

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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

Present: Donald Beaton Christine MacLennan Brian Morris Alison Munro & Linda Henderson

Apologies for Absence: John MacKinnon & Marion MacAskill

1. Welcome

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

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of 24th October 2011 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Donald Beaton seconded by Mr Brian Morris. Minutes were duly signed. The Chairman also signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

In December 2011, Mr M MacPhie had contacted the secretary requesting the possibility of the funds still available to him for two mini buses (See application APP11) being combined to enable the hire of a larger bus.

This was discussed via email by the Trustees and it was agreed that it was at our discretion to consider this request out with the guideline date for applications.

It was decided that Mr MacPhie would be required to put forward a separate application. References would not be required as these are already on file.

Mr M MacPhie's application was received for the amount of £465 to transport members of the community to Inverness on the 17th December 2011; this was approved by Trustees by email.

Mrs Munro tabled the paper copy of the application.

Mr MacPhie's previous application (APP11) for three mini bus trips, still applies. Mr MacPhie has only carried out one of these trips so far.

Mrs Munro will contact Mr MacPhie to discuss when he will be organising the further two trips still available to him.

4. Meeting with David Rodger Vattenfall.

Mr Beaton advised the Trustees that a meeting with David Rodger had been delayed due to Mr Rodger being unable to visit the Island over the months of November and December last year.

Mr Rodger had now contacted Mr Beaton with available dates of the 8th or 9th of February 2012.

He will be visiting the Island with his colleague Mr Ross Cant.

It was felt by all present that, it was important that the Trustees should meet with them.

An extraordinary meeting date of the 9th of February was provisionally booked and the time to be confirmed by Mr Beaton by email when he had been in contact Mr Rodger.

Action: DB&CM

5. Correspondence

a) Mr Beaton tabled a copy of an email that David Rodger had sent to Ruaraidh Hillary regarding Gesto Hospital in Edinbane. The email stated that NHS has instructed the commercial sale of Gesto Hospital and it is likely to come on the market in February 2012 in 3 lots, at a total sale of around £200,000. David Rodger has expressed the possibility of community interest and will update as and when further information is available. It was agreed that this will be an item on the Agenda at the meeting on the 9th Feb with David Rodger.

b) Mr Beaton advised the meeting that Mr Donald Budge had contacted him wishing an informal meeting with him. Mr Beaton agreed to the meeting.

Mr Budge was investigating whether various groups in the area were interested in re-opening the Tourist Information Centre in Dunvegan.

Mr Beaton tabled an email he had received from Mr Budge with the Stage 01 & Stage 02 Reports.

Various groups such as, Edinbane Community Trust, Glendale Trust, Skye Marketing & H.I.E had expressed support for the idea.

The initiative is in the early stages of forming.

It was decided that Struan Community Trust would give support in principle to investigating this initiative further.

c) Mr Stuart Whatley, Secretary of Edinbane Community Trust had contacted Mr Beaton wishing to have a meeting with Struan Community Trust. Mr Whatley was to contact Mr Beaton with available dates before a meeting could be set up, but at present Mr Whatley has not been in contact.

d) Cathy MacLeod from, The Way Forward Group, had contacted Mr Beaton requesting information regarding the criteria for their group to put forward another application to the Trust.

Mr Beaton forwarded an Application Form & Guidance notes to her.

e) Mrs Munro tabled a letter from Struan Community Council expressing their gratitude for the funding provided for their two projects.

The letter included reports on the **Annual Fireworks Display & Provision of Defibrillator** in Struan.

Mrs Munro read the reports to the Trustees. These reports are available from the Secretary.

6. Applications for Funding

Two applications had been received outside the guideline date of 31st December 2011 for the last quarter. The Trustees discussed whether these applications should be considered at this meeting or deferred to the meeting in April. Mrs MacAskill's comments via email to the Chairman were noted and discussed. At the discretion of the Trustees it was agreed by all that these applications be considered at this meeting.

Application 1 – Mr & Mrs K Davies (Individual Application: APP13)

Provision of Defibrillator in Caroy, Ose

Amount applied for - £2500.

References noted.

This was discussed and approved in full.

Mrs Munro will contact Mr & Mrs Davies of the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will forward funds.

Action: AM & BM

Application 2 – Community Nurse Exercise Class (Group Application: APP12)

Donna Campbell

Amount applied for - £400.

Constitution noted, Reference noted.

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

This was discussed and unanimously approved in full.

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

Mr Morris will forward funds.

Action: AM & BM

7. AOCB

a) Treasurer's Report

Mr Morris felt that the Agenda for all future meetings should include a Treasurer's Report. This was agreed by all present.

Mr Morris stated that No 1 Bond of **£32,000** had matured last week.

The current account has a balance of **£18,700**,

The No1 Bond being **£32,000** plus an estimated interest of £600, when transferred back into the current account will balance out as **£51,350**.

No 2 Bond of **£35,000** is 50% through its term and will mature in September 2012

The balance of accounts at the Trusts disposal with all cheques cleared. is **£86,350**

Mr Morris asked the Trustees present if they wished him to re-invest the **£32,000** that had just matured, bearing in mind that the Trust will receive as estimated figure of around **£33,000** in July.

All present agreed for Mr Morris to re-invest **£32,000**.

Mr Morris will contact the bank.

Action: BM

b) Lucky2BHere

Although the Trust have received no formal report from the charity, **Lucky2BHere**, members of the Trust, along with many from the Struan community attended evening training sessions at the School.

The Defibrillator is now in place on the wall at **Cioch Direct** with grateful thanks to **Neil & Helen Urquhart**.

c) Idea for Funding

Mr Morris addressed the meeting regarding an idea that he wished put forward .to the Trustees.

Mr Morris went on to say that, as no major applications for funding have presented themselves over the past 2 years, the idea of providing either free Broadband or free line rental for all members of the community would be a good way of the funds being spent for the good of the community.

Mr Morris had contacted BT to find out if the idea was feasible and if it was possible for one monthly payment to be made, to cover the whole community.

Mr Morris had been contacted by a senior member from BT, who outlined the estimated costs involved.

Broadband for 160 Houses @ £14 per house x 12 = £26,880 yearly with a discount of 1 month free = £24,640 annually with similar figures for Line Rental. All houses would have to be with BT.

A lengthy discussion ensued. The decision made by all present was to have this idea put on the Agenda for the February 2012 meeting with David Rodger. The meeting thanked Mr Morris for his time and effort he had put into the idea.

Action: DB

d) Community Newsletter

Mrs Marion MacAskill had emailed the Chairman that Mrs Margaret Beaton had expressed disappointment at no newsletter having been circulated recently. Mrs Munro reported that the Community Council were in the process of arranging a community letter and it was agreed that we would submit an update to this to avoid duplication. A report on our discussion with David Rodger could be included in this.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.00pm

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:

Extraordinary Meeting 9th February 2012 Struan Primary School TBC

Monday 23rd April 2012 Struan Primary School 7.30pm.