

BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre
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Isle of Lewis
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MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10 JUNE 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, John Latimir, Karina Macaulay and Matt Locke
BCA ADMINISTRATOR	Victoria Rudge
IN ATTENDANCE:	Norma, Callum, Carolyn, Catherine, Chrissie, Detta, Glynis and Karina. Also in attendance were Mark Jones and Victoria Rudge.

Before the formal business of the meeting commenced, Norma reported that due to work commitments, Joanna George had tendered her resignation from the Committee.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 13 May 2026 were approved (proposed by Glynis and seconded by Chrissie).

3. FINANCE

In Iso's absence, Norma updated the meeting on the current financial position.

4. WRIT

Norma updated the meeting on the extensive work and time so far undertaken to defend the Writ that had been served on the BCA. A Court hearing was expected in the coming months.

5. BCA Constitution

Copies of the revised BCA Constitution were supplied to the meeting. After discussion, this document was unanimously approved and would be put forward at the 2026 Annual General Meeting for ratification.

6. 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 following a meeting with the GBCDT on Thursday 16 April, when a proposal for further Crown Estate Funding to cover the on-going support costs for the positions of BCA Administrator and Maintenance/Handy Person was discussed, an application has now been made. If successful, this will cover circa 75% of costs.
- (c) **GIFT AID:** An application for the BCA to be registered with Gift Aid has been made. This has a six-week lead time. On-going.
- (d) **COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (CLLD):** An application for the current round of funding is being prepared. On-going.
- (e) **LOGANAIR - GREENSKIES COMMUNITY FUND:** Local Resident, Brenda Jones, has made an application on behalf of the BCA. On-going.
- (f) **HITRANS COMMUNITY CYCLE PARKING GRANT:** It was reported that this grant had been successful and it was agreed that the installation of 4 x bike stands should be made close to the disabled parking bays at the entrance of the Community Centre.

7. REPORTS

- (a) **PIER WASHING MACHINES:** Callum reported that these machines are now operational. It was suggested that only eco-friendly detergents be used.
- (b) **SECURITY CAMERAS FOR COMMUNITY HALL:** Mark to oversee the installation of the "ring-bell" systems at the front and rear back doors. A further system (capable of two-way communication) to be installed at the fuel pumping station. On-going. Norma agreed to check upon any Data Protection implications.

Mark gave an update on the following:

- (a) Poly Tunnel: The preparation works still required before the new sheeting can be put on. On-going.
- (b) Playpark Equipment: Mark updated the meeting on the work currently being undertaken on the removal of old equipment and the installation of new items.
- (c) Entertainment License: This had now been received.
- (d) Gunnera Plant Removal: Mark reported that on the weekend of 27/28 June, a group of local residents will be meeting to dig out and dispose of unwanted Gunnera plants in Breaclea - a skip has been hired and all are welcome to help out.

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:

- **RACE NIGHT:** Saturday 20 June
- **MUSIC NIGHT:** Saturday 11 July : Bluegrass/Old Time Country and Blues Band, Sociograss
- **MEAL NIGHT:** Saturday 25 July
- **SUMMER MUSIC EVENT:** Saturday 1 August
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS:** Thursday 5 November
- **BIG BREAKFAST:** Saturday 21 November
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Saturday 19 December
- **HOGMANNAY:** Thursday 31 December

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: As previously reported, it was 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 – Mark and Callum to liaise.

QR CODES: Mark updated the meeting on the installation of QR Codes (which would, when operational, hopefully encourage more visitors to make donations towards the running and maintenance of the Community Centre).

ELECTRIC BIKES: As these bikes could no longer be insured, it was decided to arrange for them to be returned to the GBCDT.

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.

GYM: An order for new gym equipment has been made.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS: It was agreed that these need to be updated/replaced. Chrissie to bring up at the next BCC Meeting.

PROMOTIONAL FLYER: After discussion, it was agreed to have a promotional flyer drawn up for distribution to each local household.

Tonight's meeting concluded at 9.30 pm

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 8 July 2026