

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 9th October 2024, Breasclete Community Centre at 7.30

Present: Angus Alex Mackenzie, Jacqui Ferguson, Christina Murray, Kenny-John MacLennan, Fraser Macdonald, Malcolm Mackay, Lorraine Ballantine, Noreen Macdonald

Apologies: Cllr Ranald Fraser, Cllr Misty Macdonald, Angus Smith, John Smith

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Approved F. Macdonald, 2nd L. Ballantine

Matters Arising:

Ditching: ongoing

Bus Shelter: Appropriate Perspex is on order, repair by Christmas

Challenge Fund: £500 approx will be dispersed to all community councils.

Callanish Visitor Centre: Lewis builders are on site. Building was progressing but the farmhouse was found to be in an unsafe condition and had to be demolished. This was most unfortunate, given that the building had been crucial to the design from the beginning. Confirmation that this was not a listed building. Planning and funders had been consulted, and agreement to progress with a rebuild was given, providing the design remained unchanged. Concerns raised that lack of communication was an issue. Community rep agreed to feed this back to UNT.

Callanish 2 and 3: HES responsibility seemed to be for inspection of the site only, although waiting on a confirmatory reply from HES. Discussion on poor condition of paths between 2 and 3, also access path to 3, which was on common grazing land.

Training: L. Ballantine and M. Mackay had attended.

Scottish Community Council Newsletter: had been circulated. A. Mackenzie drew attention to the code of conduct and reminded all of the importance of this going forward.

Local Place Plan: Due for updating by September 2025. Was previously part of the Dalmore to Lochganvich plan – clerk will check with D. Mackinnon.

Correspondence:

Police: Clerk had written again to Scottish Government but had only received an acknowledgement so far.

MSP: clerk had written to Tim Eagle to invite his to next meeting. Reply received requesting an earlier date, to coincide with his time on the island. Those present agreed to this.

WITGA: Letter circulated previously and discussed. Tour guides concerned that there would be no access to Callanish 1 next season, due to the construction and associated health and safety. Tour buses will be unable to book. Meeting to look for solutions from other agencies. Concerns that there will be an increase in traffic on top road to the stones. Members keen to see if any accommodation can be found. Meeting arranged for Friday 1st November at 2 pm.

HIE Survey: Members asked to read and send any points to the clerk, who will complete.

Renewables:

N4: Public consultations had taken place, and had been seen as generally positive in terms of engagement. Great interest in the visualisations, but concerns that there were no night-time views. These will be available at the next round of consultations in

January. Members to encourage community to send in their responses to the consultation by 23rd October.

Grimshader and Heastabhal: Community Liaison Groups had met. L. Ballantine would circulate the minutes, but noted that the Heastabhal minute was being rewritten after some omissions.

AOB:

Retiral: Agreement to contribute to Minister's retirement gift, along with the association. Tributes paid to Rev Macdonald's work and involvement in the community over the years.

War Memorial: area at rear of war memorial had been cleared up by Breedons.

Cliff Face: Concerns at the water still coming off the cliff face between Callanish and Newpark. K. Maclennan will speak to D. Macarthur of CnES.

Date of next meeting: Monday 4th November at 7.30 pm in the Flannan Islands Exhibition Room