

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

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**Date:** 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Struan Primary School

**Present:** Donald Beaton Christine MacLennan Brian Morris Alison Munro Mr A Morrison  
John MacKinnon & **Niall Till**

**Apologies for Absence:** Mrs L Henderson

### 1. Welcome

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

Mr Beaton made a special welcome to **Mr Niall Till** who was invited to discuss the **Community Web Site**.

After introductions Mr Beaton handed the meeting over to Mr Till.

### 2. Web Site

Mr Till outlined all options available to the Trustees for setting up the community web site, these ranged from the relatively simple to a more detailed site design.

He advised that the best way forward would be to use **Word Press** and purchase a Domain name i.e. Struan Community.co.uk which would cost approx £7.99 on a two yearly basis.

Mr Till advised that he would charge £20 per hour for his time. He said that training would be required which could be carried out in two hours.

This was discussed in great detail and unanimously decided that Mr Till should be hired to carry out the work involved.

Mr Till will contact Mrs Munro (Secretary) when he has set up the initial stages of the site for the Trustee's approval.

The meeting thanked Mr Till for his time. Mr Till withdrew from the meeting.

**Action: AM**

### 3. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of 20th August 2012 were put forward to the Trustees for approval.

Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting.

Minutes proposed by John MacKinnon seconded by Mr Brian Morris.

Minutes were duly signed. The Chairman also signed the minutes.

### 4. Matters Arising

#### a) *Chris Pilsbury - Energy Application*

Mr Morris contacted Scottish Hydro after the Trusts last meeting when Mr Pillsbury's application to assist residents with some sort of energy discounts was put forward.

The application was not deemed to be an application as such and therefore had to be declined. The purpose of Mr Morris contacting the Hydro was to establish whether there would be any basis for such a scheme.

However, parent company SSE was not prepared to divulge information regarding the number of their customers in the Struan area so this in itself would be a stumbling block.

In view of the need nowadays to keep energy costs down, it may well be that many residents in our area have transferred their business to other more competitive companies.

Elizabeth Morrison at the Hydro store in Portree did however suggest a solution, that residents could be issued with gift vouchers to be redeemed either against purchases in the shop or set off against their energy bill.

#### **b) Vattenfall**

Mr Beaton had been contacted by **Ross Cant** (Vattenfall Onshore Site Manager) when he was in the area requesting to meet with him to introduce the person taking over from **David Rogers** (Former Vattenfall Senior Communications Advisor).

Mr Beaton met with him and was introduced to **Emily Faull** (Communications & Engagement Assistant). Ms Faull was happy to attend Trust meetings whenever she can. Mr Beaton will contact Ms Faull with details and dates of the Trust's next meetings for 2013.

### **5. Treasurers Report**

Mr Morris told the meeting that he had invested the amount of **£50,000** as requested at the last meeting into a fixed Bond. Interest of **£566** had been received from the maturing Bond in September.

Monies out,

£1120 - Grant to the Community Council for First Aid Training  
£ 250 - Mrs Munro's Honorarium  
£ 174.04 - Council Election Office for Trust Election 2012

The balance of the accounts is as follows,

Current Account	£24,563.00	Investment Bond 1	£32,000.00	Matures on 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2013 @ 2 1/4 % Gross
		Investment Bond 2	£50,000.00	Matures on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2013 @ 2 % Gross
<b>Balance</b>	<b>£24,563.00</b>	<b>£82,000.00</b>	<b>= Total @ 29<sup>th</sup> October 2012 = £106,563.00</b>	

Mr Morris advised that he has now received an account of £882.00 from Donald Rankin for his services.

### **5. Applications for Funding**

#### **Application 1 – Struan Community Council (Group Application: APP24)**

**Mr B Morris: Treasurer**

#### **Funding Costs for Community Bus Trips**

Amount applied for - £3000

Constitution noted

References noted.

This was discussed and approved in full.

Mrs Munro will contact Struan Community Council of the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will forward funds.

**Action: AM & BM**

#### **Application 2 – Struan Community Council (Group Application: APP25)**

**Mr A Morrison: Chairman**

#### **Funding Costs for Annual Fireworks & Bonfire**

Amount applied for - £700

Constitution noted

References noted.

This was discussed and approved in full.

Mrs Munro will contact Struan Community Council of the Trust's decision.

Mr Morris will forward funds.

**Action: AM & BM**

**Application 3 – Mrs Susan MacKinnon (Individual Application: APP26)  
Struan Children Halloween Party**

Amount applied for - £150

References noted.

This was discussed and approved in full.

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

Mr Morris will forward funds

**Action: AM & BM**

**Application 4 – Dunvegan & District Lunch Club (Group Application: APP27)**

**Mrs Moira Campbell**

**Funding Costs for Provision of Senior Citizen Meals**

Amount applied for - £3000

Constitution noted

References noted.

This was discussed and unanimously agreed for approval in full.

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

Mr Morris will forward funds.

**Total amount approved this quarter for funding £6,850.00**

**7. Data Protection**

Miss C MacLennan had contacted SLCVO for advice on the Trust's compliance with Data Protection Regulations.

Miss MacLennan advised that a formal written protocol is required and that she will continue to take this forward and will liaise with SLCVO to draft said document.

In the meantime all copies of applications will be destroyed after the meeting.

**Action: CM**

**8. ACOB**

*a) ATM Struan Garage*

Mr Beaton told the meeting that he had been in conversation with Mrs Finella MacKinnon regarding the removal of the ATM machine from her premises, Struan Garage, Post Office.

The ATM had been installed on a five year contract in 2006 through a Government scheme for remote and low income areas throughout the UK. The initiative having been put in place by the previous Government was subsidised but it has now been withdrawn by the present Government and the company "Your Cash" is removing them from non profitable sites.

Mrs MacKinnon had been advised that to keep said Cash Machine she will be required to bear the costs of the running and upkeep of it.

This was discussed at great length and the conclusion was that as the ATM was of community benefit and that the removal would be a great loss to the community, an application could be put forward to the Trust, either as an Individual Application or through Struan Community Council.

Mr Beaton will contact Mrs MacKinnon and advise her of this.

**Action: DB**

**9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:**

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2013 Struan Primary School 7.30pm

Subsequent meetings for 2013 will be,

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2013, Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2013 (**AGM**) Monday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2013 & Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2013

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.10pm

