

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 6th July 2016

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

Apologies: Jinty Morrison, Cllr Donald MacLeod

Minutes: Minutes dated 1st June 2016 were approved by John M. Smith and Kenny J. MacLennan.

Matters Arising:

Road Safety Issues – Cllr Angus Morrison advised that at the recent meeting regarding the Speed Limit Assessment Programme, it was agreed to recommend that the Comhairle:

(2) authorise the Director of Technical Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to take steps as necessary to promote a Road Traffic order to regulate the speed of traffic to 40mph on the A858 through Callanish and Breasclate together with restricting traffic speeds on adjacent side roads to 30mph as detailed in Appendix 4 to the Report; and

(3) authorise the Director of Technical Services, in consultation with the Chief Executive, to take such steps as necessary to promote a Road Traffic Order to regulate the speed of traffic to 40mph on the A858 at Garynahine as detailed in Appendix 5 to the Report.

This was indeed a good result following representations made to the committee by Cllr Morrison along with the petition from the residents of Garynahine and also the school parent council's assistance.

Lighthouse keeper's memorial – John Smith confirmed the funding applications were being processed for both Creative Scotland and LEADER, hoping for a decision by the end of July. Kenny expressed the committee's thanks to both John and Liz for all their work on the funding bids. James Crawford expressed concern about the actual time scale which John Smith said was stated as August to 31st January although it would be possible to request a change form for an extension, should this prove necessary.

Lucky2behere – Kenny confirmed the defibrillator was now installed outside Breasclate Community Centre and is now on the Lucky2behere App showing its location. Cllr Morrison confirmed that a defibrillator will be installed in every school in the Western Isles, with training for all children nine years and above. At present there are 29 installed and it is hoped by October/November there will be 70 installed within schools.

Patient transport – Angus Smith advised that it is his intention to start a fund raising drive for the provision of a community bus which could be used by all the groups in the community, starting with an auction in the near future.

Floodlights – Cllr Morrison advised the cost of repairing the old units or replacing them and it was agreed that four new heads were required for the playground and two new heads for the war memorial.

Breasclete shore line – the debris and material belonging to both the Scottish Salmon Company and the Hebridean Seaweed Company has now been removed from the shoreline.

Crofting Issues – Kenny confirmed contacting Donald Cameron who is on the Crofting Forum at the Scottish Government, and it was agreed there were far wider problems than the current grazings committees' situation.

Correspondence emailed – re Crofting 3/4/7/20 June, Police Scotland Public Consultation Process, Public Incident: Isle of Harris (SSE), Strategic Police Priorities Consultation, LEADER newsletter, Community Choices Fund, National Social Enterprise Consultation – other items: Scottish Heritage Angel Awards, Centre for Independent Living, Civic Trust 2017 Application, Crown Estate Portfolio Update 2015/16.

ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS -

Alcohol and drugs – email from Ann Macinnes, ADP Development Officer of Health Promotion, Stornoway asking if the community council would be willing to promote their summer and winter campaigns in the Western Isles, and it was agreed information could be circulated through the local newsletter and community Facebook.

Date of next meeting – Wednesday 7th September 2016