**BERNERAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD BHEARNARAIGH**

**MINUTES**

**22 September 2014**

**at**

**Berneray Community Hall**

Present: Donald MacLean (Chair), Andrew Rodger (Treasurer), John MacLean (Vice), Mary McCormick, Margaret Paterson, Ian Hoyle (Clerk), PC Angus Morrison, PC Mark Hutchen, Jim Morrison.

Apologies: Cllr Neil Beaton, Cllr Uisdean Robertson, Cllr Archie Campbell.

1. Minutes from the previous meeting read and approved.
2. We were please to have 2 our new Lochmaddy police officers at the meeting, PCs Angus Morrison and Mark Hutchen.
3. We invited Jim Morrison, from technical services, to discuss the future bus timetables. (see below).

Bus timetables.

The bus contracts are up for renewal, so now is the time to try and ensure we don’t get a reduction in our essential bus services.

As a community, we are well served by buses, our main priority is to see that our children have quick and timely journeys to school, especially with the new school being built in Bayhead.

Jim Morrison asked if we could put out a questionnaire to establish which bus times are most used or needed by residents of Berneray, and whether there were any improvements or savings that could be made.

Andrew Roger has been in correspondence with Jim Morrison over the past few months to try and get improvements to the school bus service. There is not much that the council can do to reduce the journey times to school, but they have agreed to change the morning bus to Linoclate by putting on a direct service which does not go round Lochmaddy, and so the morning bus will be changed, saving about 5 to 6 minutes on the run.

There will be two buses to Bayhead from this end of North Uist, one will start at Berneray and pick up other children on the way to Bayhead, and another bus will start at some point down the line and pick up the remainder.

Next meeting 3 November 2014