

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 3rd February 2016

Present: James Crawford, Ranald Fraser, Elizabeth MacBain, Noreen MacDonald, Angus A. MacKenzie, Kenny John MacLennan, Jinty Morrison, Angus Smith, John M. Smith and Cllr Angus Morrison.

Apologies: Cllr Donald MacLeod

Minutes: Minutes dated 3rd December 2015 were approved by Jinty Morrison and Kenny John MacLennan

Matters Arising:

Cnoc Mor –

(a) the Comhairle have confirmed that the building is Category B listed and of regional importance to the area. Works to the internal and external which are considered to affect the character of the listed building would require listed building consent. Works would require to be of a conservation standard, which includes the use of traditional materials, methods and detailing.

(b) HHP have been advised that the community council were actively exploring the possibility of taking over the property for the community and this request was conveyed to the HHP Board. HHP are awaiting the Scottish Housing Regulator's consent for disposal before marketing the property on the open market. Clerk to contact MSP Alasdair Allan seeking his advice regarding the report that 80% of the sale price would be taken back by the government.

(c) Access to Cnoc Mor was approved and several members of the community council visited the property on the 16th December along with Donalda MacKinnon, HHP's Area Housing Officer. They were shocked at the condition of the building due to water penetration into the masonry, rising damp, the state of the downpipes and the dilapidated state of the property – surely the owners are responsible to Historic Scotland for the maintenance of a graded building? Should the Comhairle be enforcing essential repairs?

Road Safety Hazards – the 20mph limit lights outside the school are still not functioning properly and Cllr Morrison agreed to visit Technical Services on this matter and also the problem with the memorial lights at Callanish church. A further traffic survey is currently being carried out in Garynahine village.

Lighthouse keeper's memorial – Liz confirmed the school are actively engaged in producing art work and stories for display in the hall, and a meeting was arranged for 8th February to finalise the application to Creative Scotland.

Correspondence emailed – Press release re consultation on Islands' Bill, Buildings Standards & Planning update & ePlanning.scot, Funding Opportunities for Gaelic, Europe Direct newsletter,

Press release Budget Consultation & My Place Awards, Integration Joint Board Draft Strategic Plan – consultation dates, Funder Roadshow 2016, Scottish Community Council website, Community Council Seminars 2016, Consultation OH Local Development Plan.

Lucky2behere – Cllr Morrison spoke of his involvement with Roddy MacDonald in setting up a Lewis & Harris branch of Lucky2behere. The plan is to have as many defibrillators as possible placed at strategic points in our communities, and to have as many people as possible trained in CPR and AED. The committee expressed interest in the possibility of defibrillators in both Breasclate Community Centre and the Callanish Visitor Centre.

BT Callanish Exchange - only four cabinets for broadband are allocated for the area which some felt could prove to be a problem, but assurance was given that anyone within a two mile radius of a cabinet would be covered.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS

Simon Fraser – the committee expressed their sincere sympathy to Ann and the family at the passing of Simon who did so much for this community, this is a huge loss to the people and organisations he helped over so many years.

Ishbel Smith – congratulations and best wishes to Ishbel Blue, Callanish on celebrating her 100th birthday last month.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 2nd March 2016