



COMHAIRLE NAN EILEAN SIAR PLANNING APPLICATIONS BOARD

Minute of Meeting held in Council Chamber,
Council Offices, Stornoway on Thursday, 9 May
2024 at 10.30am.

PRESENT

Mr Ranald Fraser (Chair)
Mr John A Maciver (Vice Chair)
Mr Iain A MacNeil
Ms Susan Thomson

Mr Paul Finnegan
Mr Robert Mackenzie
Mr Iain M Macaulay

APOLOGIES

Mr Iain M Macleod
Mr John Norman Macleod

Mr George Murray

MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr Gordon Murray

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Mrs Morag Ferguson
Mrs Mairi Maciver
Mr Allan MacDonald
Mr Iain Macleod

Mrs Helen MacDonald
Ms Anne Napier
Mr Derek Mackay
Mrs Fiona Maciver

MINUTES

Minute of Meeting of 6 December 2023

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The Minute of Meeting of 6 December 2023 was **approved**.

Declaration of Interest

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Mr Ranald Fraser declared an interest in item 4 as an observer on Urras nan Tursachan and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

PLANNING

23/00413 –
Demolish Existing
Ruins and Erect 3
No. Chalets, Utility
Shed, Parking and
Drainage at
Garrygall, Isle of
Barra

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The Depute Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning a planning application to demolish existing ruins and erect 3 chalets, utility shed, parking and drainage at Garrygall, Isle of Barra. The Report indicated that the application had received more than six valid representations that raised material planning considerations and was therefore referred to the Board for determination. The Report gave background information, a planning assessment and set out a reasoned conclusion on the application.

It was agreed that, following the outcome of a survey on otter (a European Protected Species) and if any potential adverse effect on otter can be mitigated by condition, the planning application be approved subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 to the Report with any additional otter mitigation condition deemed necessary.

Mr Ranald Fraser declared an interest in item 4 as an observer on Urras nan Tursachan and left the meeting during consideration of the item.

Mr John A Maciver chaired the meeting for the following item.

22/00152/PPD –
Alterations to and
Extension of
Callanish Visitor
Centre, Callanish,
Isle of Lewis.

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The Depute Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning a planning application in relation to alterations to and extension of Callanish Visitor Centre, Callanish, Isle of Lewis. The Report indicated that the application was considered sensitive by the Appointed Officer and was therefore, in accordance with the Scheme of Delegation, referred to the Board for decision. The Report gave background information, a planning assessment and set out a reasoned conclusion on the application.

It was agreed that the planning application be approved subject to the conditions set out in Appendix 1 to the Report.

23/00290/FULTEL –
Erect 25 metre
Lattice
Telecommunicatio
ns Tower Hosting
Antenna , at Tom
Ruisg, Bowglass,
Isle of Harris

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The Depute Chief Executive submitted a Report concerning a planning application to erect a 25 metre Lattice Telecommunications Tower Hosting Antenna at Tom Ruisg, Bowglass, Isle of Harris. The Report indicated that the application was the subject of a formal objection from NatureScot, a Government Agency, and was therefore under the terms of the Scheme of Delegation presented to the Board for a decision. The Report gave background information, a planning assessment and set out a reasoned conclusion on the application.

It was agreed that planning permission be refused for the reasons set out in Appendix 1 to the Report.