

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 24th October 2011

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Struan Primary School

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

Apologies for Absence: None

1. Welcome

Meeting opened in the first instance by Chairman, Mr Donald Beaton with a welcome. Mr Beaton stated that due to Mrs Munro (Secretary) being absent from the AGM held in June and Mr Beaton (Chairman) being absent from the last meeting, Office Bearers had not been elected. This being the first meeting that all Trustees have been in attendance since the AGM, Office Bearers were duly elected.

Office Bearers:

Chairperson: Mr Donald Beaton who was proposed by Marion MacAskill and seconded by Linda Henderson

Vice Chairperson: Mr John MacKinnon, proposed by Donald Beaton and seconded by Alison Munro

Treasurer: Mr Brian Morris, proposed by Christine MacLennan and seconded by John MacKinnon

Secretary: Mrs Alison Munro proposed by Linda Henderson and seconded by Mr Brian Morris.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of 22nd August April 2011 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Mr John MacKinnon and seconded by Miss C MacLennan. Minutes were duly signed. The Chairman also signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

No matters arising.

4. Meeting with David Rodger Vattenfall.

Mr Beaton had tried to contact David Rodger in respect of Individual Application's criteria and the constitution. Mr Rodger had been on holiday so it was July before any reply came to Mr Beaton.

Mr Rodger passed the Trust's concerns to Tony Francis.

Mr Francis reiterated the criteria for Individual Applications and supported the Trustees in the decisions made regarding the individual applications that had not been funded.

Mr Rodger was happy to meet with the Trustees to discuss these matters. He will be on Skye visiting Edinbane next week, who are due to have their AGM.

After discussion it was felt that a meeting, in which all Struan Trustee members could be present, could not be arranged at this time but should be arranged as soon as possible. Mr Beaton advised that Mr Rodger will be on Skye in November or December.

He will contact him to arrange a meeting, hopefully before the end of the year.

Mr Beaton was also advised that there have been some changes in personnel at Vattenfall and a **Mr Ross Cant** will be taking over from Tony Francis.

Mr Morris enquired if a yearly report was required to be made to Vattenfall. Mr Beaton informed the meeting that he has been keeping Vattenfall updated on all applications etc.

Action: DB

5. Correspondence

a) Community Development Officer

Mr Beaton received an invitation to attend a meeting on the 5th October 2011 in Tigh na Drochaid with **Mervyn James** (Ross, Skye & Lochalsh Development Officer) and Alistair Danter from Edinbane Trust.

Dunvegan Trust had also been invited but did not send a representative.

Mr Alan Howson was also present.

Mr Beaton attended on behalf of Struan Trust.

The meeting was to discuss the partnership initiative between the Highland Council Social Work Service, the Council's Education, Culture & Sports Service and NHS Highland (See attached notes)

It was felt that spreading care and events into local communities using local facilities were far beneficial than having to travel to different communities.

As Struan have no community hall, they could not help at this present time. Mr Beaton will keep the Trustees updated of any further correspondence.

b) Dave Thompson MSP

The Trust received a letter from Mr Dave Thompson MSP stating that it had been brought to his attention that the Trust did not accept individual applications. Mr Thompson wished to know why this was the case.

Mr Beaton responded by way of letter, on the Trustee's behalf, informing Mr Thompson that, the Trust does in fact accept individual applications and informed him of the way applications are dealt with stating the criteria and guidelines for said individual applications.

c) MacLeod & MaCallum

A letter was received from MacLeod & MaCallum informing the Trust of their Mobile Office Services that will be available in Skye. These are available dates starting on Wed 12th Oct then, 2nd November, 7th December, 1st February 2012 & 9th March 2012.

Correspondence received from The Struan Gala was tabled.

The letter thanked the Trust for funding and included a copy of their Press Release after the Gala.

A poster from Skye Way Forward Group was tabled. The poster included a thank you for the Trusts Sponsorship. Mrs Munro will be place the poster onto the Struan Notice Board.

Action: AM

6. Applications for Funding

Application 1 – Mrs Susan MacKinnon (Individual Application: APP7)

Halloween Party for Primary School Children

Amount applied for - £150.

References were noted.

Mr John MacKinnon being the applicant's husband withdrew.

After discussion, the application was unanimously approved.

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

Mr Morris will forward a cheque.

Application 2 – Alistair Morrison on behalf of Struan Community Council (Group Application: APP8)

Struan Annual Bonfire & Fireworks Display

Amount applied for - £600.

Constitution noted

Reference noted.

Mr Morris, Miss C MacLennan & Mrs A Munro being members of the Community Council withdrew.

Linda Henderson took notes on Mrs Munro's behalf.

After some discussion over safety concerns the application was approved in full.

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

Mr Morris will forward a cheque.

Action: AM & BM

Application 3 – Alistair Morrison on behalf of Struan Community Council (Group Application: APP9)

Defibrillator in Struan

Amount applied for - £2500.

Constitution noted

Reference noted.

Mr Morris, Miss C MacLennan & Mrs A Munro being members of the Community Council withdrew.

Linda Henderson took notes on Mrs Munro's behalf.

This was discussed and approved in full.

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

Mr Morris will forward a cheque.

Action: AM & BM

Application 4 – Mr Murdo MacPhie (Individual Application: APP10)

Funeral Fund

Amount applied for - £6000.

Reference notes.

After lengthy discussion by the Trustees it was felt that a funeral fund would be of benefit only to individual families in the community so could not be approved on that basis. Application was unsuccessful.

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

Action: AM

Application 5 – Mr Murdo Macphie (Individual Application: APP11)

To convey Struan Residents to Inverness via 16 Seat Minibus for a Social & Shopping Trip

Amount applied for - £945.for three trips

Reference noted. One reference withdrew stating that it had no reflection on Mr MacPhie.

After discussion the application was approved on the basis that Mr MacPhie will contact Mr Brian Morris (Treasurer) prior to the trips to enable funds to be released as and when dates are set for said excursions. Mrs Munro will contact Mr MacPhie of the Trust's decision.

Action: AM

7. AOCB

a) Stationery

Mrs Munro tabled samples of stationery that she had drafted. Mrs Munro felt that more input was required. After discussion Mrs MacAskill volunteered to assist her with them. Mrs Munro will email details to Mrs MacAskill.

Action: MM & AM

b) Old Post Office

Mrs Munro brought to the Trustees attention that the Old Post Office premises next to the Old Telephone Exchange had been for sale and wondered if it would be of benefit for the Trust to purchase the property on behalf of the community.

Mrs Henderson referred to the Deed of Trust for clarification that the Trust could in fact carry out such a purchase on behalf of the community.

The deed confirmed that as Trustees they can invest monies for the benefit of the community.

This was discussed at length. The Trustees decided that more information was required for discussion to progress.

Mrs Munro will contact Isle of Skye Estate Agents for information regarding the sale.

Action: AM

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20pm

8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 23rd January 2012 Struan Primary School 7.30pm.

Action: CM