

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in
Breasclete Community Centre on
Wednesday 7th February 2018 at 7pm

- Present Mr. James Crawford
 Cllr. Ranald Fraser
 Mrs. Noreen MacDonald
 Mr. Angus A. MacKenzie (Chair)
 Mr. Kenneth J. MacLennan
 Mrs. Christine Murray
 Mr. John M. Smith
 Mr. Angus Smith
- Apologies: Cllr. Angus Morrison, Mrs. Jinty Morrison
- Minutes 1 Minutes dated 6th December 2017 were approved by Mr. K. J. MacLennan and seconded by Mr. J. M. Smith.
- The Chairman expressed the committee's sympathy to Mr. James Crawford on the recent death of his brother.
- Matters Arising 2.1 **Defibrillators** – the Comhairle have re-visited the Spring Corrie location, Cllr. Ranald Fraser to check on progress with the Hydro Board.
- 2.2 **Urras na Taighe Mhòir** - HHP held an open day at the lighthouse station and a consultation on the future development and community buy out took place in Breasclete community centre which was well attended.
- 2.3 **Flannan Memorial** – the unveiling of the memorial by Mrs. Christina MacLean took place on the 15th December, followed by the exhibition in the community centre. A huge credit goes to Mr. James Crawford for the memorial itself and to Liz MacBain and many others for the exhibition. A very successful day and a great community asset.
- 2.4 **Callanish Post Office** – Problems have been ongoing since December 2014, and correspondence throughout 2015/2016 with the formal complaint procedure started in 2017, yet the latest response from Customer Care at the Post Office on 28/12/17 still states the branch “has had to **temporarily close** due to unforeseen and personal circumstances”. As the branch remains closed and the Post Office are unable to provide a timescale for opening, it was decided that the matter be passed to Paula Vennells, Chief Executive of the Post Office, MP Angus B. MacNeil, MSP Dr Alasdair Allan and MSP Donald Cameron.

	2.5	Callanish Cemetery – Mr. A. Smith confirmed he will obtain quotes to renew the lettering on the war memorial and Mr. J. Crawford will also speak to Jon Hearach.
Correspondence	3	Arqiva smart meter, Planning application, Building Standards & Planning Service update, Paths for All, Electrical Skip items, W.I.Community Care Forum newsletter, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service Community Asset Register, Cal Mac Community Board
AOCB	4.1	Mrs J. Morrison raised the question of the Patient Transport Service and asked if anyone was aware of problems with PTS to contact her as it is an item for the agenda of WICUSN next week.
	4.2	Cllr. Fraser spoke about the recent budget meetings and the need for efficiencies in each department of the Comhairle. He also spoke on the provision of rural respite care and the need for additional care beds.
	4.3	Mrs. Murray raised the question of road gritting over weekends and public holidays – was there any room for manoeuvre? Cllr Fraser advised there was an overspend on gritting and this had eaten into reserves.
	4.4	Concern was expressed that the community centre gym was being used outwith agreed opening hours, but assurance was given that the key fobs were programmed to allow access on Monday through Saturday and all usage can be checked through the computer system.
	4.5	Mr. J. Crawford spoke about the vernacular museum in Callanish, that the National Trust had property here behind the Callanish Post Office. Mr. Crawford wants to ask the National Trust to dispoise the property to the community, although the artefacts went to Kingussie. Mr. MacKenzie has papers relating to meetings with the Trust and there is also a register of people visiting the property.
Date of next meeting	5	Wednesday 7 th March 2018 at 7pm in Breasclate Community Centre