

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 4th April 2011

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Struan Primary School

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

Apologies for Absence: None

1. Welcome

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

2. Minutes

a) Minutes from the meeting of 7th February 2011 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Mr J MacKinnon and seconded by Miss C MacLennan. Mr Beaton also signed the minutes.

b) Minutes from the extraordinary meeting of 21st February 2011 were put forward to the Trustees for approval. Trustees agreed that they were a true representation of the meeting. Minutes proposed by Mrs L Henderson and seconded by Mr J MacKinnon. Mr Beaton also signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

a) Logo Competition

Miss C MacLennan told the Trustees that Mr Graham Walker (Art Teacher) had judged the competition and had chosen an entry by Mr Chris Pilsbury as the winning design. Mr B Morris handed a cheque of £75 to the secretary for the prize money. Mrs Munro will post this with a letter to Mr Pilsbury congratulating him on his success. A letter of thanks will also be sent to Mr Walker.

Action AM

b) Stationery

Mrs Munro will draft various samples of stationery using the winning logo design for the Trustees to view.

Action AM

c) Grants

Mr Morris informed the Trustees that the successful applicants for funding from our previous meeting have now been paid.

Mr Beaton will inform Mr Tony Francis from Vattenfall.

Action DB

4. Individual Application Guidelines

An error in Individual Guidelines for Individual Applications was brought to the Trustees attention. The Individual Guidelines did not specify that the application had to be of benefit to the community. This was discussed at length.

The Trustees made the decision to amend the guidance notes to state that, an application must be of benefit to the Community.

Mrs MacAskill will amend the Individual Application Guidelines.

Mrs MacAskill added that she felt that meetings were held too close to the application closing date. It was agreed that meetings to consider applications, should not be held, until two weeks after applications have been received.

Action: MM

5. Applications for Funding

Application 1 – The Way Forward Group / Group Application

Mr D Beaton, having a personal interest in the group, withdrew. Constitution was noted.

Amount applied for - £1500.00.

The trustees discussed the application and made a unanimous decision to approve.

Mrs Munro will contact their secretary Mrs Lyn Lawley with the decision and asking if they would consider advertising their services more locally in Struan, by means of a poster in the Struan Notice Board.

Mr Morris will forward funds by BACs.

Mr Beaton returned to the meeting, who was duly informed of the decision.

Action: AM & BM

Application – Mr Matthew Urquhart / Individual Application

No specified amount was applied for.

Expenditure List was noted for Accommodation & Travelling Expenses to University.

Referees names were noted.

The Trustees discussed this at great length but based on the criteria contained in the Deed of Trust, they were unable to approve Mr Urquhart's application for funding.

Mrs Munro will inform Mr Urquhart of the decision.

Action: AM.

6. AGM / Agenda

Mr Beaton tabled a draft Agenda for the forthcoming AGM.
This was discussed and all items agreed.
The agreed date for the AGM is Monday 27th June 2011.

As per our guidelines three members of the Board must retire but may put themselves forward for re-election.

Mr D Beaton, Mr John MacKinnon and Mrs L Henderson are the Trustees retiring this year and will all be putting themselves forward for re-election.

Nomination Forms will be available from the secretary.

Mr Beaton reminded the Trustees that, to hold the AGM there must be 15 members of the community present.

It was agreed that all Trustees would encourage as many people as possible to attend.

Mrs Munro will place an advert in The West Highland Free Press at least four weeks prior to the date.

A poster will be placed in the Post Office and the Notice Board.

Action: AM

6. AOCB

a) The Trust received an enquiry from a member of the community regarding the proposal to set up a Lifelong Learning Group that could apply to the Trust for funding and distribute these funds to individuals in the community to assist in their educational costs.

The Trustees felt that they needed guidance from Vattenfall and Mr Beaton will contact Mr Tony Francis and will update us at his earliest convenience.

b) Mrs Munro tabled a letter received from Struan Gala Committee conveying their thanks for the grant given to help finance the forthcoming Community Gala.

The Gala will be held on Saturday 21st May 2011.

Action: DB

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Meeting: Monday 22nd August 2011, Struan Primary School, 7.30pm.

AGM: Monday 27th June 2011 Struan Primary School 7.30pm.

Action: CM

