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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 18th May 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Miss C MacLennan (Chair) Mr A Morrison Mr G MacKinnon Mr M N Beaton Mr B Morris Mrs C Stones & Mrs C Tindall

Item 1: Welcome

Miss C MacLennan took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting, particularly Mrs Stones & Mrs Tindall.

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr K Davies Mr A Lockhart & Mrs H MacLeod

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 12th January 2015

Minutes from the meeting of 23rd March 2015 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr G MacKinnon and seconded by Miss C MacLennan 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 now has costings for the a 5M Flag Pole, Flags and Seat, put the costings before members, all agreed these in order, Mr B Morris asked if Mr Morrison could confirm to Mrs A Munro of Struan Trust that all planning issues have been resolved to enable agreed funds to be transferred to CC, Mr Morrison confirmed he would e-mail Mrs Munro accordingly.

Action: AM

c) Telephone Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised that SSE Transmissions are to inspect the Power Supply to the Exchange to see if there is power to the building, this being the case it should be straightforward to re-connect, Mr Morrison will be advised by SSE once they have carried out the site visit and will move forward thereafter.

Action: AM

d) Planning Application – Old Manse

Nothing further on this matter at present

e) Glen Ullinish Wind Farm

It was noted that the Planning Application has recently be granted in respect of this development

f) BT Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised he had not received a response form Digital Scotland consequent to his recent e-mail to them about the possible up grade of the service in the community. Mr Morison advised he would send a further e-mail and see if there is any other way to speed up the up grade of the present service. **Action: AM**

g) Adverting Community Council Meetings

Mr A Morrison advised that Meetings now being advertised and that the replacement Black Boarding for the rear of the Sign has been ordered and paid for and should be to hand in early course, Mr G MacKinnon will put in place when it arrives. **Action: AM**

h) Lease Agreements – Cemetery Car Park & Play Park

Mr A Morrison now in the process of producing a Tender Document for re-surfacing the Car Park and re-instating the wooded boundary Fence. Also, will contact HAGS regards the Play Park

Action: AM

i) Cemetery Sign & Signs in the Community

Mr A Morrison advised he is awaiting a response from Highland Council, advised he would e-mail Billy Nicolson for an up date on all. **Action: AM**

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.

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: Struan Primary School & Nursery

In light of the recent decision by Scottish Ministers to call-in the decision to implement the closure procedure in respect of the Schools at Dunvegan, Edinbane, Knockbreck and Struan, Mrs C Stones & Mrs C Tindall attended the meeting to discuss the situation, particularly in light of the letter sent to Bill Alexander, Director of Care and Learning at Highland Council by Jonathan Moore, Head of School Infrastructure Unit.

In the letter it provides the reasons for calling in the decision, the main reason the ladies wished to discuss was in respect of the Nursery Closures, it was stated in the letter that it suggest to Scottish Ministers:

“that Highland Council may have failed in a significant regard to comply with the requirements imposed on it by (or under) this Act so far as they are relevant in relation to the closure proposal in terms of the requirement for the council to have special regard to the rural factors with reference to the closure of the nurseries specifically, and this may be a failure under section 17(2)(a) of the 2010 Act”

After much discussion on the matter the CC agreed to write Bill Alexander in respect of this particular point, to raise questions in respect of the position, requesting his comments on behalf of the Council, in addition it was agreed that copies of the letter to be sent to MP, MSP, Local Councillors, Area Education Representatives.

Action: AM

Item 6: AGM

The AGM is to be held on Wednesday 10th June 2015 at 7.00pm in the School followed immediately by an ordinary meeting, Mr A Morrison advised he would contact WHFP to have an advert in the issue due out on 28th May 2015, also will advertise on the Notice Board, issue Minutes from last years AGM to members along with Agenda. **Action: AM**

Item 7: Correspondence

Letter received from BT regarding there Adopt a Phone Box Scheme, it was agreed that we should consider this for the Phone Boxes in our Area, Miss C MacLennan to take on and will report back with findings ion due course. **Action: CM**

Item 8: AOCB

Miss C MacLennan advised that Miss Joan MacLeod had contacted her regards siting a Snack Van in the village to ask if the Community Council had any objection or views on the matter, Miss MacLeod had suggested siting either at the Cemetery Car Park or at the Car Park below the Doune, Miss MacLennan advised that she did not believe that the Cemetery Car Park would be appropriate, this was agreed by all. In respect of the Car Park at the Doune, it was agreed that we did not have any objections, however, it would be incumbent on Miss MacLeod to seek permission from the owners of the Car Park prior to proceeding, it is likely to be owned by either Historic Scotland or Highland Council. Miss C MacLennan is to convey our comments to Miss MacLeod.

Date of next Meeting will be Wednesday 10th June 2015

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8:25pm.