

Follow up Representation by Representation 01 - dated 07 February 25/Received 10 February

Creation of 3-metre-wide path through Aignish Common Grazings by non-residents

Thank you for your notification concerning the above. This is a re-submission of the 2022 application.

- 1 The members of the party submitting this application are not residents of Aignish.
- 2 The ground they wish to dig up at excessive cost is an essential grazings pasture for Aignish livestock. It has been for over a century.
- 3 I experienced a great deal of harassment over a period of seven years or so from certain individuals who, quite arrogantly, gave the distinct impression that they had every right to do as they pleased on any common grazings and if necessary, impose their unacceptable ideas on communities via Council enforcement.
- 4 Aignish shareholders rejected plans to deprive livestock of essential grazings for the sake of creating a leisure area for tourists and resented, what some described as, the the somewhat bullying nature of those making these demands.
- 5 Such individuals had maintained that they had consulted all of the emergency services and that the latter agencies had expressed their full support for a 3-metre-wide roadway through Aignish Grazings. This was a blatant lie as it transpired. There had been no discussions on the matter. Furthermore, these services expressed their full support for Aignish and gave an undertaking that they would never want such access to any common grazings.
- 6 In a conversation with the present Township Clerk, he recalled how he had been invited to a meeting at the Point and Sandwick Power office at Knock School during the summer months where he was pressurised to agree with the other party's ridiculous plans. He politely and firmly told them that the views of Aignish shareholders had not changed and neither they, nor anyone else, would be allowed to deprive the village of essential grazings. According to him, he received numerous requests/demands to attend further meetings. He refused. Then, the planning application was submitted to the Council in what, suspiciously, looks like an act of defiance.
- 7 I am one of the many objectors to this ridiculous application.
- 8 Respectfully, no Planning Dept., has the authority, under any of the crofting laws, to deprive any township of its common grazings and thereby depriving livestock of essential grazing. No sensible Planning Dept., would authorise any kind of works on a common grazings at the behest of 'outside' parties and against the wishes of the residents.