BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in Breasclete Community Centre on Wednesday 5th September 2018 at 7pm

Present Mr. James Crawford

Mrs. Kathleen Crawford Cllr. Ranald Fraser Mrs. Anne Hall

Mrs. Noreen MacDonald

Mr. Angus A. MacKenzie (Chair)

Mr. Angus R. MacKenzie Mrs. Isabel MacKenzie Mr. Kenneth J. MacLennan

Mrs. Jinty Morrison Mrs. Christina Murray Mr. Angus Smith Mr. John M. Smith

Apologies Mrs. Gillian Morrison

Minutes

1 Minutes dated 6th June 2018 were approved by Mr. John M. Smith and seconded by Mrs. Jinty Morrison.

Matters Arising

- 2.1 **Callanish Post Office** has now closed, work going on to combine the post office and sorting office into one unit before advertising for a sub post master.
- 2.2 **Bus shelter** Cllr. Ranald Fraser is confident to contribute £2K towards the installation of the shelter and Mr. John Smith advised two grant applications were unsuccessful but he is confident of good outcome from Tesco. Clerk to write BASF for funding to complete the project. Once costs are confirmed in the next few weeks, Cllr. Fraser will speak to the Education Department
- 2.3 **HHP Housing** discussions ongoing with the contractor and the Scottish Government with a decision expected within two weeks. Mr. MacLennan confirmed the public meeting held by Carloway Estate Trust went well, the issue regarding mis-information was resolved; on the Callanish site the Trust will respect the decision of the Callanish Grazings Committee, and HHP are currently looking at a site in Kirivick.
- 2.4 **Callanish Museum –** Mr. James Crawford advised the committee of the problems obtaining a response to correspondence and will enlist the help of Carloway Estate Trust if another month passes without success.
- 2.5 Speed limits Cllr. Fraser has spoken with Technical Services who advised there is a backlog on obtaining road signs but would ask that sweat on signs for walkers and cyclists be placed every hundred yards on the paths which should have been in place when the scheme was done. Speed limit signs on the two village loops in Callanish and the corner into the Calanais Centre should be part of the traffic order for the Garynahine/Breasclete route or an amendment to the existing order.

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Island Gathering & Learning Visit, Wild seaweed harvesting, Police Scotland Public Contact Research Group, Iolaire press release, Making Places Initiative, AHRC funded First World War Engagement Centre.

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- 4.1 Scottish Water Consultation One matter of concern raised was the current procedure whereby if the water supply is disrupted, it takes 24 hours before Scottish Water start distributing water bottles which is extremely difficult for people with young children and especially the elderly within the community. It was normally six hours, so a big difference.
- 4.2 Western Isles Climate Challenge invitation for someone from the Energy Advice Service to attend next meeting.

Mrs. Isabel MacKenzie raised concerns about the height of grass along the road from the crossroads to the Calanais Centre that is used daily by locals and tourists. It was felt that the Comhairle should be asked to cut the grass verge.

4.3 The Chairman attend the recent Local Governance meeting where there was no good budget news as more savings need to be made in the next four years unless the government put in more money. Currently working on the Islands Bill, hoping to get the go ahead for amalgamating different bodies to spread the load.

Date of next meeting

Wednesday 3rd October, Breasclete Community Centre.