

BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre
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Great Bernera
Isle of Lewis
HS2 9LT

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5 AUGUST 2026

CHAIR:	Norma Macleod
TREASURER:	Position Vacant
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 Macleod, Chrissie Macdonald, Karina Macaulay, John Latimir, Mark Jones, Catherine Macaulay, Glynis Davis and Vic Rudge

In Carolyn's absence, Karina minuted tonight's meeting.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence had been received from Callum Macaulay, Jess Macaulay, Careen MacLennan, Carolyn Prosser and Matt Locke.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 10 July 2026 were approved (proposed by Glynis and seconded by Chrissie).

3. FINANCE

Norma updated the meeting on the current financial position.

4. WRIT

Norma updated the meeting on the current status of the Writ.

5. 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 had previously 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. On-going.
- (c) **GIFT AID:** An application for the BCA to be registered with Gift Aid has been made. On-going with an update to be given at the next meeting.

- (d) **COMMUNITY-LED LOCAL DEVELOPMENT FUND (CLLD):** This application was successful, but we need to match funding.
- (e) **LOGANAIR - GREENSKIES COMMUNITY FUND:** Unfortunately, this application (made by Local Resident, Brenda Jones on behalf of the BCA) was unsuccessful.
- (f) **PRIDE IN PLACE:** Norma reported that she had been in touch with both the BCC and GBCDT and that a questionnaire had been prepared for distribution to all residents ("door to door") for requesting feedback. A Cheese and Wine evening event is to be held on Friday 28 August at 7.30pm for folk to come along to share and discuss ideas.

6. REPORTS

- (a) **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. A SIM card with Giff Gaff to allow this to become operational has been ordered but has not yet arrived. Norma still to check on any Data Protection implications.
- (b) **POLY TUNNEL:** Preparation works still required before the new sheeting can be put on. On-going.
- (c) **PLAYPARK EQUIPMENT:** Work continues on this with decisions to be made on where the equipment will go. Mark Jones working with local Dads on this initiative.

7. 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:

- **MUSIC NIGHT WITH STEVE CRAWFORD & SPIDER MACKENZIE:** Saturday 22 August (from 7.15pm)
- **RACE NIGHT:** Saturday 26 September
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS:** Thursday 5 November
- **BIG BREAKFAST:** Saturday 21 November
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH:** Saturday 19 December
- **HOGMANNAY:** Thursday 31 December

The event recently hosted by the Music Club raised £534.50 which has been kindly donated to the BCA for our funds. We are very grateful for this support. In addition, the recent Big Breakfast raised £842.65.

8. 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.

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY TRAINING: Catherine, Glynis, Kath, Karina and Norma recently completed this course.

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. On-going – Mark and Callum to liaise.

QR CODES: These are now in place and operational. A sign is required in the Car Park to advertise this.

COMMUNITY HALL LEAFLET: Vic has worked on this, but Committee Members have not yet had the time to review. On-going

GYM: All new equipment is now in place and the old equipment has been disposed of with grateful thanks to community members for their help with this.

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARDS: It was agreed to speak to the BCC regarding the boards that were at the Bridge to see if they can be brought back into use.

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

PHOTOS / FILM for BCA: Jess has been working on this with Zoe Macinnes offering to help with editing. As Jess was not able to attend tonight's meeting, she asked for Committee Members to decide if comments should be turned on or off once it goes on Facebook. Agreed by all present that they should be turned off. Date of release to be confirmed.

Meeting closed at 8.45 pm.

Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 9 September 2026