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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Miss C MacLennan (Chair) Mr A Morrison Mr G MacKinnon Mr B Morris & Mrs H MacLeod

Item 1: Welcome

Miss C MacLennan took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting. .

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr K Davies Mr A Lockhart & Mr M N Beaton

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 18th May 2015

Minutes from the meeting of 18th May 2015 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Miss C MacLennan and seconded by Mr G MacKinnon and duly signed.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Web Page

Mr A Morrison advised that he is hopeful of having the issue resolved in early course.

Action: AM

b) Great War Commemoration

Mr A Morrison advised that he has confirmed to Mrs A Munro of Struan Trust that all planning issues, having been resolved, could enable funds to be released and he will now proceed to order all required items so that the Flag Pole and seat can be in place for the Remembrance Service in November

Action: AM

c) Telephone Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised that SSE Transmissions have been back in touch and have confirmed that there is a supply to the Telephone Exchange and all that is required is for the fuse to be replaced. They further advised that he would need to contact Distributions to have this undertaken. Mr Morrison confirmed he would do this and hopefully power will be re-instated in early course.

Action: AM

d) BT Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised that still no response and will therefore e-mail again in an attempt to elicit a response.

Action: AM

e) Advertising Community Council Meetings

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Black Boarding for the rear of the sign has been received and Mr G MacKinnon has now attached to the Notice Board.

f) Lease Agreements – Cemetery Car Park & Play Park

Mr A Morrison advised the Tender process is ongoing with a view to submitting an application to the Trust for the quarter to September 2015. **Action: AM**

g) Cemetery Signs & Signs in the Community

Mr A Morrison advised that he has now received a response from Billy Nicolson at the Highland Council, Mr Nicolson advised that, if they have a Cemetery Sign in stock, they will arrange to have this erected. If not, will arrange to have one ordered and erected once received. In respect of the Struan sign that has been down for some time, Mr Nicolson advised that, as the sign belongs to the Community, they would be able to supply the fittings required to enable the Community to re-erect the sign. In respect of the Hill Road passing place signs they are hoping to do something with repairing and re-erecting these signs to assist with the smooth flow of traffic. Mr Nicolson advised that if they ever finish the patching programme they intend to do a bit on sign maintenance so as we have highlighted this particular road he will make sure this is high on the list. Mr Morrison will chase up Cemetery sign and find out what is required to re-erect the Struan sign.

Action: AM

h) Struan Primary School & Nursery

Mr A Morrison confirmed a letter had been sent to Mr Bill Alexander at Highland Council, copies to the local MP, MSP, Area Education Representative and Councillors, acknowledgements received from MP, MSP and Mrs N Young at the area Education Office. To date, no response from Mr Alexander.

i) Adopt a Phone Box Scheme

Miss C MacLennan advised that she had commenced the Consultation process after contacting BT. Notices have now been lodged at each of the Phone Boxes at Struan and Shaggary to advise the public of the intention of the community to participate in the Adopt the Phone Box scheme. There is power to the Phone Box at Struan but not at the Shaggary Phone Box. Miss MacLennan is to put a notice on the Notice Board with details of intention and will also speak to Cioch Direct to advise what is being proposed, as it would ultimately be the intention to move the defibrillator to the Struan Phone Box if all goes ahead. Miss MacLennan will keep CC advised as matters progress.

j) Battle of Festubert Commemoration

Mr B Morris and Mr K Davies attended the Civic Reception held by Highland Council on behalf of the CC; Mr Morris advised it was a very enjoyable and amiable evening and a credit to the Council. C MacLennan thanked Messrs Davies and Morris for representing the Community Council.

k) Pot Holes

It was agreed that it appears that the Pot Holes are being repaired at a steady rate and the position is improving.

Item 5: Correspondence

Miss C MacLennan advised an invitation had been received to attend the Portree High School Prize Giving.

Item 6: AOCB

a) Defibrillator Training

It was agreed that we should arrange a refresher course for the use of the defibrillators in the village. Mr A Morrison advised he would try and contact Neil Campbell or Douglas MacDougall to arrange. **Action: AM**

b) Struan Primary School

It was agreed to make a donation of £100 to the Primary School to assist with costs for their Annual Prize Giving at the end of the School Year.

c) Grass Cutting

To be included on the Agenda for the next meeting

d) Transport – Hospital

It was agreed that Miss C MacLennan would contact Mrs F MacKinnon to see if she would be willing to represent the CC in respect of issues relating to the NHS, as there are a number of meetings being arranged to discuss the future provision of services in the North of Skye. It was also noted that Transportation to and from the new hospital in Broadford would be problematic for anyone wishing to utilise Public Transport, as at present there is only one service to Portree on a Tuesday, with the exception of the School Bus when the School is in session.

Action: CM

e) Shopping Bus Trips to Inverness

As the funds received from the Struan Community Trust have now been fully utilised, Mr B Morris was tasked with investigating if there is the appetite within the Community for further Trips. He will report back at next meeting

Action: BM

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 7th September 2015

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8:40pm.

Miss MacLennan
7th SEPTEMBER 2015