

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 7th February 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. Mr Donald Beaton made his apologies for having to cancel the scheduled meeting date of 17th January 2011 due to other work commitments.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting of 25th October 2010 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 Brian Morris. Mr Beaton also signed the minutes.

3. Matters Arising

a) Email Address

Mrs Munro has set up the Trust's email address. Email: sctrust2010@yahoo.com
All Trust members can access this with the password given.

b) Bank

Mr Morris advised the Trustees, that after discussions with the bank, he has invested £32,000.00 of the Trust's money into an account, on a fixed interest rate basis of 2% for a 12th month period, this being the best option at the time. This expires on the 17th January 2012. He advised that, if any emergency arose for funding, the account could be accessed.

The balance on the accounts the Trust hold is:

Current Account: £31,732.70 Investment Account: £32,000.00

c) Secretarial Expenses

Mr Morris has paid the secretary (Mrs Munro) her Honorarium.

4. Applications for Funding

Application 1 - Struan Community Council / War Memorial Project /Group Application

Mrs A Munro, Miss C MacLennan and Mr Brian Morris being members of the Community Council, withdrew.

Mrs L Henderson took notes on the secretary's behalf.

Constitution was noted.

Amount required for work to be carried out by contractor £2870.

Funds already received from the Discretionary Budget of £1000

Amount applied for £1870.00.

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

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

Mr Morris will forward the funds.

Action: AM & BM

Application 2 – Struan Gala Group / Group Application

Mrs M MacAskill being the Chairperson of the Gala Committee withdrew.

Mr Morris asked if it would be appropriate if he left, as his wife is a member of the committee.

It was felt that there was no requirement for him to leave.

Constitution was noted.

Amount applied for - £9363.82. Funding in place £1000.

Mrs MacAskill was asked to rejoin the meeting to answer questions concerning the application.

The Trustees thanked Mrs MacAskill. She then withdrew.

After lengthy discussion the Trustees made a unanimous decision to award the Gala Group £3500, towards the Marquee Hire, Hire of Toilets and the purchase of a Generator.

Mrs Munro will contact their secretary Mrs L Hewitt with the decision.

Mr Morris will forward funds.

Action: AM & BM

Application 3 – Miss E J MacAskill / Individual Application

Mrs MacAskill being Miss MacAskill's mother withdrew.

Amount applied for £1760.60 for Accommodation & Travelling Expenses to College.

Referees forms noted.

The Trustees discussed this application at length.

It was decided to defer this application until further guidance on the granting criteria for Individuals was received from Vattenfall.

The application was agreed in principal, on the basis that, we receive favorable confirmation of the granting criteria from Vattenfall and Miss MacAskill's agreement to carry out voluntary work in Struan Primary School bring Gaelic into the school.

Mr D Beaton (Chairman) will contact Vattenfall and contact Trustees at his earliest convenience.

Mrs Munro will contact Miss MacAskill informing her of the decision.

Action: AM & DB.

5. Competition / Design a Logo

Entries into the competition to design a Logo for the Trust, were handed by the secretary to Miss C MacLennan.
Miss MacLennan will contact Mr Graham Walker to judge them and choose a successful entrant.
Miss MacLennan will email the Trustees with the winning entry.
Mr Morris will forward the winner the prize money of £75.

Action: CM & BM

6. AOCB

Mrs Munro tabled copies of a letter received from Mr Neil MacKinnon, Struan Garage.
Mr MacKinnon requested advice from the Trust before he submitted an application.
The Trustees felt that, as the letter was only seeking advice on his eligibility before he made an application, Mr John MacKinnon being Mr N MacKinnon's son was not required to leave.
Mr Neil MacKinnon stated in his letter that he was a business.
This being the case, the Trust was not in a position to help him.
It was agreed to advise Mr MacKinnon to approach Struan Community Council for help & advice.
Mrs Munro will send a letter to this effect.

Action: AM.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 10.00pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

No date was set
Chairman will arrange next meeting by email.