

# BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting held in  
Breasclete Community Centre on  
Wednesday 3rd April 2019 at 7pm

**Present** Simon Butler, Urras Nan Tursachan  
Cllr. Ranald Fraser  
Mrs. Noreen MacDonald  
Mr. Angus A. MacKenzie (Chair)  
Mr. Kenneth J. MacLennan  
Mrs. Jinty Morrison  
Mrs. Christina Murray  
Ms. Clare Pusey  
Mr. John M. Smith  
Mr. Martin Thomas

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Apologies** Mr. James Crawford, Mrs. Alice Murray, Mr. Angus Smith

**Minutes** 1 Minutes dated 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were approved by Mr. Kenneth J. MacLennan and seconded by Cllr. Ranald Fraser.

**Matters Arising** 2.1 **Callanish Post Office** – letter from the chairman of UNT confirming their clear and unequivocal commitment to a local post office as a key part of the Calanais Visitor Centre. Simon Butler stated they did not appreciate the difficulties negotiating the bureaucratic minefield involved which was perceived as delaying the project progressing, but looked forward to a successful outcome.

2.2 **Concessionary travel** – letter received from the Cabinet Secretary for Transport, Infrastructure and Connectivity in response to Alasdair Allan MSP raising this matter. “Two free return ferry trips per year to the mainland for eligible residents...” and “residents of the Western Isles are benefitting from Road Equivalent Tariff (RET) ... In addition, the continuation of the Air Discount Scheme, a significant 50% discount on the core air fare”.

2.3 **Bus shelter** – Cllr Fraser advised a new panel would be in place very soon.

2.4 **Callanish war memorial** – Cllr Fraser confirmed that engineers had managed to fix the line illuminating the memorial lights.

2.5 **Care Unit Carloway** – there was a strong attendance at all the public meetings which has led to a prolonged consultation period until the end of April. If all three units closed there would be no care provision in rural Lewis which goes totally against devolving powers to the community. It was felt there was support for more respite care as currently there is no leeway in capacity, so only one unit would not be enough.

**Correspondence** 3 Calmac community fund, Future of rural funding & Brexit, Castle grounds restoration, Self Build Loan Fund, Rural Locality Planning Group, Scottish Water Forum & Survey, Frog community platform, Volunteer Centre bulletin, Business Breakfast Calmac, Social Security Research Team visit, Scottish CC Website, Celebrate CC's, Animal Health & Welfare Act, Guidance for Licensing Board, Seafarers UK, Review of Planning Application.

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- 4.1 **HHP Housing at Breascleite** – letter advising the policy to consult with the local community council and local residents association on appropriate names for the new development. A notice in the local newsletter and on Facebook inviting suggestions prior to the end of April as requested by HHP.
- 4.2 **Callanish Blackhouse** – Cllr Fraser spoke with the owner and was thanked for his help in this matter. The committee agreed the onus was on the Comhairle that listed buildings were maintained to standard, failing with both the Callanish Blackhouse and the Taigh Mhoir. However, the committee are delighted to see the owner is now progressing plans to restore this building.

**Date of next meeting** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2019, Breascleite Community Centre.