

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for meeting of 12th June 2024, 7.30 pm Breasclete Community Centre

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Minutes of Previous meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Correspondence
5. AOCB
6. Date of next meeting

Minute of Meeting: 8th May 2024, 7.30 pm Breasclete Community Centre

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Fraser Macdonald, Angus A. Mackenzie, John Smith, Kenny-John Maclennan, Malcolm Mackay, Cllr M Macdonald Lorraine Ballantine

Apologies: Cllr Ranald Fraser, Angus Smith

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved – K Maclennan, 2nd – F Macdonald

The meeting began with recording congratulations to Cllr Fraser on the birth of his son, and get well wishes to Angus Smith, and Aggie Maclennan.

Matters arising:

Defibrillator: pads have been replaced.

Bus Shelter/Rock face: still to be completed.

Funding: Funding to the ward had been cut by 25%. CnES will be announcing a new Pan Challenge fund. The Crown Estate fund would be allocated soon, and the Dalmore to Garynahine forum would meet in June.

Grass Cutting: Funding has been applied for and the decision is due in May. There was now a revised schedule for cutting, which would be reviewed at the end of May.

Calanais Visitor Centre: Report on progress to date. Season getting busy with cruise ships and tour buses. Hope to hear about planning permission very soon.

Waste Skip: old community centre oil tank had been disposed of, but excessive red tape involved, and the process was made unnecessarily difficult. Cost was £214 per ton, with a minimum half-ton charge.

Correspondence: RWE had written inviting the Community Council to send two delegates to their Community Liaison Group, meeting in July. Angus Mackenzie and Lorraine Ballantine agreed to attend on behalf of the group.

Wind Power: Cllr Macdonald informed the group that the interconnector was now fully subscribed. Discussion followed on the implications of this and wind projects in general.

AOB

Care Homes: Concerns were raised regarding the increase in care home charges, which were now £1900 per week. Clerk to write to the IJB to request a breakdown of the weekly cost of a care home bed. It was reported that there were currently 56 vacancies in the care sector.

Ferry Services: Concerns raised regarding faulty passenger gangway on the Loch Seaforth. Clerk to write to the Port Authority for clarification on repair timings. It was noted that the ferry capacity to the Uists was very low, and it was currently two weeks before any journeys could be booked. It was also noted that Loganair had suddenly cancelled their Southampton service which had caused problems for booked passengers.

Email: Lorraine Ballantine reported she had received an email from a resident regarding an issue which had been discussed at a previous meeting. This was noted. Going forward, it was noted that local sensitive issues should be taken in private at the end of the meeting with just the elected members present.

Date of next meeting: 12th June 2024 at 7.30 pm