

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

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**Date:** 23rd April 2012  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Struan Primary School

**Present:** Donald Beaton Christine MacLennan Brian Morris Alison Munro Linda Henderson  
John MacKinnon & Marion MacAskill

**Apologies for Absence:** None

### 1. Welcome

Meeting opened in the first instance by Chairman, Mr Donald Beaton with a welcome.

### 2. Minutes

a) Minutes from the meeting of 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Linda Henderson seconded by Miss C MacLennan. Minutes were duly signed. The Chairman also signed the minutes.

b) **Minutes Extraordinary** meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> February 2012 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Brian Morris seconded by Miss C MacLennan. Minutes were duly signed. The Chairman also signed the minutes.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### Tourist Information Initiative

Mrs Henderson addressed the meeting. Mr Donald Budge had approached the Trust via Mrs Henderson for help with funding the possibility of re-opening the Tourist Information that had been closed in Dunvegan. Mrs Henderson volunteered to represent the Trust on a sub-committee after contacting members via email for their approval. This was approved by a majority.

Mrs Henderson tabled a draft outline for the Trustees information about what the Initiative aims were and explained the possible benefits it would have on the Struan community as well as Dunvegan.

The Initiative is looking for funding from all three Windfarm Trusts to secure the lease on the property in Lochside, Dunvegan.

The amount that would be requested from Struan would be £2000 initially and would be an annual payment if approved. This would have to be processed through the normal applications process.

The majority of the cost would be funded by HIE (Highland & Islands Enterprise) but a seed fund was a requirement of HIE. The Initiative would seek to employ locals.

This was discussed at length and not all Trustees were in agreement on the benefit this would have on Struan community and also could be outwith the Trust's guidelines. It was proposed that Mrs Henderson should continue to take this forward and report back until a formal application to the Trust is received.

**Action: LH**

#### 4. Treasurers Report

Mr Morris reported that he had paid Mr M MacPhie £430 for a bus trip to Inverness. He felt that there was some confusion over how much funding Mr MacPhie still had available.

Mrs Munro will make a statement of his funding and contact Mr MacPhie.

Mr Morris informed the meeting that the balances of accounts now stand at:

Current Account	£16,130.00	Investment Bond 1	£35,000.00	Matures on 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2012
- Mr MacPhie	£ 430.00	Investment Bond 2	£32,000.00	Matures on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013

**Balance                    £15,700.00                                    £67,000.00 = Total @ 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2012 = £82,700.00**

Vattenfall funds of approximately **£34,000.00** are due to be deposited to the account in June 2012

**Action: AM**

#### 5. Applications for Funding

##### **Application 1 – Struan Parent Council (Group Application: APP14)**

**Mrs Rachael Jackson: Secretary**

##### **Transport Costs for School Children Activities**

Amount applied for - £600.

Constitution noted

References noted.

This was discussed and approved in full.

Mrs Munro will contact Mrs Jackson of the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will deposit funds into the bank account given in Section 10 of the application.

**Action: AM & BM**

##### **Application 2 – Struan Football Club (Group Application: APP15)**

**Graham Campbell: Secretary**

##### **Set up Costs**

Amount applied for - £3285.

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

Mr MacKinnon having a conflict of interest withdrew from the decision making.

The application was discussed and some minor questions were raised.

Mr MacKinnon was asked to re-join the meeting to answer these questions.

The application was further discussed and motioned for approval in full with one condition.

**Condition:** The strips purchased with the funding will be required to have Struan Community Trust on them.

This was approved by all.

Mrs Munro will contact Mr Campbell with the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will deposit funds into the bank account given in Section 10 of the application.

**Action: AM & BM**

##### **Application 3 – NWSRA (North West Skye Recreational Association (Group Application: APP16)**

**Mike Clark: Secretary**

##### **Feasibility Study for a Recreational Facility in Dunvegan**

Amount applied for - £4000 .

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

Mr Beaton told the meeting that he had been invited to attend a meeting with Trust members from Dunvegan and Edinbane. Edinbane however did not send a representative as they did not wish to be involved with the project at present.

The feasibility study is to cost £14,000 with £10,000 being guaranteed from Dunvegan.  
There were many questions raised in discussion and it was generally felt that this application could not be approved under our Deed of Trust guidelines at this time  
Mrs Munro will contact Mr Clark of the Trust's decision

**Action: AM**

**Application 4 – Struan Community Gala (Group Application: APP17)**

**Helynn MacLeod: Chairperson**

**Equipment and Costs**

Amount applied for - £3293.

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

Mrs MacAskill having a conflict of interest withdrew from the decision making.

The application was discussed and unanimously approved in full

Mrs Munro will contact Mrs MacLeod with the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will deposit funds into the bank account given in Section 10 of the application.

**Action: AM & BM**

**Application 5 – Saint John the Baptist's Chapel (Group Application: APP18)**

**Reverend Canon Robert Breaden: Priest with Charge**

**Repairs to the grounds at the Cemetery in Caroy**

Amount applied for - £500

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

The application was discussed and unanimously approved in full

Mrs Munro will contact Reverend Breaden with the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will deposit funds into the bank account given in Section 10 of the application.

**Action: AM & BM**

**Application 6 – The Highland Hospice (Group Application: APP19)**

**Linda MacDonald: Fundraising Manager**

**Part Funding of Charity Event on Skye**

Amount applied for - £2500.

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

Mr Beaton told the meeting that **David Rodger** (Senior Communications Advisor) from **Vattenfall** had been approached by Linda MacDonald for financial assistance. **Vattenfall** could not give monies directly to them so he referred her to him (Mr Beaton). Mr Beaton advised her that she would have to make a formal application to the Trust.

This was discussed at great length and was felt that, if funding was given to this it might set a precedent to all charities to apply. After some deliberation it was motioned that the application be declined, this was agreed by all present.

Mrs Munro will contact Mrs MacDonald with the Trust's decision.

**Action: AM**

**Application 7 – The Way Forward Group (Group Application: APP20)**

**Cathie MacLeod: Secretary**

**Group Trip**

Amount applied for - £2000.

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

Mr Beaton having a conflict of interest withdrew from the decision making.

The application was discussed and on reviewing the application it was motioned that **£1000** of the amount applied for should be approved. All were in agreement.

Mrs Munro will contact Ms MacLeod with the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will deposit funds into the bank account given in Section 10 of the application.

**Action: AM & BM**

**Total amount approved this quarter for funding £8,678.00**

## 6. Evaluation Reports

Mr Beaton said that he was disappointed that the Trust has not received many evaluation reports from successful applicants for funding. So far the Trust has only received two such reports.

Mrs Munro will contact all applicants requesting a written valuation report from them. It was hoped that these will be received before the AGM in June so that they can be viewed by members of the community

**Action: AM**

## 7. AGM

The date was set for the 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 at 7.30pm in the Struan Primary School.

**David Rodger** (Senior Communications Advisor) from **Vattenfall** advised at the Extraordinary Meeting on 9th February 2012 that he would be attending the AGM.

Mrs Munro will have an advertisement placed into the **West Highland Free Press** for the week ending the 25<sup>th</sup> May 2012. She will also have posters put onto the notice board and into the **Struan Post Office**.

Mrs MacAskill, Miss MacLennan and Mrs Munro will be standing down at the AGM.

It was suggested that all Trustees try to encourage as many people to sign nomination forms as possible.

Nomination Forms will be available from the Secretary.

**Action: AM**

## 8. ACOB

### *a) Kilmac Energy*

Mrs Munro handed out information packs and questionnaires she had received from **Kilmac Energy** to distribute to the Trustees regarding the proposed windfarm project at Glen Ullinish.

### *b) Data Protection*

Miss MacLennan told the meeting that she had attended a Community Council Training Day and one of the concerns raised was Data Protection. Miss MacLennan felt this might be applicable to the Trust and wished it put onto the agenda for the next meeting for discussion.

## 9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

AGM 25<sup>th</sup> June 2012 Struan Primary School 7.30pm

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2012 Struan Primary School 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.35pm