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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 23rd March 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Miss C MacLennan (Chair) Mr A Morrison Mr K Davies Mr A Lockhart
Mr G MacKinnon Mrs H MacLeod & Ms S Illingworth

Item 1: Welcome

Miss C MacLennan took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting, particularly Ms Illingworth.

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr B Morris & Mr M N Beaton

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 12th January 2015

Minutes from the meeting of 12th January 2015 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr K Davies and seconded by Mr G MacKinnon and duly signed.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Web Page

Mr A Morrison advised that this has not yet been moved forward, due to time constraints, he will endeavour to sit down with Mr N Till at the earliest opportunity.

Action: AM

b) Great War Commemoration

Mr A Morrison advised that all has now been agreed and we can proceed with proposed Flag Pole, Seat & Plaques, further advised he would contact Mr M N Beaton to move forward ordering the relevant items required.

Action: AM

c) Telephone Exchange

Mr A Morrison confirmed that he has spoken to Highland Council Insurance Dept and they have confirmed that they have added the Telephone Exchange to the Zurich Insurance Policy with no additional premium being due. In addition advised that SSE cannot tie up the Electricity Meter No with the site, so will need to contact SSE Transmissions to arrange a visit by them to the site to move matters forward.

Action: AM

Prior to commencement of discussion of this issue, Miss C MacLennan advised that as she has an interest (Non- Financial) in the next item, she would not be taking any part in the discussion, therefore, asked Mr K Davies to take the chair for the duration of the discussion

d) Planning Application – Old Manse

Ms Illingworth initially advised that the subsequent to discussions and a visit to the site by Mark Harvey, Planning Officer, the wall that had moved has now been replaced properly on the new line, Ms Illingworth entirely satisfied with the work undertaken. Ms Illingworth further went on to advise that a further Planning Application has now been submitted for the site, in this instance the Application is for one House as opposed to the two previously proposed. Ms Illingworth reiterated her concern regards the wall, as the access road to the site once again runs adjacent to the wall, she is concerned due to the traffic on the access road it will cause damage to the wall over time, in addition due to the history with the developer she is concerned that he may be flagrant with the Planning Consent if obtained, asked if the CC would be willing to object to the development or how we would be willing to assist in the matter. After discussion it was agreed that we could not object to the development, however, we would ask the Planning Dept to note our interest regarding the Application, as is our right, in addition would submit comments, requesting that the Planning Officer note the concerns regards the Access Road to the site as it may cause damage to the wall, taking into consideration it has Listed Status, also asking that they keep a close watch on the development if consent is granted, due to previous history of works undertaken to the site. Mr A Morrison will contact the Planning Dept and submit our comments. **Action: AM**

Miss C MacLennan re-took the chair at this point

e) Glen Ullinish Wind Farm

Decision on Planning Application is imminent.

f) BT Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised he had processed an e-mail enquiry of the Digital Scotland Web Site, as no address available to write, to date no response received, therefore, will re-submit enquiry.

g) Advertising Community Council Meetings

Mr G MacKinnon confirmed that he has re-instated the Notice Board, Mr A Morrison advised he would proceed and order the Black Boarding for the rear of the sign to enable local events to be advertised on the Notice Board. **Action: AM**

h) Lease Agreements – Cemetery Car Park & Play Park

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Agreements relating to the Cemetery Car Park was amended by Mark Crowe as requested, both Agreements have now been signed, Mr A Morrison will now move forward to produce a Tender Document for re-surfacing the Car Park and re-instating the wooded boundary Fence. Also, will contact HAGS regards the Play Park as he is awaiting a call from Pam Brannan to arrange a site visit. **Action: AM**

i) Struan Primary School

Mr A Morrison confirmed he had submitted a further submission to go to the Education, Children and Adult Services Committee Meeting on 14th January 2015, as agreed at the last meeting. It was further noted that the Highland Council have now made the decision to close the three affected Schools and build a new School in Dunvegan, however, they are to look at the possibility of Dual Zoning, therefore allowing Struan pupils to have the option to attend either Carbost or Dunvegan Primary Schools. In this vein it was also noted that Ian Jackson and Norma Young are to attend a meeting with parents of existing pupils in the School this coming Thursday to discuss the matter, however, not clear if the meeting is open to prospective parents, it was therefore agreed to e-mail Mr Jackson to see who was being invited to the meeting and also ask if further meetings with affected individuals or groups is proposed, Mr A Morrison to attend to e-mail. **Action: AM**

j) Cemetery Sign & Signs in the Community

Mr A Morrison confirmed he had e-mailed Highland Council and subsequently spoke to Mr D Macleod and Mr B Nicolson, they were going to survey the site to enable them to proceed to erect a sign denoting the location of the Cemetery, confirming that it is the Council's responsibility to erect this sign. However, still awaiting response regards the other signs in the village and the Slow road marking on the Hill Road that has faded away, will e-mail again for an update on these items. **Action: AM**

Item 5: Inspector Allan

Although the CC Meeting had to be postponed due to the fact that we did not have a Quorum, it was not possible to contact the Inspector to let her know, therefore Miss C MacLennan, Mr B Morris and Mr A Morrison met with Inspector Allan informally on Monday 2nd March 2015. Inspector Allan is visiting all CCs that wish to see her, mainly to introduce herself and to see if the Community has any concerns, we raised the issue of the condition of the roads and the impact they could have on Road Safety, Inspector will monitor accidents to see if they are a cause of accidents of this is the case she will act accordingly. Also, in light of previous thefts from Rural locations, Inspector asked that people should secure their property and report any strange vehicles or people in the vicinity.

Item 6: Ward Forum/Community Resilience

Miss C MacLennan gave a detailed report on the Ward Forum, reports from Police, Fire and Ambulance Services. In addition, presentation regards Community Resilience in light of the recent Power Failures. In respect of this an e-mail has been received from W MacKinnon, Ward Manager to see if interest in the Community for setting up a Community Resilience Group in each locality, has also included a short questionnaire within the e-mail that requires to be completed and returned to him, it was agreed to respond in the positive, it is anticipated that a Community Resilience day will be arranged to move matters forward and advise what would be required from the Group in the Community.

Item 7: A87 Speed Limit

This had been raised by a number of members of the Community, however, now moot as the planned Speed Limit idea has been dropped.

Item 8: Battle of Festubert Commemorations

An invitation has been received from the local Highland Council Members for two members of the CC to attend a reception on Saturday 16th May 2015 in Portree in respect of the Commemorations. It was agreed to accept the Invitation but a decision to be made at a later date as to who will attend on behalf of the CC.

Item 9: Correspondence

None

Item 10: AOCB

a) Pot Holes

It was highlighted by all the shocking condition of the roads in the area and for that matter throughout the island, with a significant degree of Pot Holes some of a significant circumference and depth, It was agreed to e-mail TEC Services in Portree for an indication of their proposals to have these Pot Holes repaired.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 18th May 2015

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8:35pm.