

# STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

## Minutes of Meeting

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**Date:** 7<sup>th</sup> December 2009

**Time:** 7.30pm

**Venue:** Struan Primary School

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

Also present: Mr A Morrison representative from initial Steering Group

Guest: Ms Michelle Seviour from SLCVO

**Apologies for Absence:** Mr Duncan MacKinnon

Minutes from meeting of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009 proposed by John MacKinnon and seconded by Mr Brian Morris

Meeting opened in the first instance by Mr Donald Beaton who welcomed everyone and introduced Ms Michelle Seviour from SLVO to the meeting.

Mr Beaton informed the meeting that he had receive a letter from the Royal Bank of Scotland to say that the Trust's bank account could not be activated.

Donald Beaton to contact the bank.

**Action: DB**

### 1. Matters Arising

No other matters arising

Mr Beaton handed the meeting over to Mr A Morrison

### 2. Community Benefit Agreement

Mr. Morrison advised that he had attended a meeting with the Edinbane Directors regarding the revised Community Benefit Agreement, only one minor adjustment that had been requested by Vattenfall, namely they wished to specify that they would consent to re-negotiate the amount payable per MW Installed Capacity, in the event that the total installed capacity exceeded 41.4MW. As the total installed capacity of the 18 turbines will be 41.4MW, this was seen as being in order by all attending.

This would mean that the amount payable, yearly, would be £31,955. £63,910 would be payable to the Trust in 2010 and this would mean that the next payment would be payable in August 2011.

It was agreed at the Edinbane Meeting, to accept the latest draft, on the basis that the Struan Trustees were in agreement.

Furthermore, it was agreed that Mr. A Danter would e-mail Mr. D Graham for advice regards how to minute the acceptance of the draft. Mr Graham duly responded to advise that it should be noted that the Trustees had viewed the terms of the Agreement, had considered and approved the document and that it is to be signed by the Chair & one other Trustee.

Mr Morrison advised the meeting that he would take back the above information to the Struan Trustees and, on the basis that they agreed, would advise Douglas Graham accordingly, with a copy to Mr A Danter, Edinbane. Once agreement has been confirmed by Struan Trustees, Vattenfall are to be requested to prepare a press release but, prior to issue, a copy will be provided to both Struan & Edinbane for their approval.

Mr Morrison advised the meeting that he was happy with the Agreement.

The terms of the draft Agreement were put to the meeting to be considered, by the Chairman Donald Beaton, and were agreed and approved by all Trustee members. The Chairman and one other Trustee member (yet to be nominated) will sign the Benefit Agreement on behalf of the Board of Trustees.

**Action: AM**

Mr Morrison enquired as to whether he could claim travelling expenses. It was agreed that he could. Mr Brian Morris will attend to this.

Mr Beaton thanked Mr Morrison for his invaluable help and support

**Action: BM**

### **3. Trust Application Forms and Guidance**

The meeting was handed over to Ms Michelle Seviour from the SLCVO. Ms Seviour presented the meeting with information and samples of application forms. She informed the meeting that it would not be an easy task and that there is many questions to be considered and decided upon before the final application form would be ready. Some of these questions were,

- a) Who could apply, can they reapply if not successful?
- b) If individuals applied how would they be made accountable?
- c) How many times can they apply?
- d) Do we fund whole projects or part?
- e) What would the grant conditions be?
- f) What would the maximum amount be and will this be paid up front or in stages.

Ultimately she went on to say that the guidelines have to be right and we would have to adhere to our governing document.

Reasons for refusal would need to be provided to the applicant.

She went on to discuss the Benefits of Charitable or non Charitable Trusts.

Some of the advantages of being Charitable were,

- a) Charitable is like a Badge of Honour with a trust element attached to it.
- b) Building would receive discounts.
- c) Gift Aid could be available from the money from Vattenfall.
- d) Could give the Trust access to other funding.

Disadvantages

- a) Added paperwork.
- b) Legal requirements.
- c) Monetary reports and account would be in a certain format.
- d) OSCR would have to give consent on any name changes.

She also went on to say that the Trust Deed would have to be amended as it would not pass OSCR guidelines.

Ms Seviour pointed out that the Trust would be liable for the funds paid to them and suggested that we as a group take out insurance to cover this.

The insurance would be at a cost to the Trust not each individual.

Ms Seviour will email us with application criteria.

It was decided that a meeting solely for the purpose of application forms & guidelines was required.

Ms Seviour kindly volunteered to be present at this meeting to give us advice.

Mr Beaton thanked Ms Seviour for her invaluable help and expertise.

**Action: DB**

#### **4. Tax**

The tax implications on the monies received from Vattenfall will have a bearing on the decision as to whether we become a charitable Trust or not.

The Trust Treasurer, Mr B Morris to contact Donald Rankin regarding this, and to engage him as our Independent Examiner of accounts.

**Action: BM**

## 5. Community Letter

The secretary informed the meeting that she had difficulties in getting a copy of the Struan Electoral Roll.

After numerous phone calls & emails the Post Office have now given a list of all the names and addresses in Struan so she is now able to move forward with this.

The letter was put to the meeting for approval.

Letter approved, it was decided that these would be posted by hand in envelopes printed with **Important Information Enclosed** and **RE: Struan Community Trust** so as to ensure all households received a copy

**Action: AM**

## 6. AOCB

Mr Beaton to complete application form to join the SLCVO. The cost of application being £15

There being no further business.

Meeting closed 21.35pm

## DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2010. Struan Primary School at 7.30pm

**Action: CM** to book school