

Breasclete Community Council

Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th May 2025, 7.30 pm in Breasclete Community Centre

Present: Jacqui Ferguson, Cllr Ranald Fraser, Fraser Macdonald, Noreen Macdonald, Malcolm Mackay, Angus Alex Mackenzie, Angus Smith, John Smith,

In attendance: Donnie Macleod, Bakkafrust, Jonathan Doyle and Freya Pellie – artist in residence, UNT.

Welcome and apologies: Apologies received from Jenny Morrison, Alice Murray, Christina Murray, Kenny-John MacLennan

The Chairman welcomed the guests to the meeting and invited Jonathan and Freya to briefly outline their project. The group were interested to hear about their events and thanked them for taking the time to visit.

Donnie Macleod from Bakkafrust then highlighted the company's community engagement scheme, particularly the community fund, which was targeted mainly at youth and sporting groups. Applications for the fund can be made on the website. He also said that assisting with beach clean-ups and dealing with shore waste, whether or not it belonged to the fish farm, was part of their remit. It was noted by the clerk that there was always a speedy response to any reports of beach waste. The Chairman thanked Mr Macleod for attending.

Minutes of previous meeting: Approved by John Smith, seconded by Fraser Macdonald

Matters Arising:

Bus Shelters: on schedule for repair.

Calanais Visitor Centre: Update given on progress. Construction is well underway and progress can be seen from the main road. A site visit for community council members still to be organised.

Local Place Plan / Coastal Communities: Forum to meet withing next couple of weeks.

Traffic Issues: 30 mph signs have been ordered. Report that traffic was parked on both sides of road at Callanish had been passed to council who would check and work with the contractors to place cones if required.

Renewables: Consultations still taking place. Northland had written offering further consultation with the Community Council. Clerk to invite them to the next meeting. No further updates from Heastabhal and Grimshader.

Correspondence:

Ferry Access: Email to Cllr Robertson, Calmac and Port Authority regarding the broken passenger lift on the Loch Seaforth, which further restricts access.

Grass Cutting: Discussion was held on finances and management of the scheme. Agreement to raise fees and pay rates for this year and review next year.

AOCB: Road sweeper required for cycle path through Callanish. Cllr Fraser will organise

Date of next meeting: Wednesday 9th July 2025

The meeting then adjourned and the AGM commenced.