

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 3rd November 2009

Time: 20.00pm

Venue: Struan Primary School

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

Also present: Mr A Morrison representative from previous Steering Group

Apologies of Absence: Mr Duncan MacKinnon (Email with comments presented to meeting)

Minutes from meeting of 25th of August 2009 proposed by Marion MacAskill and seconded by Mr Donald Beaton

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

He continue by stating that the main purpose of the meeting was to discuss our way forward after the meeting on the 30th of September 2009 with Edinbane & Vattenfall which Mr Ali Morrison & Mr John MacKinnon attended on our behalf.

He then handed the meeting over to Mr A Morrison

1. Community Benefit Agreement

Mr Morrison who then addressed the meeting started by saying that all had gone well at the meeting with VattenFall Windpower Ltd in Edinbane.

Mr Pierce Guy (Head of On-Shore Development UK) and **Mr Keith Renton** (Business Development Manager for Scotland) were both present and were both keen to see that communities benefit from this development as well as their company.

The amount that was decided has come about by in-depth surveys and communications from previous wind farms.

Mr Morrison went on to say that the amount of annual payment to the community would be

£2000 (inclusive of Vat) per MW each year.

Vattenfall have agreed to review the payments if they extend the size or generating capacity of the site.

Vattenfall are looking to meeting with both Struan and Edinbane on an annual basis to provide progress reports on all sides.

The initial payment from Vattenfall will be a two year payment as the 25 year lease commenced from the beginning of construction therefore it appears that they will be 2 years into the phase by the time generation commences, this making a two year payment due at that time.

Monies should be available to the trust by the later part of 2010.

Mr Douglas Graham has to re-draft and amend the final document and this should be available for agreement and signing within the next 2 weeks.

It was brought up that the Highland Council were likely to receive the sum of £250,000.

Mr Morrison told the meeting that this was quoted in respect of the Invermoriston Site not our development and the way he understood the position, was that an agreed sum would be held in a bond in joint names of the Council and Developer, so that if they go burst or do not clear the site at the end of the lease period these funds can be used by the council to pay contractors to de-commission the site

Mr Morrison advised that although there would likely be an agreed de-commissioning bond in place between Vattenfall & HRC, he was unaware of the sum of this bond.

Mr D Beaton conveyed his thanks to Mr Morrison & to Mr J MacKinnon for their valued time, help & support and hoped that Mr Morrison would continue with us until everything was signed and sealed.

Mr John MacKinnon handed out the Research Report for Vattenfall for our information. Mr Morrison then left the meeting (21.05pm).

2. Fees

It was raised that as of yet a Note of Fee has not been received for services to the Steering Group for setting up the Trust.

Mr B Morris stated that funds were available for these in the account.

It was said that grants for claiming help with solicitor fees could be available from Highland Council.

Alison Munro to get in contact with Ella MacKinnon regarding this and if grants are available that this should be applied for as soon as we have a Note of Fee from the solicitor.

Action: AM

3. Trust Application Forms

These forms will need to be available in approximately 6 months but at present it has not been decided whether we are to be a Charitable trust or not.

Once these forms become available it was felt that it would be imperative that all members of the community receive one of these.

Mr D Beaton has spoken to Chrisanne MacDonald from the SLCVO who is more than willing to give us help and advice regarding this.

It was decided that Mr D Beaton was to invite her along to our next meeting. Once we have all the information available regarding this it was felt that it would need to be decided at a public meeting.

Action: DB

4. Progress Information

Brian Morris put it to the meeting that the community should be informed of our progress and to keep them up to date with events.

It was decided that a letter should be sent out to the community to advise them of who the members of the Struan Community Trust are and to give them some information of progress so far. Mrs A Munro to post these out as soon as possible.

Minutes will also be posted in Struan Post Office and it is hoped that these can be accessed by email in the near future.

Action: AM

5. Accounts

Mrs Marion MacAskill asked if we would be required to prepare accounts or appoint an accountant.

It was decided that accounts would run from April-March and at present we need to wait until things are more finalised.

It was mentioned that Donald Rankin would be the obvious choice to approach.

6. AOCB

Mrs A Munro passed an email received by Mr D MacKinnon with some points that he wished to make.

It was decided that most of the points that Mr MacKinnon had raised were to be discussed further into the future.

MacKinnon

Action: AM to email Mr D

There being no further business.

Meeting closed 21.45pm

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 7th December 2009. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm

Action: CM to book school

