

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Agenda for meeting to be held on Wednesday 10th October 2024, Breasclete Community Centre at 7.30 pm

Welcome and Apologies

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Matters Arising

Correspondence – covered by agenda

Renewables

Planning for community consultation

Good Practice Guidelines

WITGA

HIE Survey

MSP request

AOB

Date of next meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 11th September 2024

Breasclete Community Centre at 7.30

Present: Angus Alex Mackenzie, Jacqui Ferguson, John Smith, Angus Smith, Fraser Macdonald, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Cllr Misty Macdonald, Malcolm Mackay, Lorraine Ballantine

In attendance: Claire Pusey, Gwen Carrick

Apologies: Alice Murray, Kenny Maclennan, Christina Murray,

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved F. Macdonald, Approved, A Smith

Matters Arising:

Ditching: ongoing

Bus Shelter: Appropriate Perspex is on order

Street lighting: reported

Callanish Visitor Centre: Lewis builders are on site. Building progressing.

Car and bus parking had been managed well over the busy season.

Information had been received from a Finnish researcher regarding a potential project. Clerk will pass to UnT engagement officer.

Callanish 2: HES had said they were only responsible for Callanish 1, and had not been contacted about the gate at C2. Discussion on the gate repairs and the disappearance of the weight which had been put in place. Clerk will contact Callanish grazings, and also write to HES to ask where their responsibility for the other sites lies.

Correspondence:

Scottish Community Council's Newsletter: This had been received earlier that day and circulated. Clerk drew attention to the section on Good Practice Guidelines, which the community council might wish to consider, given the important role they will be undertaking in the upcoming public consultation and planning issues. To be discussed at next meeting. Councillors reminded to remain objective when representing the Community Council.

Local Place Plan: Consultation on this extended until September 2025. Clerk will circulate email again and liaise with Carloway CC on this.

Police: Reply from Scottish Government circulated. Members very unhappy with the response, as well as the lack of response from others. Only 1 MSP had replied. This was particularly important given the current situation reported in Stornoway. A long discussion on this took place. To keep this item on the agenda and the Clerk will write again to SG expressing disappointment at the response and highlighting the current situation.

Training: email received regarding CC training for new members on 30th September. Clerk will remind group nearer the date.

Renewables:

N4: discussion on N4 project. Consultation dates had been delivered to homes. Important that people attend the consultations and give their feedback. Further consultation will be held in the New Year with Northland responses to the feedback received.

CC will be consultees to the planning process of the on shore aspects of the project, as well as feeding back to the Comhairle's response to the off shore side. CC to organise a local consultation before that happens, and to be further discussed over the next few months.

L. Ballantine reported that she had received a response under FOI from the Comhairle regarding the Marine Scotland Sectoral Plan in 2019. She agreed to circulate this to the members.

Grimshader / Heastabhal

L. Ballantine also reported on the community Liaison Groups in Lochs. The landlord and crofters seemed supportive, but there were concerns from other residents. J. Ferguson reported that HES had requested various sightlines of the Heastabhal site from the Callanish monument.

Speeding: Concerns raised about speeding through Breasclate. Police have been contacted and are aware. Cllr Fraser will look into the situation from the Comhairle point of view. School flashing lights were reported as faulty.

AOB:

Concerns raised about the reported underspend by NHS Western Isles.
Clerk to write to express concerns and raise issue of ADS rates not applying to patients.

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