

BORNISH COMMUNITY COUNCIL Comhairle Choimhearsnachd Bhòrnais Minute/ Note of Meeting		TITLE	Bornish Community Council Annual General Meeting				
		DATE	Minutes of AGM held on 27th February 2023		TIME	7.00pm	
		VENUE	Stoneybridge Hall				
		DISTRIBUTION	Committee + Councillors +CnES				
Present:		Donald John Macdonald (DJMacD), Marie Campbell (MC), Iseabail Macdonald (IMacD), Ronnie MacKenzie (R Mack), Chrissie Laing (CL),					
Apologies:		Kenny Macdonald (KMacD), Councillors Iain MacLeod (IMacL) and Susan Thompson (ST) Murdo MacRury (MMacR)					
Absent:							
Agenda Item		Summary and noted			Action	Who?	When?
1	Chairman’s welcome	DJMacD welcomed everyone to the meeting.					
2	Minutes of previous AGM	Proposed by ImacD Seconded CL					
3	Annual Report	Annual Report – DJMacD had previously circulated his report and spoke to the major activities undertaken in both in 2022/3 to date, fulfilling our representative community role. BCC continued to engage with Storas Uibhist regarding the issues surrounding deer that community members bring to our attention. These include damage to property, health concerns and road safety. This culminated in a ‘Survey of the Impact of Deer in our Community’ Report in February 2023. BCC delivered 142 questionnaires to the 155 households in our area and 115 were completed and returned. We believe the high response rate indicates a clear willingness from the community to participate in and influence local matters. The main issues identified relate to both deer management and communication and engagement. 2. BCC have been in communication with Comhairle nan Eilean Siar and Storas Uibhist regarding the danger posed to residents who have to cross the Snishival Bridge especially in adverse weather conditions. BCC facilitated two site visits and gathered photographic evidence as well as circulating information provided by CnES and Storas. CnES provided an Options Review and Stòras have commissioned a full structural survey on the bridge and an options report and the board have also					

		<p>approved expenditure for outline planning applications. Wallace Stone Ltd Marine Consulting Civil Engineers made a site visit in January and Storas awaiting their report. The total cost of this work is estimated to be over £10,000.</p> <p>3. BCC assisted the Joint Stoneybridge Cemeteries Committee in fundraising to secure a new Lawn Tractor for Ardmichael Graveyard. The total cost was £15,000. Funds were committed by local individuals and businesses as well as grants from charitable and trust funds.</p> <p>4. BCC was able to organise the traditional Christmas lunch for the over 60's in our community in December 2023. Around 70 lunches were served and entertainment was provided by local artistes including children from Sgoil Dhalabrog. In 2021 BCC delivered a parcel of Christmas goodies to all households with over 60's in our area.</p> <p>5. a) BCC has communicated with the NHS Western Isles regarding Orthodontist availability. The service provided is inadequate and slow due to waiting lists. b) BCC has communicated with CnES regarding serious flooding issues in our area at times of heavy rainfall. Lack of funds are a major obstacle here. c)</p> <p>6. We continue to contribute to the establishment of a South Uist and Eriskay Forum that would exist to promote employment opportunities, identify funding support and facilitate more local decision-making for the area. It is intended to create an Action Plan for South Uist and Eriskay that will include all of our respective priorities and aspirations.</p> <p>7. Over the year we have been asked for our views on a wide range of issues. We respond to those that we feel are relevant and attend meetings that are relevant.</p> <p>8. The Uist Association of Community Councils has not been active recently. However, there are plans to resurrect this forum.</p> <p>9. In March 2022 BCC was able to return to in person meetings in Stoneybridge Hall. The volunteering aspect of being a Community Councillor is acknowledged. Attending meetings, delivering, collecting and analysing deer surveys and delivering Christmas lunch invitations, hall preparation and assisting on the day are all very time-consuming. Thank you to the Community Council members and everyone who helped</p> <p>The report was unanimously agreed by those present</p>			
4	Accounts	<p>Accounts April 2021- March 2022 have been audited by CnES</p> <p>The accounts were unanimously agreed by those present</p>			

5	Election of Office Bearers	Existing Office Bearers re-elected Chairman – Donald John Macdonald Secretary – Marie Campbell; Treasurer – Seonag MacInnes			
6	AOCB	Noted that Community Council elections to take place on October/November 2023			