

BENBECULA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  Comhairle Coimhearsnachd Beinn na Faoghla Minute/ Note of Meeting	TITLE	Benbecula Community Council		
	DATE	20 th February 2025	TIME	6.00 pm
	VENUE	UCVO & MS Teams		
	DISTRIBUTION			
Present:	Helen Bagley (Vice Chair/Secretary), David Bagley, Vanessa Langley, Cllr Iain MacLeod, Sheena Stewart, George MacDonald, Hugh MacCormick, Willie MacDonald, John Craib			
Apologies:	Dave Adey (Chair/Treasurer), Bryan MacPherson, Cllr Paul Steele, Cllr Susan Thompson			
Absent:				

Agenda Item		Summary	Action	Who?	When?
1	Welcome & Minutes -	Minutes approved by		George / David	
2	Matters arising Conflicts of Interest on the agenda –	Nothing to report -			
3	Planning & Licensing -	Nothing concerning Benbecula notified.			
4	Community Engagement – Care & Maintenance meeting -	There will be a UIST in Bloom programme with Emily looking for support from community. Open Gardens for visits – Anne Monk & Emily to talk to community.	Old planters at Griminish to be removed by Hugh/George ASAP.	Emily Anne/Emily	

	<p>Active Travel</p>	<p>Bins, replacement availability & maintenance being looked at by Emily.</p> <p>Tidy ups on beaches & roadsides, push details & opportunities, Anne, Emily, BCC.</p> <p>Photographic competition in paper, Emily, BCC.</p> <p>Active Balivanich – plan being formulated by Kareen.</p> <p>Grimsay footpath plan by Anne Wilson discussed because a joint plan with Benbecula plan could get better funding. Separate projects but similar outcomes mean this could be beneficial, Emily, Dave, Anne W.</p> <p>Perhaps set out a UIST plan for all areas.</p> <p>Barrels at Culla Bay – waiting on an update.</p>		<p>Emily</p> <p>Anne/Emily/ BCC</p> <p>Emily/BCC</p> <p>Kareen</p> <p>Emily/Dave/ Anne W</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p>Treasure's report and BCC funds -</p>	<p>As of 16th February, we have £3936.92 in the bank.</p> <p>Hogmanay party, all bills paid, the cost to BCC was £400</p> <p>No other transactions outstanding.</p> <p>War Memorial Bench area – Update</p> <p>Water fountain – update – 3 are broken</p>	<p>Waiting for the contractor to do the shuttering.</p> <p>Helen will talk to Sgoil Lionacleit Parent Council about the fountains.</p>	<p>Dave</p> <p>Helen</p>	

6	Benbecula Airport - Update	<p>Welcome to John Craib who attended the meeting as BCC sent an email regarding car parking spaces -</p> <p>Car hire Hebrides have 6 spaces available for their cars. There is talk of extending the carpark at the long stay carpark.</p> <p>On the 26th of Feb Hebridean Airways have a replacement plane coming in to do a mobility test on it as it also looks to be a better plane with an aisle and more space inside to move about. Also to look at a Barra/Benbecula/Stornoway flight in the future.</p> <p>There is a Charlie 130 flying about over the weekend, coming in dropping things off, getting ready for the Americans coming in May.</p>			
7	Councillors Update -	A lot of talk about what may happen at the budget but will wait till it happens.			

		Hi-trans – C-mal – Lochboisdale received money for the new port.			
8	NHS update -	Does it need a prod, last meeting was in December & we are still waiting for an update. See what the outcome of the Hebridean Airways meeting is.		Vanessa	
9	West Camp Update -	Follow up e-mail sent, awaiting feedback		Dave	
14	Police - update	No representation so no update. Did receive a message at the end with an apology for not being there. Speeding around school times, PC Ross McClenaghan have asked his colleagues for more Police presence then.		PC Ross McClenaghan	
15	AOB	Haulage – is there anything that can be done about the prices going up. – is it worth asking the other CC to see if they have any questions raised about delivery charges.			

		<p>Ambulance – There was an incident where a resident had to wait over 2 hours for an ambulance & the call handlers were to blame.</p> <p>Fire Engine – A question raised as to why the Fire engine was sitting at the petrol pumps for 45 minutes, believed to be a flat battery.</p>	<p>Could we invite Donald MacAulay (Ambulance) & Chris MacLulich (Locality group chair) or a representative from these groups to attend.</p> <p>Get an email address and invite the ones in charge an invite to the meetings.</p>	<p>David/Helen/ Dave</p>	
	Date of next meeting	Thursday 20 th March at UCVO Building 6.00 pm			