

BREASCLETE COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minute of Meeting: Wednesday 30th October 2023, 7.30 pm via zoom

Present: Jacqueline Ferguson, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Fraser Macdonald, Noreen Macdonald, Cllr N. Macdonald Angus A. Mackenzie, Kenny-John MacLennan, Angus Smith, John Smith,, Lorraine Ballantine,

Apologies: Christina Murray, Alice Murray, Anna Macinnes

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed by N. Macdonald, Seconded A. Smith

Matters arising from previous minute:

Crown Estate Funding: - to remain on agenda

Callanish Visitor Centre: An email had been received from a group called Callanish Residents Association in respect to the Visitor Centre. After discussion it was decided to acknowledge the email but not to respond further.

JF gave an update on the visitor centre and progress on closure and refurbishment. It was noted that there had been several events and open days leading up to the closure which had been well attended and enjoyed.

Tour Bus Traffic: Cllr Fraser informed the group that the Comhairle was investigating a block speed limit for all similar minor roads through villages. He agreed to speak to CnEs regarding a sign at Druim na Cuarracag. Clerk will invite the community police officer to a meeting soon.

N4: Scoping reports had been received from Marine Scotland and had been circulated. A leaflet against the N4 project had been mailed throughout the island. KMacL informed the group that the West Side Estates had met with representatives from Northland, who had said that the scoping report indicated the worst-case scenario, and as yet did not know the size and number of turbines that will eventually be in place. The report gave the maximum height and number of turbines that could be in place, but until geological surveys were known, the actual numbers and location were not known. It was noted that planning consent will sit with Scottish Ministers, under the Section 36 Clause of the Electricity Act 1989, as it would for the shore side provision. CnES would be a consultee in this process, but would not make the decision. The Community Council hoped there would be local consultation.

Waste: Correspondence had been received and circulated regarding the removal of the electrical skip and the new guidelines for disposal of soft furnishings and seating. Electrical waste should now be taken to the local recycling park, or a bulk uplift should be arranged. Sepa will shortly issue guidelines that mean soft furnishings and cushions treated with fire retardants will be banned from landfill, and will have to be sent to the mainland for incineration. A dedicated skip will be provided at the recycling park. Signs are being prepared for the community skips. Cllr Fraser will speak to D Maciver for further

clarification. The members of the community skip rota will also meet to ensure the information is disseminated.

Concerns also raised regarding waste collection at the visitor attractions in the busy summer season. Clerk will write to CnEs regarding this issue.

Community Council Elections: New council had been announced. CnES have organised first meeting for Wednesday 8th November to set up.

Correspondence: Email received from John Macleod at Bakkofrost (formerly Scottish Salmon). To invite to December meeting.

AOB:

Budget: Cllr Fraser informed the group that Comhairle budget meetings were being held next month. Various issues and concerns were discussed. Clerk will write to CnES regarding the impacts of some of the proposed decisions on local communities.

Grass Cutting: discussion on costs of providing this service. To review in new council.

Date of next meeting: 8th November 2023, 7.30 pm, Breasclate Community Centre

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