

# BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting – Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2016

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

**Apologies:** James Crawford

**Minutes:** Minutes dated 4<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were approved by Jinty Morrison and Kenny J. MacLennan.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Cnoc Mor** – letter from Margaret Burgess MSP, Minister for Housing and Welfare confirms that with the Housing Regulator’s consent to dispose of the property, “there would only be a requirement to repay any Scottish Government Housing Association Grant (HAG) if HHP had bought these houses from the Council with a HAG contribution from ourselves, which was not the case in this instance”. Copy letter to be sent to Donalda MacKinnon at HHP as until such time as the three remaining tenants are re-housed, Cnoc Mor cannot be offered for sale.

**Road Safety Hazards** – Cllr Angus Morrison advised this matter was coming to committee next week with the recommendation to approve the speed limit in Breasclate and Callanish, but not Garynahine. The school parent group are organising a petition for Garynahine, and the councillors are being urged to move an amendment for Garynahine to be included in the speed limit restriction.

**Lighthouse keeper’s memorial** – James Crawford advised that the ‘wave’ section of the memorial has now been produced and is ready to be transported to the island. The Creative Scotland and Leader application for funding decisions are expected by the end of June.

**Lucky2behere** – training for 21 people was carried out on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> May and arrangements are being made for the defibrillators to be installed shortly with a notice to go in the newsletter and on Facebook. It is hoped that further training for additional volunteers will take place in September.

**Patient transport** – Jinty has contacted the Red Cross who work with volunteer drivers but they don’t have a vehicle that takes wheelchairs, only able bodied people, and she will check again to see if they provide transport to the surgery in Carloway or Leurbost.

**Scottish Rural Parliament** – Kenny John attended the meeting along with three other people, to see what could be done with the current crofting issues. The two topics discussed were crofting and education, but with only two staff for the whole of Scotland it is still another voice with access to forum/input, plus they also attended the Community Land Scotland conference at the weekend.

**Floodlights** – Cllr Morrison to re-visit the lights for the war memorial and school playground.

**Correspondence emailed** – Police Scotland Highlands & Islands Div., Civic Trust Awards, Building Standards & Planning Service update, HHP event, LEADER newsletter.

**Locality Planning Group for Rural Lewis** – first meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> May, looking for four community council representatives to cover the area Ness to Lochs, and it was agreed that Angus A. MacKenzie would be the nominated representative for Breascleite.

**Local Government Boundary** – Reports and Final Recommendations for the number of councilors and electoral ward boundaries now submitted which removes five councilors and shows that Garynahine to Ness will be one area, effective May 2017.

**Community Challenge Fund** – It was agreed that an application be made for the Flannan Memorial and Exhibition project.

#### **ANY OTHER COMPETENT BUSINESS**

**Breascleite shore line** – concern was again raised concerning the fish farm gear and general rubbish lying around, including a rusty boat trailer, a letter and photos to be sent to Scottish Salmon Company.

**Crofting** – Kenny John raised the various issues causing great concern within the community, namely the Croft Housing Grant Scheme, the Crofting Commission, SGRPID and the entire crofting administration system which appears to be fragmented. Following discussion it was agreed that these concerns be passed onto Uisdean Robertson before the JCC meeting on Monday.

**Date of next meeting – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2016**