

# BERNERA COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

Bernera Community Centre  
Breaclete  
Great Bernera  
Isle of Lewis  
HS2 9LT

## MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14 JANUARY 2026

<b>CHAIR:</b>	Norma Macleod
<b>TREASURER:</b>	Iso Macdonald (Co-opted)
<b>MINUTE SECRETARY:</b>	Carolyn Prosser
<b>COMMITTEE MEMBERS:</b>	Callum Macaulay, Careen MacLennan (co-opted), Catherine Macaulay, Chrissie Macdonald, Detta Macleod, Ella Macaulay Fraser, Glynis Davis, Jess Macaulay, Joanna George, John Latimir, Karina Macaulay and Matt Locke
<b>BCA ADMINISTRATORS</b>	Joanna George and Victoria Rudge (currently on maternity leave)
<b>IN ATTENDANCE:</b>	Norma, Iso, Carolyn, Callum, Catherine, Chrissie, Detta, Glynis, John, Karina and newly appointed Handyman, Mark Jones.

Before the formal business of the meeting commenced, Norma wished everyone a Happy New Year and welcomed those in attendance to this, the first meeting of 2026. Mark then gave an overview following his appointment as Handyman together with a summary of the tasks he would initially be undertaking.

### **1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

### **2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING**

Minutes of the BCA Meeting dated 10 December 2025 were approved (proposed by Karina and seconded by Catherine).

### **3. BCA ADMINISTRATORS**

Norma reported that it was still Jo's intention to work up until the end of February before stepping down from her job-share role as BCA administrator. It was hoped that Vic would be returning in March, although a date (and working hours) had yet to be agreed.

### **4. FINANCE**

There was no update available for tonight's meeting.

### **5. FUNDING**

(a) **TESCO Groundworks:** A bench for the playpark had been purchased from the Tesco Counter Fund proceeds. Before the BCA could apply for any additional funding, it was noted that evidence of the bench's purchase would be required. Mark agreed to take a photograph of the bench, in situ, which was to be submitted by the end of February.

(b) **THE ROBERTSON TRUST:** Norma reported that an application was being made to the Robertson Trust which, if successful, would be used to support the cost of utilities.

(c) **NHS CAPITAL GRANT:** NHS Western Isles is inviting island-based organisations to apply for capital grant funding to support projects that will benefit health and

wellbeing within the community. Norma reported that the BCA would be making an application for new gym equipment. Mark (with the assistance of his wife, Brenda) agreed to oversee the grant application, which was to be submitted by the application deadline of 31 January.

## 6. REPORTS

There were no written reports available for tonight's meeting.

- (a) **DISHWASHER:** Two new machines are required (a larger one for the utility area and a smaller one for the kitchen). It was hoped that by purchasing the two machines simultaneously, we might be able to secure a discount on the original purchase prices.
- (b) **SECURITY CAMERAS FOR COMMUNITY HALL:** Norma had previously advised that she had passed a mobile phone to the Association and all that was now required was a SIM card. A decision regarding cameras is awaited and who will be responsible. On-going.

## 7. SIGNS FOR TOILETS/DONATIONS/ELECTONIC DONATIONS

It had previously been agreed that more prominent signage was required to encourage visitors to the Centre to make a donation for using the bathroom facilities. The use of a "Q" code to be looked at. On-going.

## 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:

- **BURNS' NIGHT: Saturday 24 January** (7.00 pm for 7.30 pm in the Community Hall) £25.00 pp
- **FILM NIGHT:** February - date and details to follow
- **BIG BREAKFAST: Saturday 11 April** - details to follow
- **STEAK NIGHT:** July - details to follow
- **GUY FAWKES/FIREWORKS: Thursday 5 November**
- **BIG BREAKFAST: Saturday 21 November** - details to follow
- **OVER 60'S CHRISTMAS LUNCH: Saturday 19 December** - details to follow
- **HOGMANNAY: Thursday 31 December - Community Hall**

## 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:** A meeting is scheduled for 19 January. Callum and Jo organising the necessary paperwork. PAT Testing is also a requirement. Further, a request was made for a basic instruction sheet to be made available which explains how to reboot the fuel pump system in the event of a power cut. Callum to arrange.

**SIGN AT ROAD END:** Winter times to be added. Detta will speak to Stuart. On-oiing.

**CALENDARS FOR 2026:** Of the few remaining calendars for sale, it was agreed to reduce the unit price to £5.00.

**BCA/BCC/GREAT BERNERA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST:** A date for a combined meeting to be agreed.

**CAR PARK SIGNAGE:** A request was made for a sign to be erected in the Community Hall Car Park which informs users that they park at their own risk. Mark/Jo to look into.

**SMALL HALL LOCKS:** Mark agreed to contact Richard to ascertain why the lock mechanism on the small hall entrance had been disengaged.

**Tonight's meeting concluded at 8.55 pm**

**Next meeting scheduled for 7.30 pm on Wednesday 11 February 2026**