

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 23rd JUNE 2014

AT

STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

7.30pm

PRESENT: TRUSTEES – Brian Morris (Treasurer), Alison Munro (Secretary), Christine MacLennan, Alastair Morrison, Alastair Streeton.

APOLOGIES – Donald Beaton (Chair) John MacKinnon (Vice Chair), Emily Faull, (Vattenfall Communications & Engagement Assistant)

PRESENT: COMMUNITY MEMBERS – Lyn Hewitt, Geoff Semler, Peggy Semler, Marie Morrison, Graham MacKinnon, Daniel Morrison, Kenna MacInnes, Kenny Munro, Keith Davies, Linda Henderson.

APOLOGIES – None

In the absence of the Trust Chairman and Vice Chairman, Mr A Morrison was nominated to chair the meeting. Mr Morrison took the chair and opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last AGM held on 24th June 2013 were agreed to being a true representation of the meeting were proposed by Geoff Semler, and seconded by Alastair Streeton and were duly signed.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. With Mr Beaton being absent from the meeting Miss C MacLennan read out his report. See copy attached.

The Trust's contacts with Vattenfall remain to be **Emily Faull** (Communications & Engagement Assistant) together with **Ross Cant** (Vattenfall Onshore Site Manager).

Mr Morrison invited questions from the floor.

No questions were raised and Mr Morrison thanked Miss MacLennan

Mr G Semler asked Mr Morrison if there had been any progress with the Web Site.

Mr Morrison said that this was ongoing and **Mr Niall Till** had not been in touch but the web page has been designed and both the Community Council and Community Trust await instructions from Mr Till.

Mr Morrison handed the meeting over to Mr B Morris (Treasurer)

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Audited accounts to 31st March 2014 copy attached, was distributed to the meeting. The Treasurer went through each item and reported that accounts have been submitted to the Inland Revenue with no tax liabilities.

The balance in the Current Account at 31st March 2014 was £79,810.11 with Fixed Bond £30,000 being available on 19th May 2014 giving a total balance of **£109,810.11** which is reduced by outstanding amounts on applications approved at the April 2014 meeting.

Mr Morris said that given that the Trustees meet quarterly some applications form the following years' accounts.

This year's payment due from Vattenfall will be in the region of £36,000 which is index linked.

Mr Morris invited questions from the floor.

Questions put forward –

1) Mr Geoff Semler – Would it be possible in future to have the accounts report show the outstanding and ongoing application amounts approved?

Mr Morris replied that this would not be a problem and he will incorporate them in his report in 2015.

2) Mrs Peggy Semler- Are the Trustees tied to having the accounts running from April to March each year?

Mr Morris said no, but a change would be required to be proposed at an AGM.

There being no objections the accounts were ratified and signed by Mr A Morrison and Mrs A Munro.

4. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Messrs Donald Rankin was proposed to continue by Alistair Streeton, seconded by Christine MacLennan.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

Mr Morrison handed the meeting over to the secretary, Alison Munro who stated that three Trustees were obliged to stand down this year – Donald Beaton, John MacKinnon and Christine MacLennan. No completed nomination form had been received from Donald Beaton and Christine MacLennan as they did not wish to stand this year.

Five completed nomination forms were received. – Peggy Semler, John MacKinnon, Keith Davies, Alasdair MacPhie and Kenneth Munro.

As only three seats are vacant on the Board of Trustees, an election will be required to be carried out.

Mrs Munro will contact the **Elections Officer, Mrs Cheryl MacIver** in Inverness and take it forward from there.

Election of Office Bearers will be held at the next Trust meeting in August 2014.

6. Proposal to Change Deed of Trust

Mr Morrison explained why he proposed the change in the **Deed of Trust Paragraph 7.3** which reads, **No person shall act as a Trustee for a period in excess of six years without there being a period of at least one year when that person does not hold office as a Trustee.** He said that this could cause problems in the future as it is difficult to get people in the community to come forward as nominees.

Miss C MacLennan did draw attention to the fact that, ostensibly, with the proposed change, the

same Office -bearers could be in place for years on end which, she personally did not think was a healthy situation.

It was asked how Vattenfall stood with the proposed change in which was replied that Vattenfall had been contacted and have no objections to the change.

Mr Morrison asked for a show of hands in favour of the change- the meeting were unanimously in favour

Mr Morrison will take this forward.

7. AOCB

Mr Morrison opened the meeting to the floor.

No remarks or questions were put to the Trustees.

Miss C MacLennan advised that the Trust now have their Data Protection Policy in place.

Mr Morrison thanked her for her work on the document.

Mr Morrison wished to pay tribute to Mr Donald Beaton for his invaluable time and work commitment as the first Chairman of the Trust.

He also thanked Miss MacLennan for her work and commitment as a Trustee.

Mr John MacKinnon wished to thank, via his apology note, Mr Beaton and Mrs Munro for all their work they have put in this year.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Subject to School availability the next AGM should take place on Monday 22nd June 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the meeting and closed at 8.05pm.

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Due to my wife's illness I had decided that I could no longer continue with my role as Trustee and would stand down at this AGM. As you all know my wife died suddenly on 12th June and I am sorry that I am unable to be with you tonight and thank you all for your sympathy in my sore loss

The trustees have carried out their duties once more this year and meetings were held in September, October, January and April. The trustees this session were John MacKinnon, Alison Munro, Brian Morris, Christine MacLennan, Alasdair Morrison, Alistair Streeton and me.

The annual payment from Vattenfall was made in early July and Brian Morris will be giving a financial update later on in the meeting and will explain the accounts.

Our contacts with Vattenfall remain the same this year. Emily Faull is the Communications and Engagement Assistant and Mr Ross Cant is the Onshore Site Manager.

At the September meeting Struan Football Club received £2000 for the purchase of a new mower and £985 for running costs. The Community Council applied for £655.20 on behalf of the Parent Council for the cost of school activities and this was granted. The Way Forward Group received £1000 for excursion costs and the Community Council received £458.45 for costs associated with the presentation to the recently retired Head Teacher at Struan Primary School.

Representatives from the North West Skye Recreational Association were invited to the October meeting and gave a presentation on the proposed Sport and Wellness Hub in Dunvegan who are looking for financial support for the project. Trustees were supportive of this project and agreed to support it and set a maximum contribution of £5000 annually subject to review and submission of application form.

The September meeting approved the sum of £780 for Mrs Jacqueline Jackson on behalf of The Wee Blether to hold carers in the community meetings on the basis that the applicant approaches other Trusts in the area in future so costs are fairly distributed in local communities. The Struan Community Council received £900 for the annual fireworks and bonfire night expenses.

In January the 4th Isle of Skye Guides received £250 to enable guides to attend the Centenary Activity Camp in Perth.

The Skye and Lochalsh Meat Supply Group applied for £1000 to assist in funding a project worker. This was approved in principal on the basis that the group reached their funding target and when the Project Worker was appointed.

Mr Ian Blackford from the North West Skye Recreation Association attended the April meeting and updated trustees on progress with the project. He thanked the Trustees for their support of £5000 per year and asked if they would consider a more long term support of £5000 over 10 years which will give NWSRA a better position when negotiating funding. Following discussion the Trustees in office at present would commit in principle to £5000 for 5 years subject to a satisfactory application form being submitted when funds were required.

Mr Finlay Elgar from the Glendale Trust also attended this meeting and gave Trustees a brief description of his role as Local Development Officer and especially the project to provide a sustainable bus route in the Glendale area. He wished to enquire whether there would be a need for something similar in the Struan area and would be happy to assist if required. It was decided that Mr Finlay should be advised to approach Struan Community Council who could find out the views of local residents as the Trust only deals with submitted applications.

At the April meeting the Struan Football Club received £1341 for ongoing costs and the Struan Gala Committee received £4600 towards the annual Gala Day activities. The Duirinish and Bracadale Agricultural Show Committee applied for and received £4200 for the purchase of animal hurdles and tables and chairs.

The Struan Jetty and Moorings Association applied for funding for repairs to Struan Jetty and for the extension of car parking. The application was approved and the amount of funding was capped at £27000 inclusive of VAT and will be paid on receipt of invoices and any VAT reclaimed would be refunded to the Trust.

An individual application was declined on the basis that it did not fit the criteria in the Deed of Trust and the applicant does not reside in Struan.

The Caroy Jetty Users Association applied for £5000 but as no breakdown of costs was supplied and no constitution was provided it was deferred to the August meeting until that information was provided.

A Group application was submitted by Mr Alastair MacPhie to provide a vehicle for the 2nd crew member on behalf of the Scottish Ambulance Service. It was felt that this could not be approved as a group application as this was an issue for the NHS which is government funded and therefore would not fit the criteria in the Deed of Trust. However following further communication with Mr MacPhie it became apparent that it should have been an individual application which on receipt of the application was approved by email for £1750 per annum provided Dunvegan Community Trust agreed to contribute the same amount.

It has been a privilege to serve the Community as the first Chairman of the Trust and I acknowledge the help I have received in carrying out this role by trustees past and present. Alison Munro especially has been of tremendous help and support in her role as Secretary and I think we at times do not recognise fully what is involved. The Struan Community is a wonderful place to live and the community is always so supportive of work done in the community. I am available to assist in any way I can as the next group of Trustees take over following the AGM.

DONALD G BEATON

CHAIRMAN

19th June 2014

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year
1.4.2013 to 31.3.2014

Balance @ 1. 4.2013		37,844.84
	Treasurers' A/c	
	Fixed Bond	50,000.00
<u>INCOME</u>		
Vattenfall Windpower	36,002.00	
Bank Interest Net	19.66	
Bank Interest Bonds Net	846.02	
Total Income		<u>36,867.68</u>
		124,712.52
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>		
Total Grants (11)		
Community Gala	1,910.00	
Community Seats/Benches	4,309.00	
Mrs F MacKinnon- Cash Machine	610.56	
Football Club	2,985.00	
School Parent Council	655.20	
Way Forward Group	1,000.00	
Head Teachers Retirement Party	458.45	
Fireworks	900.00	
Mrs S Jackson (Wee Blether)	780.00	
4 th Isle of Skye Guides	250.00	
Dunvegan Community Minibus Association	12,000.00	
Secretary Honorarium	500.00	
West Highland Publishing (AGM Notice)	96.00	
D Rankin –Accountancy Fees	318.00	
N Till – Website expenses	115.20	
SLCVO Membership	15.00	
Total Expenditure		14,902.41
Balances at 31.3.2014		
	Treasurers A/C	79,810.11
	Fixed Bond 19.5.2014	<u>30,000.00</u>
		124,712.52

Brian Morris - Treasurer