

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

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**Date:** 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Struan Primary School

**Present:** Donald Beaton, John MacKinnon, Christine MacLennan, Marion MacAskill,  
Brian Morris, Alison Munro

Also present: Michelle Seviour from SLCVO (Skye & Lochalsh for Voluntary Organisations).

**Apologies for Absence:** Mr Duncan MacKinnon

Minutes from meeting of 7<sup>th</sup> December 2010 proposed by John MacKinnon and seconded by Miss C MacLennan.

Meeting opened in the first instance by Mr Donald Beaton who welcomed everyone. Mr Beaton told members that the main reason for the meeting was to discuss Application Forms & Guidelines. Miss Seviour was attending the meeting to guide & advise us on this matter later in the meeting.

### 1. Activation of Bank Account

Mr Beaton had contacted the Royal Bank of Scotland concerning the non activation of the Trust's account. They advised Mr Beaton that they had not received his details and so the account could not be activated. Mr Beaton advised that these forms had gone to the Bank. The Bank later contacted Mr Beaton by telephone to apologise. They had found the information required on file and advised him that the account was now activated. The Treasurer, Mr Brian Morris confirmed this, as he had now, received a bank statement.

## **2. Matters Arising**

Mr Brian Morris had been in contact with Donald Rankin.

Mr Morris and Miss C MacLennan were concerned as to whether, Donald Rankin Business Services were qualified to prepare accounts to meet our needs.

It is noted that, as far as we are aware, the business is a qualified one but we should approach other Accountants, for a competitive price for their fees.

Mr Morris went on to say that Mr Rankin has already contacted HMRC about the Tax implications.

Mr Rankin has not yet received information from HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) concerning our case.

Mr Rankin advised Mr Morris that, it appears at present there are no clear Tax liabilities on the annual sum of £32,000, but he feels that, with so many Wind farms being built that the Government might, at a later date, impose a Capital Gains Tax on this income.

This however, is not the case at present, but may happen.

If this were to occur, he would advise us to go to Charitable status.

Mr Morris to attend a meeting with Mr Rankin in the near future.

**Action: BM**

## **3. Charitable Trust**

The meeting went on to discuss charitable status.

The main concern regarding being a Charitable Trust was mainly that, it would appear, we might only then be able to give grants to registered Charities and not to any other non Charitable groups.

It was decided that more investigation into this was required and that contacting OSCR, (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator) for advice before any decisions could be made was necessary.

Mr Brian Morris to contact OSCR

**Action: BM**

## **4. Community Benefit Agreement**

Mr Beaton advised the meeting that, although the Press Release had gone out, the Community Benefit Agreement between The Trust and Vattenfall has not yet been signed.

Mr Beaton said that as soon as he had any information as to when this would take place he would contact members immediately

Mr D Beaton went onto say that he had been contacted by BBC Radio nan Gaidheal, inviting a fluent Gaelic speaker onto their programme to give them an update on how things are progressing with the Trust.

As no member of the Trust speaks fluent Gaelic, the Chairman suggested Mr Neil Beaton, from the original Steering Group.

Mr Beaton, kindly agreed and went onto the programme and spoke on behalf of the Trust

## **5. Community Letter**

The community letter was distributed in the Struan community by Christine MacLennan, Miss Emma Jane MacAskill and Alison Munro.

Only one person responded to the letter.

Mr Brian Smith from Ullinish has requested to have the minutes and any Newsletters sent to him by email.

As requested these will be sent to him by the Secretary when available.

**Action: AM**

It was decided that Emma Jane MacAskill should be given a gift of £25 as a thank you for her help & support.

## **6. Community Council Update**

The Struan Community Council had requested an update on the progress of the Trust at their AGM in December 2009.

Miss C MacLennan and Mr A Morrison updated the CC on our behalf and a copy of the Community Newsletter was tabled

## **7. Trust Application Forms and Guidance**

Detailed discussions regarding Application Forms and Guidelines continued for the rest of the meeting, with invaluable help from Michelle Seviour.

Miss Seviour had spent a considerable amount of her time preparing for the meeting.

This was very much appreciated by the Trust members.

Miss Seviour told members, if we needed further assistance, she was happy to be contacted.

## **8. AOCB**

Mr Beaton has completed the application form to join the SLCVO.

The subscription of £15 to be paid by Direct Debit.

First payment to be paid Feb 2010

There being no further business.

Meeting closed 10.00pm

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 25th February 2010. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm

**Action: CM** to book school