaining calendars for sale, it was agreed to offer these free of charge.

**BCA/BCC/GREAT BERNERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST:** A combined meeting has been agreed. Chrissie to find out a mutually convenient date.

**BERNERA SCHOOL:** CNES have organised a public meeting at the Community Centre at 6.00 pm on Tuesday 3 March.

**CAR PARK SIGNAGE:** A request was made for a sign to be erected in the Community Hall Car Park which informs users that they park at their own risk. Mark/Jo to look into.

**SMALL HALL:** It was agreed that a turn keylock to be installed on the door so the room can be made secure when not in use.

**PLAYPARK EQUIPMENT:** Jo and Chrissie to decide where best to place the new equipment and which old pieces need to be removed.

**YOUTH CLUB ROOM:** Mark to seek donations of paint from local paint shops for this room. It was also agreed to look at new seating and to make improvements to this room.

**MAINTENANCE:** Mark has completed 95% of the required PAT Testing. Legionnaires checks have also been completed. The Men's Shower Switch needs replacing. Fire Safety test completed. The sensor in the kitchen needs moving as its being activated by steam from the café – Callum and Mark to sort this. Boiler Room – need to put a new MD sheet on the wall to rewire all sockets.

**POLY TUNNEL:** Ongoing

**BERNERA WEBSITE:** Helen Strong has advised that the new website will be launched at the end of March. She will be sending out a link for feedback beforehand.

**Tonight's meeting concluded at 8.45 pm**  
**Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 March 2026**