

# BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in  
Breasclete Community Centre on  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017 at 7pm

- Present                    Mr. Malcolm Burr, Chief Executive – Comhairle nan Eilean Siar  
                                 Cllr. Ranald Fraser  
                                 Mrs. Noreen MacDonald  
                                 Cllr. Norman A. MacDonald  
                                 Mr. Angus A. MacKenzie (Chair)  
                                 Mr. Kenneth J. MacLennan  
                                 Cllr. Angus Morrison  
                                 Mrs. Jinty Morrison  
                                 Mrs. Christine Murray  
                                 Mr. John M. Smith
- Apologies:                Mr. James Crawford, Mrs. Elizabeth MacBain, Mr. Angus Smith
- Minutes                    1            Minutes dated 1<sup>st</sup> November 2017 were approved by Mr. Angus A MacKenzie and seconded by Cllr. Ranald Fraser
- The Chairman welcomed Mr. Malcolm Burr who was invited to speak about the Comhairle’s budgets. Mr. Burr outlined the reduction in budgets over the past eight years, and the anticipated reduction of 3% expected in December. The council are keen to build affordable houses in rural areas with government funding currently available, to focus on education and child care, health and social care - providing new facilities for the elderly. The lack of sufficient recycling was raised with the added cost of exporting refuse in three years’ time. The Scottish Government will advise the councils’ budgets on 14 December, and the Comhairle committee will meet in January, with budgets to be set in the beginning of February 2018.
- Matters Arising        2.1        **Community bus** – ongoing, waiting on new scheme to open.
- 2.2        **Defibrillators** – following Cllr Ranald Fraser’s help, the box is now registered at the original garden site, John Smith to approach Garynahine residents to see if funding available, and will also contact the estate owner.
- 2.3        **Cnoc Mor** – the group have now applied for SCIO status under the name Urras na Taighe Mhóir to purchase the property when it becomes available.
- 2.4        **Flannan Memorial** – the plaque was installed on Tuesday, lime mortar pointing complete ready for the actual stone lift on Friday and delivery of turf on Saturday – unveiling 15<sup>th</sup> December.

- 2.5 **Callanish Post Office** – response from the Escalated Customer Resolution Team confirms the Contracts Manager is aware of the problems at the branch and states the closure remains strictly confidential and outwit their control. It was agreed to continue with the Formal Complaint Procedure.
  - 2.6 **Bus shelter** - Cllr Ranald Fraser advised the Comhairle were unable to take over maintenance of a new shelter which would cost in the region of £5/£6K. It was suggested that the subject be raised at the next BASF neighbourhood meeting.
  - 2.7 **Callanish Cemetery** - ongoing
- Correspondence 3 Europe Direct newsletter, VCWI AGM, Calmac Timetable 2017/18, Volunteer Training, CnES Winter Maintenance Policy, Support for local Alzheimer Scotland – it was agreed that a donation of £100 be paid.
- AOCB 4.1 Mrs. Murray suggested there should be a list of vulnerable people in the village who may need extra care and it was stated that such a list was held by the Hydro board.
- 4.2 Referring to the recent meeting of Rural LPG, Mrs. Jinty Morrison stated the need for more people to become involved in this vital service.
- Date of next meeting 5 Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2018 at 7pm in Breasclete Community Centre