

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

<b>Chairperson</b>	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>
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**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> February 2010  
**Time:** 7.30pm  
**Venue:** Struan Primary School

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

**Apologies for Absence:** Mr Duncan MacKinnon

Meeting opened in the first instance by Mr Donald Beaton who welcomed everyone.

Minutes from meeting of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2010 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Mrs M Macaskill questioned the wording in the minutes regarding Donald Rankin's eligibility to process the accounts. The minutes were amended. Minutes were then proposed by Marion MacAskill and seconded by Brian Morris.

### 1. Matters Arising

#### a) Community Council Merge

Mr Brian Morris asked to address the meeting.

He advised the meeting that he wanted us to be made aware of the possible merge of Community Councils into three main areas for Skye.

He felt that it might have implications on the boundaries for the wind farm.

It was discussed by the Trustees, but the general opinion was, that, as there is to be a meeting in March to discuss this, we should wait for the outcome of meeting.

#### b) Tax

Mr Brian Morris has been unable to make further progress on the issue of Tax.

He had been in touch with HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) personally and was referred to Claridon House in Edinburgh.

Claridon House will only take a request in writing.

It was decided that Mr Morris should draft a letter to this office on our behalf.

**Action: BM**

### c) Charitable Status.

Mr Morris went on to inform the meeting that he had been in touch with OSCR, (Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator).

Mr Morris had contacted their office, to enquire as to whether individuals would be able to apply for Grants, if the Trust were to adopt Charitable Status.

He was informed that a Charitable Trust could make Grants to individuals, if the application complied with the Terms of the Constitution or Trust Deed. This allays our fears regarding individual applications.

The meeting decided that, as we were at present in consultation with OSCR regarding this, we should discuss this further at a later meeting

## 2. Trust Application Forms and Guidelines

Mr D Beaton tabled his draft Application Form & Guidelines for discussion.

He advised that at present he had drafted these for group applications only.

He explained that he had consulted Ms Michelle Seviour from SLCVO for her input and opinions. Ms Seviour had made some comments regarding the Application & Guidelines, which Mr Beaton explained to the meeting.

After lengthy discussions, the Form & Guidelines were amended.

Mr Beaton is to re-draft these for the next meeting.

**Action: DB**

## 3. Linda Henderson Letter

The letter received from Linda Henderson was read and discussed at length.

All points were noted and although the recommendations were good, the way our Trust Deed has been drawn up with Vattenfall, does not allow us pursue such recommendations.

The secretary will write to Ms Henderson to thank her for her time and ideas.

**Action: AM**

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.45pm.

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm

**NB : This was later changed to Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**Action: CM** to book school