

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

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**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> April 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

### 1. Welcome

Meeting opened in the first instance by Mr Donald Beaton who welcomed everyone. Mr Beaton went on to explain that on the 12<sup>th</sup> April 2010, insufficient members to make a quorum were present so he was unable to conduct a meeting. A quorum of five is required and only four members were present. Mr Beaton, Mr Morris, Mrs MacAskill & Miss MacLennan had an informal chat but, as no decisions could be made, they left at 8.30pm.

### 2. Minutes

Minutes from meeting of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2010 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Minutes proposed by Mrs M MacAskill and seconded by Mr Brian Morris.

### 3. Matters Arising

#### a) Tax

Mr Beaton informed the Trust that Mr Morris had tried on numerous occasions to receive information or acknowledgement of contact from HMRC, (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs), but to no avail. Miss Janet Campbell, a local woman from Struan who works in Edinburgh for HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs), was contacted to see if she could help in any way. Miss Campbell spoke to her colleagues in Edinburgh. The information we received from her was that there was no answer to give, regarding Wind farms. Miss Campbell did, however, say that Capital Gains Tax should not be applicable

At present, no tax rates have been set for Wind farms

Mr Beaton handed Mr Morris details of HMRC (Her Majesty's Revenue & Customs) Online Services, specifically for Trusts, for him to investigate and to try to get some acknowledgement of our communication with them.

**Action: BM**

b) Bank Account

Mr Morris advised the Trust that the bank account balance stands at £898.  
This amount is the balance after fees to MacLeod & MacCallum have been debited.

#### 4. Correspondence

a) MacLeod & MacCallum

Mr D Beaton tabled letters & documents received from Douglas Graham from Solicitors MacLeod & MacCallum.

Mr Graham enclosed two certified copies of the Extract registered Declaration of Community Benefit Trust documents. He confirmed that the original Extract will be retained at MacLeod & MacCallum for safe keeping to the order of the Trust, free of charge.

He also confirmed that a copy has been forwarded to the solicitor acting for Vattenfall.

This effectively concludes the work carried out and the note of fee was also enclosed.

Mr Graham pointed out that the original quote of fee was for advising and incorporating a charitable company limited by guarantee at £650 plus Vat, plus £20 dues of incorporation.

We have however, not progressed to being a charitable company.

Mr Graham has now retired from the company since March 2010 and, subject to our approval, will transfer Partner responsibility for our file to Ms Corra Irwin who has been with them for 11 year. 4 years as a professional partner of Mr Graham.

As of yet the agreement has not been signed by Edinbane or Struan.

Mr Beaton gave letters & Extract to the Secretary for filing with minutes.

Miss Christine MacLennan felt a letter of appreciation for his services should be sent to Mr Graham, All Trust members agreed.

Mrs Munro (Secretary) to draft a letter.

**Action: AM**

b) Fees

The fees from MacLeod & MacCallum amounted to £875.00. Mr Morris (Treasurer) has already remitted this to them.

**Action: BM**

c) Vattenfall

Donald Beaton was contacted by Mr Neil Beaton, (Chairman of Original Steering Group & Chairman of Struan Community Council). Mr N Beaton had been contacted by Elaine Grieg, Project Manager of Vattenfall.

Miss Grieg informed Mr N Beaton that they have been making good progress and are pushing ahead with the turbines. She asked if any of the community wished to have a guided tour of the facility and enquired if we would wish to hold any form of celebration on completion.

Mr Donald Beaton is to contact Elaine Grieg to be updated and to see how they propose we celebrate.

It was felt that many members of the community would wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to visit the Windfarm site. It was noted that arrangements are in hand for the Primary pupils to visit at the end of June.

**Action: DB**

## **5. Application Forms & Guidance Notes**

Mr Beaton tabled the amended Application Form & Guidance notes for the members to discuss. These were discussed at length and it was decided that Sections 10, 5, 6 & 7 are to be amended. The amount of money which we should be able to grant to a single project was also discussed but at present, we do not know the actual amount the Trust is to receive. It was decided to discuss this at a later date. Mrs Munro suggested that we might incorporate a Logo onto the Application Form. Trust members agreed that this was a good idea and Miss C MacLennan suggested that it could be put to the community by way of a competition for them to design. This will be discussed further at the next meeting. Miss C MacLennan & Mrs M MacAskill are to draft an Application Form & Guidance Notes for individual applications. Mr Beaton to redraft the Group Application Form. The Trust thanked Mr Beaton for his hard work & patience in drafting this form.

**Action: DB, CM & MM**

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.30pm.

## **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm  
**NB: Date for AGM set for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2010**

**Action: CM** to book school