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| <div><div></div><div>BENBECULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Beinn na Faoghla Minute/ Note of Meeting</div></div> | | TITLE | Benbecula Community Council | | |
| | | DATE | 24 th April 2025 | TIME | 6.00 pm |
| | | VENUE | UCVO & MS Teams | | |
| | | DISTRIBUTION | | | |
| Present: | Dave Adey (Chair/Treasurer), Helen Bagley (Vice Chair/Secretary), David Bagley, Vanessa Langley, Cllr Paul Steele, Sheena Stewart, George MacDonald, Hugh MacCormick, Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Bryan MacPherson. | | | | |
| Apologies: | Cllr Susan Thompson, Willie MacDonald, Cllr Iain MacLeod, | | | | |
| Absent: | | | | | |

| Agenda Item | | Summary | Action | Who? | When? |
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| 1 | Welcome & Minutes - | Minutes approved by | | Dave/David | |
| 2 | Matters arising | | | | |
| | Conflicts of Interest on the agenda – | Nothing to report - | | | |
| 3 | Planning & Licensing - | Nothing concerning Benbecula notified. | | | |
| 4 | Treasure's report and BCC funds - | As of 24 th April, we have £4826.99 in the bank. We received £ 900 from the challenge fund CNES, we also have to pay the bank charges of £5.68 monthly. Sgoil Lionacleit Paris trip - War Memorial Bench area – Update | Pay £100 towards the trip. Shuttering is done – waiting for MacAulays to apply the ready mix. | Dave MacAulays/Dave/David | |

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| | | <p>Eco committee at Sgoil Lionacleit applied for funding for water stations</p> <p>Balivanich playpark have applied for funding to buy a new mower -</p> | <p>Look into acquiring a new bench for the war memorial – send an email to Qinetiq & the Legion to see if they would help fund it.</p> <p>Agreed to give them £100 towards the water stations. Dave will go & have a look at the water stations</p> <p>Set up a meeting with Marion to see what help they require, George has offered to cut the grass if the playpark is kept clean.</p> | <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave / Helen</p> | |
| 5 | Benbecula Airport - Update | No representation - | | | |
| 6 | Councillors Update - | Contributed to conversations throughout the meeting. | | | |

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| 7 | Defibs - | <p>Signage for defibs- CNES are no longer able to cover the cost of the signs, which will mean the individual will have to pay, the cost of getting the poles is £200.</p> <p>Maps of the area that has Defibs –</p> <p>Can we get signage for Hacklett as there is none.</p> | <p>Ask Angus if they have any old ones that could be donated.</p> <p>Ask Lucky to be Here if they have an update of all defibs on the Island.</p> | <p>Dave</p> <p>Sheena</p> <p>Sheena</p> | |
| 8 | NHS update - | <p>There was a number of meetings with Jackie Bailey, which Vanessa, Dave & Sheena attended. There was talk about Health services in the Western Isles & combining them to make a single Authority.</p> <p>We also need an increase in GPs primary care, also an air service with a big enough plane that can manage the triangle of Barra/Benbecula/Stornoway & return.</p> <p>Single Authority – will it happen - Scottish Government, sooner rather than later.</p> | | Vanessa | |
| 9 | West Camp Update - | <p>Bryan was in contact with Mel Groundsell & enquired if Torquil Crichton could write a letter asking what was going to happen to the land at west camp, which he did, now we wait for a response.</p> | | Bryan | |
| 11 | Police - update | No representation – | | | |

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| 12 | AOB | <p>20 signs not working properly –</p> <p>White lining – still not been done.</p> <p>Tyre damage due to the roads – how many people have made a claim for tyre damage.</p> <p>Road condition between Torlum & Griminish - Cllr Paul Steele has a meeting with Calum MacKenzie (Angus's Boss) next week & will ask if he would attend our next meeting.</p> <p>Dune Erosion at Culla bay – an email sent in from Andrew Muncaster asking if we could help in any way.</p> <p>Speed checks – Although there was a PC in attendance, Cars were still speeding,</p> <p>Alcohol & drug abuse – can we ask for figures for the community.</p> | <p>Contact Angus & ask him to check. Dave will also check before talking to Angus</p> <p>Contact Angus</p> <p>Contact Angus</p> <p>Contact Angus</p> <p>A few suggestions made, Dave will contact Andrew to let him know what suggestions were made.</p> <p>Write a letter to Police Scotland Traffic & the Inspector in charge of the Western isles. Add to email Community Safety board in CNES</p> <p>Contact Caraidean Uibhist (Jo Sinclair) & Mustaffa drug partnership.</p> | <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Cllr Paul Steele</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p> <p>Dave</p> | |

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| 13 | | <p>Swimming Pool Update – any news</p> <p>Dog mess in Churchhill –</p> <p>Mirrors at Westside Motors – Were rejected due to health & safety reason.</p> <p>Road safety from Balivanich School – Could there be marking showing the kids where to go at junctions.</p> <p>They are looking at doing a new safe route at the back of the school.</p> <p>Storms – Would it be possible to group call people letting them know what is happening, Barriers at causeways</p> | <p>Contact Christina McWilliams (Sports & Leisure) & invite her to our next meeting.</p> <p>Contact Environmental Health (Andrew Wainwright & Fiona MacDonald) about the dog mess & ask for signage.</p> <p>George is going to install mirrors at his own cost.</p> <p>Contact Angus</p> | <p>Dave</p> <p>Vanessa</p> <p>George</p> <p>Dave</p> | |
| | Date of next meeting | Thursday 15th May at UCVO Building 6.00 pm / Teams | | | |