

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 30th August 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 opened the meeting by announcing the resignation of Trustee member Mr Duncan MacKinnon. Mr MacKinnon felt that he could not continue to be a member of the Trust as he was going to be working in Australia and would not be available for approximately one year.

The Trustees referred to the Trust Deed, which stated that in such circumstances, the Trustees may co-opt another person as a trustee to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

It was suggested that we should approach Ms Linda Henderson who was a nominee in the ballot last year.

Mrs Munro is to contact Ms Henderson on the Trust's behalf to offer her the vacant seat.

Action: AM

2. Minutes

Minutes from meeting of 31st May 2010 were put forward to the Trustees for approval.

Minutes proposed by Miss C MacLennan and seconded by Mr B Morris and signed accordingly.

Mr Beaton also signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

- a) MacLeod & MacCullum

Mr Morris had been in touch with MacLeod & MacCullum regarding our outstanding invoice with them. It appears that we are liable for the amount that we thought was an error.

They had carried out two jobs for us.

- 1) Deed of Trust

2) Community Benefit Agreement with Vattenfall.

This makes us liable for the full amount.

Mr Morris informed the Trust that he had paid MacLeod & MacCullum in full.

Mr Rankin was approved at the AGM and has now been engaged by the Trust.

b) Funds

Mr Morris addressed the meeting on the matter of Funds.

Mr Morris is to attend a meeting with the Bank on behalf of the Trust this week and asked what our requirements were regarding the funds received from Vattenfall. Some of the questions raised were,

- 1) Should we put an amount into a separate account?
- 2) Put funds into a fixed rate account?
- 3) Leave it in the one account?

It was discussed at length and it was decided that at present, with interest rates so low, it would not be beneficial to have funds in an account that cannot be accessed for a year, with little interest going into said account.

Mr Morris will discuss our options with the bank and report back to us at the next meeting.

Action: BM

c) Vattenfall - Wind Farm Opening Celebrations

Mr Beaton reported that there had been some disquiet at the AGM, that some members of the community had not received an invitation to the opening celebrations, Vattenfall acknowledged that something had gone wrong and apologised for any upset caused.

Mr Beaton went on to say that, Vattenfall had made an excellent job of the celebrations, although it was noticeable that more community members from Edinbane than Struan were present.

Mr Beaton made a speech on the Trust's behalf which was received well.

d) Miss C MacLennan wished it to be noted that 3 children from Struan Primary School had won the competition that Vattenfall had opened to schools in the area. The prize was to officially open the windfarm with David Mundell.

The 3 winning children were, Jessica Jackson, Siobhan Hunter and Katie MacDonald.

e) Vattenfall & Scottish Communities

Mr Morris was approached by Alexandra Clark inviting him to a dinner in The Cuillin Hills Hotel with representatives from Vattenfall and representatives from 3 Communities in Scotland who have plans to embark on a similar windfarm scheme as Struan.

Mr Morris informed Mrs Clark that she would need to contact our Chairman, Mr D Beaton.

Mr Beaton was unable to attend so Mr Morris went to represent our Trust.

Representatives from Edinbane also attended.

Mr Morris reported that it was an informative evening for all parties.

4. Correspondence

a) Vattenfall Community Benefit Fund

Mr D Beaton informed the meeting, as a group, that after some delay, funds were now in our account. The delay in the information regarding the finalisation of payment of funds was due to the letter being sent to Mr Neil Beaton from the Steering Group in error. Mr D Beaton contacted Vattenfall and has now updated them with our contact details.

The amount received is £64,544. This being made up of two years. The amount was deposited into the bank account on the 18th August 2010

Mr Morris enquired as to how it was a different figure than was originally quoted.

Mr Beaton said that it was made up from there being, 7 Turbines on the Struan side, No of Megawatts 16.1 @ £2,000 at new RPI (Retail Price Index) total amount yearly £32,200

Mr Beaton handed Mrs Munro the Agreements & Declaration Documents for filing.

Miss C MacLennan asked if a letter of thanks should be sent. It was agreed.

The letter is to be sent to Mr David Hodkinson. Mr Beaton will email Mrs Munro with Mr Hodkinson's address and will draft a letter. Mr John MacKinnon suggested that a similar letter should be sent to Elaine Greig and this was agreed.

Action AM

b) Trusts

Mr Beaton was contacted by Jan Laing, Highland Council Ward Manager, to attend a meeting with the four local Councillors to discuss the role of each Trust in the Skye and Lochalsh area.

Mr Beaton attended the meeting.

12 Trusts had been invited to attend but only 6 were represented.

Mr Beaton said that it was very interesting and informative to see how other Trusts worked and what differences they are making in their communities.

It is hoped that this would be an annual event.

5. Application Form & Guidance Notes – Community Groups Application Form & Guidance Notes – Individuals

a) Group Application & Guidance Notes

The Trust looked over the Group Applications & Guidance Notes and after a short discussion it was agreed that they were now ready for finalising at the next meeting.

b). Individual Applications & Guidelines

Individual Application & Guidance Notes were discussed at length. Small adjustments were needed but it was felt that these too, would be ready to finalise at our next meeting.

c) Referee Form

Mrs M MacAskill tabled the Referee Form that she had drafted. Small adjustments are needed but this will be ready for next meeting.

All being well we hope that, at the next meeting, we will be ready to draft the Community Letter and get application forms out to the community.

d) Receipt of Application

Mrs Munro said that a letter of Receipt of Application would need to be drafted. This was agreed and will be drafted for next meeting.

Action MM & AM

6. AOCB.

a) Insurance

Mrs MacAskill voiced her concerns as to whether the Trust had adequate Insurance to cover us in the event of loss of money and our liability to repay this.

After looking at the Deed of Trust it was felt that, what was written in the Deed was adequate for our requirements.

a) Logo

It was raised that we hadn't considered what type of competition and prize to have for the Logo Design. It was decided that we all should think about this and what other information we need to put into the community letter for the next meeting.

Action: ALL

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

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 30th September 2010. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm

Action: CM to book school