

BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre
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Great Bernera
Isle of Lewis
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8 APRIL 2026

CHAIR:	Norma Macleod
TREASURER:	Iso Macdonald (Co-opted)
MINUTE SECRETARY:	Carolyn Prosser
COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	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
BCA ADMINISTRATOR	Victoria Rudge
IN ATTENDANCE:	Norma, Callum, Carolyn, Chrissie, Glynis and John. Also in attendance was Mark Jones.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Iso, Careen, Catherine, Detta, Ella, Jess, Jo, Karina, Matt and Vic.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 11 March 2026 were approved (proposed by Glynis and seconded by John).

3. FINANCE

In Iso's absence, Norma gave an update on the BCA'S current financial position.

4. FUNDING

- (a) **THE ROBERTSON TRUST:** Norma had previously reported that an application had been made to the Robertson Trust which, if successful, would be used to support the cost of utilities. On-going.
- (b) **CROWN ESTATE:** Norma reported that a meeting with the GBCDT is scheduled for Thursday 16 April when a proposal will be made for further Crown Estate Funding to cover the on-going support costs for the positions of BCA Administrator and Maintenance/Handy Person.
- (c) **GIFT AID:** An application for the BCA to be registered with Gift Aid has been made. This has a six-week lead time.

5. REPORTS

In Vic's absence, Norma summarised the Admin Report dated 3 March to 8 April.

- (a) **PIER WASHING MACHINES:** Callum reported that these machines were now in situ with warranties to be applied for. In the meantime, the purchase documentation to be reviewed by Kath MacDonald.

- (b) **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. The installation of three “ring-bell” systems was discussed and Callum agreed to source these.

Mark gave an update on the following:

- (a) On-going PAT Testing
- (b) Repairs to the Fire Door of the Pool Room
- (c) Addressing water ingress in the Cozy Corner
- (d) Poly Tunnel: Rust to be treated and the ground work required before covering with sheeting

- (e) Playpark Equipment: Mark to review and check the safety and viability of existing playpark equipment. Vic to ascertain from those parents who attend the Little Fishes Group how the new equipment should be best utilised for future use. Redundant equipment to be removed.

- (f) Entertainment License: Mark is working with Vic with a view to having all requirements compliant in order to apply for the renewal of the current license.

6. **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 11 April
- **BIG BREAKFAST:** Saturday 18 April
- **SOUP & PUDDING:** Saturday 9 May
- **MUSIC NIGHT:** Saturday 16 May
- **RACE NIGHT:** Saturday 20 June
- **MEAL NIGHT:** Saturday 25 July
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS:** Thursday 5 November
- **BIG BREAKFAST:** Saturday 21 November
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Saturday 19 December
- **HOGMANNAY:** Thursday 31 December

7. **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 has completed the training. On-going.

YOUTH CLUB ROOM: It was agreed to have this room painted and tidied before deciding how much more refurbishment is required. On-going.

ELECTRIC BIKES: The continuing viability of the E-Bikes was discussed. Further discussion to take place at the May meeting.

COMMUNITY HALL LEAFLET: Karina (in Jess's absence) put forward a suggestion for the creation of a leaflet which detailed the rich and varied history of the Community Hall. This was approved unanimously. On-going.

COMMUNITY FIRE APPLIANCE: Callum had previously sought permission for the use of a substitute electrical hook-up for the Community Fire Appliance should its main station become unusable. It was unanimously agreed for the fuel pumping station to be used, should this become necessary. The paperwork to enable this was duly signed by Norma at tonight's meeting.

GYM DROP-INS: Vic's suggestion to offer the following to BCA Gym members was warmly welcomed:

- Extended gym inductions (full run through the machines etc)
- Specific equipment/machine training (how to use, what can be achieved etc)
- Training Plans
- Nutrition help (alongside exercise)
- Weight loss or gain measurements/fat percentage calculations

Tonight's meeting concluded at 9.10 pm

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 13 May 2026