

Breasclete Community Council

Agenda for meeting to be held on Wednesday 11th June, 2025, 7.30 pm, Breasclete Community Centre.

1. Welcome and apologies
2. Minutes of previous meeting
3. Guest – Bakkafröst
4. Matters Arising
5. Correspondence
6. Grass Cutting
7. AOCB
8. AGM
9. Date of next meeting

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025, 7.30 pm

Breasclete Community Centre

Present: Jacqui Ferguson, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Fraser Macdonald, Cllr Misty Macdonald Angus Alex Mackenzie, Kenny-John MacLennan, John Smith, Jenny Morrison

In attendance: Maggie Macleod, UHI

Welcome and apologies: Apologies received from Alice Murray, Christina Murray, Malcolm Mackay, Angus Smith

The Chairman welcomed Maggie Macleod, Community Engagement Lead, UHI to the meeting, who explained her remit and what UHI can offer the community.

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Matters Arising:

Bus Shelters: on schedule for repair.

Calanais Visitor Centre: Update given on progress. Framing is underway, and roof timbers are being installed. Additional rock work will be required. A site visit for community council members will be organised.

Local Place Plan: see next item

Coastal Communities Fund: All local groups in the forum area had been successful, and letters will go out shortly. Thanks to both Councillors for their work on this.

Traffic Issues: Cllr Fraser will check regarding the 30mph signs. The Roads department was currently working in South Uist, so this might mean a delay. Tour buses are reported to be staying away from Callanish as requested.

Renewables: Aquatera had reported on their consultation on Community benefit. Further consultations by Northlands were organised for June.

Correspondence:

Resignation: An email was received from Lorraine Ballantine intimating her resignation from the Community Council. The members expressed their thanks for her service.

Care Home: Jenny Morrison informed the group of her experience supporting her friend through the move from Blair Bhuidhe to Bremner Court, and the many problems they encountered. Members were concerned to hear about the situation, particularly the fact that residents who had been assessed as requiring 24 hr nursing care were now considered tenants of HHP. It was unclear what the implications would be for their savings and whether the residents would be disadvantaged.

It was decided to invite Nick Fayers from the IJB and Emma Macsween from CnES to the next meeting to clarify some of the issues and answer questions.

AOB

Tourist Activity: It was reported that visitors to the standing stones had been using the surrounding crofts for toileting purposes. Members agreed this was unacceptable and there was no excuse for such behaviour. Cllr Fraser had had signs made stating there were no toilet facilities, and would pass them on to the crofters concerned.

Callanish 2&3: HES is looking at an alternative specification for the path between 2 & 3.

Garynahine Bus Shelter: Report that the bus shelter in the village was being overwhelmed by Rhododendron bushes.

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