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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Miss C MacLennan (Chair), Mrs H MacLeod, Mr A Morrison Mr G MacKinnon, Mr I Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr K Davies, Mrs P Semlar & Mr N Till

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 30th January 2017

Minutes from the meeting of 30th of January 2017 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mrs H MacLeod and seconded by Mr I Beaton, duly signed and dated.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Defibrillator Training

Mr A Morrison advised that he is still in the process of trying to arrange a suitable date for the refresher training to be undertaken. **Action: AM**

b) Adopt a Kiosk

Miss C MacLennan advised that as she had not heard anything further from BT to date. **Action: CM**

c) Play Park & Cemetery Car Park

Mr A Morrison advised that he has is still chasing additional estimates to allow funding application to be submitted to the Trust. **Action: AM**

d) Remembrance Map

Mr K Davies advised that they await the final Map that will be displayed at the War Memorial from McBride Signs, hoped to be top hand shortly. **Action: MNB & KD**

e) Dun Beag Broch

Mr A Morrison advised that he had received an e-mail from the Works Manager at Historic Scotland to advise that the works to the access are to commence in the coming week.

f) Community Skips

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

g) Ose Post Box

Mr A Morrison advised that he had received a letter from Ms N Lyall at Royal Mail in Inverness, she confirmed that the Ose Post Box had been removed as members of her staff had been attacked by a dog at the property where the Post Box is situated, however, she did advise that if we had no objection she would move forward re-siting the Post Box at Ose Road End opposite the Bus Stop. In respect of the Eabost Post Box, Ms Lyall confirmed the reason for moving was due to Winter Access, in terms of signage on the boxes and at the sites, Ms Lyall confirmed that no sign was displayed at the Ose Post Box as the Box was removed the day after the dog attack, a sign was displayed at the Eabost Box for 2 weeks, going forward Ms Lyall will advise the Community Council regards any further changes to the Post Boxes. Mr A Morrison confirmed he had acknowledged Ms Lyall's letter requesting that the Ose Post Box is replaced as noted in her letter.

Item 5: Community Building – Mrs P Semlar

Mrs Peggy Semlar attended the meeting to discuss and gauge the Community Council's views on the possibility of moving forward the idea of building a Community Building/Hub in the village, she has spoken to a number of residents and it would appear that there is an appetite for a suitable building in the village. Mrs Semlar put forward the example "An Crubh" the new facility recently built by the community of Camuscross & Duisdale in the South End of the Island, a community smaller than Struan, who have managed to build a Community Hub providing a Shop, Café & Community Facility, this could be utilised as a model for a building in Struan, as Grant Funding for this type of Project now appears to look at the facility providing an income stream after completion so that it can be self-sustainable going forward. At this stage Mrs Semlar is looking for the Community Council's backing in moving matters forward, to this end she would like to issue a Questionnaire to all residents to obtain feedback and on the basis that the feedback is positive, call a Public Meeting to discuss further and ultimately for a group to progress matters. All in attendance were supportive of Mrs Semlar's proposal, in addition advised that the Community Council would be willing to provide financial support for costs involved in undertaking the issue of the Questionnaire. Mrs Semlar will keep the Community Council apprised of matters as they progress.

Item 6: North Skye Broadband – Mr N Till

Mr N Till addressed the meeting on behalf of North Skye Broadband providing copies of the latest information leaflet and providing an update on where the Project is to date, Mr Till advised that they are now at the stage of undertaking the Broadband Mapping & Data Collection in each area which they propose serving, to this end they are looking for volunteers in each Community to assist in accurately mapping all properties that can be connected to the NSB Network, this will allow NSB to design and cost a network that could deliver affordable ultrafast broadband to every property/premises in the area. Therefore, anyone who can be of assistance is advised to contact Mr Till or e-mail volunteer@northskiebroadband.com.

Item 7: Co-option of New Member

Miss C MacLennan confirmed that she had spoken to Mr Donald Beaton regards being co-opted onto the Community Council as a Full Member to replace Mr Brian Morris, Mr Beaton had agreed to be co-opted, therefore, Miss MacLennan asked for a Proposer & a Seconder for the co-option of Mr Donald Beaton as a full member of the Community Council:

Proposed: Mr G MacKinnon Seconded: Mrs H MacLeod

Mr A Morrison to write Mr Beaton, confirming his appointment, also to provide him with the Minutes for the last 5 meetings. **Action: AM**

Item 8: Social Media

Further discussions was undertaken regards setting up a Facebook Page for the Community, after discussion it was agreed to go ahead, Mrs H Macleod, Mr G MacKinnon and Mr I Beaton to go ahead and progress matters, they will also administer the page. **Action: HM,GM&IB**

Item 9: Village Office

Mr A Morrison advised that as requested he had spoken to Miss M Munro at Dunvegan Community Council re their arrangements for the a Village Officer, Miss Munro advised that initially they had put out a Tender Document but was not a success. Therefore, they found a Self Employed person who undertakes the work required on a contract basis thereby not employed by the Community Council, operates as a Sub Contractor. After discussion it was agreed that something would be put on the Facebook Page looking for suggestions as to what requires to be done and what people may like done in the village, then re-visit the matter at the next meeting. Mr A Morrison confirmed that an Application has been submitted to the Trust for the Grass Cutting at the Picnic tables & Benches as last year.

Item 10: Correspondence

Bank of Scotland - Confirmation of correspondence address change.

Item 11: AOCB

a) Bank Balance

Mr A Morrison confirmed the present balance in the Current Account amounts to £2,525.20; this amount includes a sum of £1,260.00 for future Shopping Bus Trips, therefore, true amount available amounts to £1,265.20

b) Ward Forum

Miss C MacLennan confirmed that she attended the last Ward Forum on 6th March 2017, there was the usual Repots from Policy, Fire & Ambulance, in addition the Bus Services around the Island were discussed, Miss MacLennan advised that the Bus Service serving Struan on a Friday has been withdrawn due to lack of funding available, therefore, deemed not to be viable.

c) Community Council Open Day/Open Forum

Miss C MacLennan floated the idea of holding an event to provide the community an opportunity to discuss any matters they wishes the Community Council to address or any ideas they may have for improving the community,. All agreed it was an excellent idea, after discussion it was agreed to hold the event on Saturday 29th April 2017 in the School between 2.00pm & 4.00pm, Mr A Morrison will submit a Letting Application, agreed to provide Tea, Coffee, etc.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 8th May 2017

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Keith Davies
Mr. A. Morrison