

## **STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016 at 7.00pm.**

**Present:** Miss C MacLennan (Chair) Mr A Morrison Mr B Morris Mr G MacKinnon, Mr K Davies, Mrs H MacLeod, Mr I Beaton & Mr A Lockhart

### **Item 1: Welcome**

Miss C MacLennan took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting.

### **Item 2: Apologies for Absence**

Mr M N Beaton

### **Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

Minutes from the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr K Davies and seconded by Mr B Morris, duly signed and dated, with a paragraph inserted regarding the Grass Cutting and painting of the Benches. .

### **Item 4: Matters Arising**

#### ***a) Defibrillator Training***

Mr A Morrison advised that he has been told that he will now have to arrange this through Neil Campbell, therefore will contact him now to arrange dates for the Training. **Action: AM**

#### ***b) Adopt a Kiosk***

Miss C MacLennan advised all has been done by us that is required and now awaiting further word from BT.

#### ***c) Play Park & Cemetery Car Park***

Mr A Morrison advised that he has still only received one quote for each to date and is chasing to obtain two other quotes for each project so matters can be progressed. **Action: AM**

#### ***d) Remembrance Map***

Mr K Davies advised that he is in the process of obtaining the map requirements, Mr M N Beaton is in discussion with sign makers on the best format for presenting the map, matters progressing well.

**Action: MNB & KD**

***e) Dun Beag Broch***

Mr A Morrison advised that he had e-mailed Historic Scotland but to date no response, Mr A Morrison e-mail again as on the web site there is no phone number. **Action: AM**

***f) Community Skips***

Mr A Morrison advised he is in the process of obtaining quotes for the provision of Skips **Action: AM**

**Item 5: Mrs F MacKinnon Retirement**

Mr B Morris advised that to date the sum of £960.00 has been donated towards the presentation, this is likely now to be the final sum collected. Miss C MacLennan confirmed that she had visited Chain Saw Crafts on the Black Isle and spoke to Mr Charles, he can provide that we are looking for, but will not be able to have completed till October. Therefore, after discussion it was agreed to hold off the presentation until the item was completed, it was also agreed that Mrs H MacLeod will make an announcement at the Gala to this effect so as community members are aware of the position. **Action: CM**

**Item 6: Ose Post Box**

Mr A Lockhart had recently contacted Mr A Morrison to advise that the Post Box at Ose had been removed, apparently with no notice given to either those in the vicinity or the Community in general, Mr Morrison contacted Mr M MacDiarmid at the Post Office in Portree and was advised that he would look into the matter and will respond, Mr Morrison to date has not heard back, but will contact Mr MacDiarmid again if nothing heard by beginning of the week. In any event will write the Post Office for an explanation, also, to find out what they propose going forward and express our dismay that no consultation or notice given. **Action: AM**

**Item 7 – Grounds Maintenance**

Mr A Morrison tabled Maps that had been received from Mr W MacKinnon, Ward Manager, with details of the Grass Cutting that was being carried out CC Area, these being the Struan Old and New Cemeteries, Burial Ground at St John's Chapel and the Green at Struan, requesting that we consider if the cutting can be reduced or if local funding is available to undertake the works, the matter to be discussed at the next Ward Forum Meeting that Miss C MacLennan is hoping to attend. After discussion it was agreed that all require to continue to be maintained, in addition, as the works are the responsibility of the Council Trust Funding would; not be available due to the Deed of Trust precluding funding anything that is the responsibility of the Local Authority.

**Item 8 – Struan Village Signs**

Mr J MacKinnon contacted Mr A Morrison within the past week to advise that the second of the Struan Signs has now been blown down, Mr MacKinnon has moved the sign up to the Garage at present and will store in the Garage. Therefore, as both signs have now been blown down and are damaged it was agreed that the best way forward would be to obtain new signs as opposed to repairing the existing signs, also it will give the opportunity to up grade the signs with the facilities in the Community, these being Food, B&B, PO, Broch, War Memorial, Viewpoints, etc. Mr A Morrison to contact Mr D MacLeod at Highland Council to obtain quote for new Signs and that an application be submitted to Trust for funding. **Action: AM**

**Item 9 - Correspondence**

None

## **Item 10 – AOCB**

### **a) Telephone Exchange**

Mrs H MacLeod advised that there appears to be an issue internally with the Telephone Exchange in that there appears to be a degree of damp, Mr G MacKinnon advised he would take a look after the meeting and investigate.

### **b) Road Surface Conditions**

It was agreed by all that the condition of the Road Surfaces in the area and in a wider context throughout the Island are deteriorating and will only get worse due to the significant amount of additional tourist traffic on the roads throughout the year. It was agreed we should write the MP & MSP for their advices to see if they can press for works to be undertaken.

### **c) Community Gala**

Mrs H MacLeod reminded all that the Annual Gala is taking place at the Green on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2016, all welcome and a great opportunity for the Community to get together.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2016

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Keith Jones 19/9/16.  
H. MacLennan 17/9/16