

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting: Wednesday 13th 2023, 7.30 pm via zoom

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Fraser Macdonald, Noreen Macdonald, Angus A. Mackenzie, Angus Smith, Anna Macinnes, Kenny-John MacIannan, Christina Murray, Lorraine Ballantine, Caroline MacIannan, James Crawford, Donalda Williams, Mark Davies, Marianne Campbell

Apologies: Christina Murray, Alice Murray, Cllr Norman Macdonald

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed by F Macdonald, Seconder K MacIannan.

The Chair welcomed Mark Davies and Marianne Campbell from **Urras nan Tursachan**. Mark gave a very well-received presentation detailing the plans and construction phase of the Visitor refurbishment. Marianne talked about how the community engagement would progress, once planning permission had been granted. After a short q & A session, the chair thanked both for attending and updating the Community Council so comprehensively.

Matters arising from previous minute:

Crown Estate Funding: - to remain on agenda

Traffic through Callanish: Concerns were raised at the speed of traffic on the top road at Callanish. This was often tour bus traffic, using this road, but also other road users. Cllr Fraser informed the group that the Comhairle was investigating a block speed limit for all similar minor roads through villages. It was noted that this road comes directly off a 60 mph stretch. Clerk reported that the community police officer had been contacted and asked to give his perspective, particularly given the potential increase in traffic when the visitor centre facilities are reduced during the construction phase.

N4: L. Ballantine reported that a legal challenge had halted sonar surveys. Concern was raised at the lack of information and public engagement on this project, given that the company was going to planning in March 2024. A small group of concerned residents from the westside were coordinating action. The community council had agreed to hold public engagement but were waiting on accurate plans on the proposal. There was much speculation, but the community council could not act until there were facts to work with. It was noted that a recent UK government tender for offshore projects had yielded zero bids. L. Ballantine agreed to provide details of the source of turbine figures.

Waste: Urras nan Tursachan were not coping with the new collection service during the busy season, and waste was building up between collections. Cllr Fraser said that the Comhairle did use a commercial collection in some instances, and maybe this could be employed for tourist destinations in the future. There had been a report on the evening news that the Comhairle were planning to remove the community skips from the beginning of October. Cllr Fraser had no knowledge of this but would enquire further. He mentioned that there were consultants working for the Comhairle just now to identify potential savings ahead of the budget setting next year. It was reported that the electrical skip was full, and a

freezer and printer were sitting beside it. Clerk will email waste collection regarding both issues.

Community Council Elections: Notice of elections had been circulated, and forms were available from the CnES website. Clerk agreed to circulate information again and to promote on facebook and in newsletter. All urged to submit their form and to let others know who may be interested. 16 and 17 year olds were eligible to stand.

Discussion on when to hold meetings if going back to in person. All agreed that 7.30 pm on the second Wednesday of the month was the most suitable with a mix of zoom and face to face as decided by the council.

Date of next meeting: 11th October, 7.30 pm, Breasclede Community Centre