

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting: Tuesday 11th July 2023, 7.30 pm via zoom

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Fraser Macdonald, Noreen Macdonald, Angus A. Mackenzie, Angus Smith, John Smith, Anna Macinnes, Kenny-John MacLennan, Christina Murray, Becca Crossley

Welcome and Apologies: Apologies: Alice Murray, Lorraine Ballantine

Minutes of Previous meeting: Approved – J. Smith, Seconded, F. Macdonald

Matters arising:

N4: Drop in meetings had taken place and seemed to be well attended. There was still no concrete information, and the project appears to be still in very early stages of development.

The interconnector cable has been approved. Survey boats are regularly in the N4 area. Historic and visual impact surveys have still to be done. HES expected to have major input, as reported that the turbines may be visible from Callanish.

The five Westside estates have been engaging in a dialogue with Northland to ensure channels to the communities most effected are kept open. The westside group is not for or against the project at this stage, and will wait to see what concrete proposals will be on the table. The Comhairle are also engaged, but we do not know to what extent.

The Community Council will carry out their own public engagement when more information is available.

Callanish Visitor Centre: Very busy season, but tour bus coordinator working well and new system has cut down on coaches using top road. Concerns regarding disability access, and potential increase in traffic next season, during the renovations. Communications will be increased when information is available. Clerk to invite Project Manager to next meeting to discuss the construction phase. As discussed previously, the sign at the bus shelter will be moved further along the road to discourage traffic to use the top road.

English Medium Unit: response not yet received regarding data on EMU requests.

Waste Collection: Discussion on new system. Concerns regarding procedure on getting a second bin emptied. Even if households have a second bin, now need a sticker authorising the operatives to empty it. Households were encouraged to persevere with the application process, and Cllr Fraser said that using the website was the easiest way to do this.

Correspondence:

Email had been received from a resident regarding conditions at the top of the road in Callanish during the summer. This email had been circulated and discussed with the resident, who was in attendance. Actions as follows:

Clerk to request another bin, or extra uplifts in summer months, and contact police for advice. Carloway Trust and Callanish Grazings to look at the land outside the blackhouse to see who is responsible. BCC to arrange to cut the grass around the new seat. Discuss with Callanish Project Officer at next meeting.

Foxglove: Email received via BCA regarding a foxglove growing close to the school fence. Matter referred to school for educational purpose.

AOB

Ferry: Concerns regarding the inability to book a car on the Stornoway to Ullapool , or Tarbert – Uig ferries for over a week. This was severely impacting islanders who needed to travel at short notice. Clerk to email Calmac and express disappointment.

Breasclate Pier: Gate has been padlocked and access blocked. Cllr Fraser will investigate.

Report that a foreign vehicle was driving on the wrong side of the road.

Grass Cutting Prices: To review as the year goes on. Concerns that ward fund will be reduced next year, so budgeting has to be considered.

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 13th September via zoom.