

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 24th JUNE 2013

AT

STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

7.30pm

PRESENT: TRUSTEES – Donald Beaton (Chair), Brian Morris (Treasurer), Alison Munro (Secretary) John Mackinnon & Alastair Morrison.

APOLOGIES – Christine MacLennan, Linda Henderson, Emily Faull, (Vattenfall Communications & Engagement Assistant)

PRESENT: COMMUNITY MEMBERS – Lyn Hewitt, Geoff Semler, Peggy Semler, Mhari Morrison, Susan Mackinnon, Paul Mackinnon, Mhari MacPhie (Non Community Member), Finella MacKinnon, Ryan Morrison (Minor), Alastair Streeton, Sam MacLeod & Helyn MacLeod

APOLOGIES – None

Donald Beaton opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

1. MINUTES

The minutes of the last AGM held on 25th June 2012 were agreed to being a true representation of the meeting with one date amendment and were proposed by Alastair Morrison, and seconded by Donald Beaton (Chairman) and were duly signed.

2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Donald Beaton read out his report, copy attached.

He advised that **David Rodger** (Senior Communications Advisor) with Vattenfall had left at the end of June 2012 and the Trust's new contact is, **Emily Faull** (Communications & Engagement Assistant) together with **Ross Cant** (Vattenfall Onshore Site Manager).

Mr Beaton invited questions from the floor.

No questions were raised.

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

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Audited accounts to 31st March 2013 copy attached, was distributed to the meeting. The Treasurer went through each item and reported that accounts have been submitted to the Inland Revenue and that all tax had been paid to date. Tax being due only on the bank interest on the balance of accounts, which is minimal. The Accountancy Fees to Donald Rankin of £882.00 represented three years of fees.

The balance in the Current Account at 31st March 2013 was £37,844.84 with Fixed Bond £50,000 being available on 4th October 2013 giving a total balance of **£87,844.84**. This year's payment due from Vattenfall will be in the region of £36,000.

Mr Morris invited questions from the floor.

Questions put forward –

1) Mr Geoff Semler – Would any penalties be incurred if a Bond was to be cashed in early?

Mr Morris replied that there would be a loss of 90 days interest which would be minimal due to low interest rates.

2) Mrs Peggy Semler- How much did the bus trips cost?

Mr Morris said that he had not received the account for the last trip but said that previous trips cost £460 per trip.

He advised that **Struan Community Council** had applied and received the grant from the Trust and were now responsible for organising said trips.

There being no objections the accounts were ratified – proposed Mrs Helyn MacLeod, seconded Mr Geoff Semler.

4. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Messrs Donald Rankin was proposed to continue by Donald Beaton, seconded John MacKinnon.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The three Trustees obliged to stand down this year – Brian Morris, Linda Henderson & John MacKinnon.

No completed nomination form had been received from member of the Trust, Linda Henderson, who had decided not to stand this year.

Three completed nomination forms were received. – Brian Morris, John MacKinnon and Alastair Streeton.

As only three seats are vacant on the Board of Trustees, these nominees were proposed by Mr A Morrison and seconded by Helyn MacLeod.

Election of Office Bearers will be held at the next Trust meeting in August 2013.

Mr Beaton advised the meeting that no Trustee may stand for longer than 6 years and that it is imperative that members of the community come forward as nominees.

At present four members of the Trust are also members of the Community Council with two being Office Bearers on both committees.

6. AOCB

Mr Beaton opened the floor to the meeting.

Mrs Semler asked if there had been any progress with the Web Site.

Mrs Munro had no up-dates but advised that Mr Niall Till has this in hand.

None

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Subject to School availability the next AGM should take place on Monday 23rd June 2014.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the meeting and closed at 8.15pm.

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST
CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The trustees have carried out their duties once more this year and meetings were held in August, October, January and April.

Following on from the suggestion at last year's AGM, Niall Till attended our October meeting and agreed to assist in the setting up of a Community Web Site. Following further discussion it was agreed that it would be most beneficial to the community to include the Community Council in this project as well. Mr Till agreed to carry out the work required and will be reimbursed by the Trust at the rate of £20 per hour. It is hoped that the Community Web Site will be operational soon.

The annual payment from Vattenfall was made in early July and amounted to £34,922. Brian Morris will be giving a financial update later on in the meeting and will explain the accounts.

David Rodger, Senior Communications Advisor with Vattenfall left this post at the end of June 2012 and our new contact is Emily Faull, Communications and Engagement Assistant together with Mr Ross Cant, Vattenfall Onshore Site Manager.

At the August meeting Angus Munro attended on behalf of the Dunvegan Community Minibus Association to outline a proposal for the purchase of a new minibus for the area. Mr Munro outlined the usage of the bus which is well used in the Struan Community area. He explained that it was intended to purchase a new minibus and that Dunvegan, Edinbane and Glendale Trusts would be asked to consider funding this project. It was unanimously agreed that Struan Community Trust would support this initiative and would provide funding up to a maximum of £15,000. Mr Munro was advised that an application form would require to be submitted in due course after estimates were available.

There was only one application for funding received for the August meeting, a proposal from Struan Community Council to arrange first aid courses. The sum of £1,120 was awarded by the Trust.

Mr Christopher Pilsbury submitted proposals to this meeting, one for Energy Bill Grants and another for the Provision of Community Skips. It was noted that neither could be taken forward as they were not applications and the Secretary wrote to Mr Pilsbury explaining this and suggested that he take the Community Skip Proposal to the Community Council who would be in a position to apply to the Trust on the Community's behalf.

Four applications were submitted to the October meeting and all received funding. Struan Community Council received £3,000 towards the costs of community bus trips to Inverness. Struan Community Council also received £700 for the annual fireworks display and bonfire. £150 was awarded for the Struan Children's Halloween Party and the Dunvegan and District Lunch Club received £3000 for the provision of meals for senior citizens.

There was only one application submitted to the January meeting from the Community Council regarding the retention of the ATM machine at Struan Garage. It was unanimously agreed that the ATM was of Community benefit and that Mrs MacKinnon should not be expected to bear the costs of its operation. The Community Council will liaise with Mrs MacKinnon and running costs will be reimbursed by the Trust on receipt of an application form from the Community Council. In April the successful bids were £12,000 to the Mini Bus Association, £4,309 to Struan Community Council for Picnic Benches and Seating, and £1,900 to the Struan Gala Committee for the annual Gala in July.

There were no unsuccessful applications submitted this year.

The minutes are displayed on the Notice Board and once the web site is up and running will also be displayed there.

There is huge potential for community projects due to the significant sums of money coming in each year and hopefully the trustees will receive plenty of applications in the coming years.

I would like to finish by once again expressing my thanks to my fellow trustees for their support and commitment this year and especially to our Secretary who has the burden of carrying out a whole range of work on our behalf.

DONALD G BEATON – CHAIRMAN -24th June 2013

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST
Income & Expenditure Account for the Year
1.4.2012 to 31.3.2013

Balance @ 1.4.2012		Treasurer's A/c	16,130.11
		Fixed Bond 1	35,000.00
		Fixed Bond 2	32,000.00
<u>INCOME</u>			
Vattenfall Windpower	34,922.00		
Bank Interest Net	9.68		
Bank Interest Bonds Net	1,158.97		
Total Income			<u>36,090.65</u>
			119,220.76
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Total Grants (14):			
Inverness Bus Trips (3)	3,860.00		
School Parent Council	600.00		
Football Club	3,285.00		
Community Gala	3,293.00		
St Columbus Caroy	500.00		
Way Forward Group	1,000.00		
First Aid Courses	1,120.00		
Fireworks	700.00		
School Halloween Party	150.00		
Dunvegan & District Senior Citizens	3,000.00		
Dunvegan Community Minibus Association	12,000.00		
Mrs F MacKinnon	200.88		
<u>OTHER</u>			
Secretary Hononarium	500.00		
West Highland Publishing (AGM Notice)	96.00		
D Rankin –Accountancy Fees	882.00		
Highland Council –Election Expenses	174.04		
SLCVO Membership	15.00		
Total Expenditure			31,375.92
Balances at 31.3.2013		Treasurers A/C	37,844.84
		Fixed Bond	<u>50,000.00</u>
			119,220.76

Brian Morris - Treasurer