**BERNERAY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**COMHAIRLE COIMHEARSNACHD BHEARNARAIGH**

**MINUTES**

**24 February 2014**

**at**

**Berneray Community Hall**

Present: Donald MacLean (Chair), Andrew Rodger (Vice), John MacLean, Margaret Paterson, Mary McCormick, Ian Hoyle (Clerk), Cllr Neil Beaton, Malcolm MacPhail.

Apologies: Cllr U Robertson, Cllr Archie Campbell, Fred MacLeod (Treasurer),

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|  | **Description** | **Responsibility****Initials** |
| 1 | Minutes from last meeting read and approved. |  |
| 2 | Malcolm MacPhail from Scottish water came to inform us of the works to be carried out over the next few years, see below. Unfortunately the latest test results were not ready. |  |
| 3 | The CC will write to Malcolm MacPhail to thank him for the work carried out on Berneray last year. | IFH |
| 4 | Cllr Neil Beaton informed us of the latest round of councillor reductions. The Boundaries Commission will be visiting the Western Isles to discuss boundary changes that might help to make the process farer. |  |
| 5 | Write to Donnie Johnson, asking him to contact CC before the line painting is carried out. | IFH |
| 6 | Progress has been made on the defibrillator, see below. |  |
| 7 | Fred MacLeod is stepping down as treasurer. Andrew Rodger will become the Treasurer; John MacLean will replace Andrew as the Vice Chairman. |  |
| 8 | Ros-Chraobh, a Western Isles charity who help chronically ill people access complimentary therapies, has asked us for a donation. We agreed to donate £200. |  |
| 9 | There will be another rabbit hunt soon, this time on the Borve machair. | AR |
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Date of next meeting set for 14 April 2014

Scottish Water:

 This year, new treatment pumps were fitted to the Lochmaddy works, which will allow the water to be treated more accurately, and provide water which exceeds the statuary requirements.

This regulatory period is in its final year, and no more upgrading works will be carried out this period.

The next 5 year regulatory period will see major changes for North Uist and Berneray.

Scottish Water will be building an entirely new treatment works on a new site next to Loch Galtarsaigh, the loch currently used by the existing works.

This new works will employ the latest in filtration and treatment technologies, and, as we were assured, will completely remove the taste and smell of chlorine from our water.

Scottish water will also be installing new water tanks between Crogarraidh Mor and Crogarraidh Beag, above MacIains quarry. They will also link these tanks to the Bayhead mains supply.

These tanks will then gravity feed the whole of North Uist and Berneray, they will hold enough water for 24 hours use, should the backup generators fail to work in a power cut.

This should be up and running in 3 years.

Defibrillator:

 The most cost effective way to obtain a Defibrillator is to affiliate ourselves with the charity

‘Lucky to be here’.

They will buy the defib’ and all the necessary ancillary bits, but we would be expected to make a donation of equivalent value if possible. Oddly enough, the defib’ costs less than the wall box that houses it.

Another charity, ‘Heart start Skye’ will send over 2 of their trainers to train users and trainers to use the equipment.

We will probably hold the 2 hour training session in the Hall, followed by a fundraising ceilidh.

We would appreciate a large turnout for both events.

The more people that know how and when to use the defib’, the more likely that it will be able to save lives.