

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 27th JUNE 2011

AT

STRUAN PRIMARY SCHOOL

PRESENT: TRUSTEES – Donald Beaton (Chair), John Mackinnon, Christine MacLennan, Brian Morris (Treasurer), Marion MacAskill, Linda Henderson (minutes). APOLOGIES – Alison Munro (Secretary)

PRESENT: COMMUNITY MEMBERS – Peter Elford, Helen Urquhart, Kenna MacInnes, Maggi Charteris, Leslie Charteris, Lyn Hewitt, Helynn MacLeod, Sam MacLeod, Murdo MacPhie, Geoff Semler, Peggy Semler, Alasdair Morrison, Susan Mackinnon, and Jamie Mackinnon [minor], Beth Edwards, and Archie Edwards. APOLOGIES – Michelle Seviour.

Donald Beaton opened the meeting with a welcome to all.

1. The MINUTES of the last AGM held on 28th June 2010 were proposed by John MacKinnon and seconded by Donald Beaton.
2. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT. Donald Beaton read out his report, copy attached, and invited questions from the floor.
Questions concerning the criteria required for a successful individual application were discussed in detail. The meeting strongly felt that:
 - other communities seemed able to make individual grants particularly in relation to education and training.
 - other communities seem able to set up bursaries.
 - that the meeting would like to see Edinbane Trust and Struan Trust holding a joint discussion.
 - that attendance at the next Trust meeting in August by a representative from Vattenfall would be desirable particularly to explore the possibility of an allocation to a bursaries fund.
 - that the question should be asked as to whether the Deed of Community Benefit entered into jointly with Edinbane and Vattenfall is fit for purpose.
 - that appeal by way of the dispute resolution process may need to be invoked

The Chairman advised the meeting that re-negotiating the Deed would be a time consuming and costly process. That the Community Council is an existing vehicle that can support initiatives by making applications to the Trust. He emphasised that the

Trustees existed to consider applications for grants and to carefully dispose the income from the Fund. Any ideas, initiatives or projects must be Community driven and cannot be instigated by the Trustees. He also asked for people to consider becoming Community Councillors to support this work.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

The audited accounts to 31 March 2011 are as attached. The Treasurer went through each item and explained that fees were due to the Auditors, Messrs Donald Rankin and that tax would be due on the small amount of interest earned. The balance in the current account as at the meeting date was £24400.

The Chairman said that he had a recent letter from Vattenfall stating that the next instalment will be paid very shortly in the sum of £33870.

The question of whether the interest might be separately channelled from the Trust Fund was raised. The Treasurer was of the view that all income belonged to the Trust and probably couldn't be dealt with under different criteria.

There being no objections the accounts were ratified – proposed Donald Beaton, seconded John MacKinnon.

4. APPOINTMENT OF FINANCIAL ADVISORS

Messrs Donald Rankin were proposed to continue by Marion MacAskill, seconded Alasdair Morrison.

5. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEES

The three Trustees obliged to stand down this year – Donald Beaton, John MacKinnon and Linda Henderson – had all completed nomination forms and no other nominees had been received before 13 June. The Trustees were re-elected and confirmed by the meeting, proposed Marion MacAskill, seconded Peter Elford.

6. SCT LOGO

In the absence of Mrs Munro it was not possible to show the winning logo but the meeting was told that the artwork for headed notepaper and compliments slips was in hand with the Secretary.

7. AOCB

The Chairman is to pass on details of the Trust's contact at Vattenfall so that Community members can write on an individual basis.

The question arose of whether an individual can run a project for community benefit – a minibus for example – the individual themselves gaining no benefit. It was felt that it

was not necessary to form a group so long as community support and benefit could be demonstrated. The possibility of a community turbine, public toilets and tree planting was also raised. Again it was emphasised that the Trustees themselves could not be initiators and the meeting was reminded that the next cut-off date for applications for consideration in August was this week on 30 June.

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Subject to School availability the next AGM should take place on Monday 25 June 2012.

There being no further business the Chairman thanked the meeting and closed at 8.50pm.