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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 30th January 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 M N Beaton

Item 1: Welcome

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

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr B Morris & Mr K Davies

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 31st October 2016

Minutes from the meeting of 31st October 2017 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr I Beaton and seconded by Mr G MacKinnon, 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, therefore, contacted BT in Edinburgh, the gentlemen spoken to was aware of eth Scheme but no our particular case, he advised he would look into and come back in due course, to date has not been back in touch, Miss MacLennan to chase the matter this week. **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 M N Beaton advised that since the last meeting, Mr K Davies had arranged to have the Map up graded with the addition of Poppy symbols, these added to denote the home locations of those on the War Memorial. In addition Mr Beaton took the Map to MacBride Signs for the production of the Hard Copy Map for display, however, had to take back as MacBride Signs now require the copy in a digital format, this was undertaken and scanned back to MacBride Signs. Mr Beaton advised he had chased up MacBride Signs recently, they hope to produce in early course, have just been so busy recently and will get to it in early course. Mr Beaton further advised that he cannot at present contact Angus Nicolson for a price to build a plinth for the Map to sit on at the War Memorial, in addition it has been suggested that a cabinet is incorporated within the plinth to hold a Visitors Book, all agreed this was an excellent idea. Matters will continue to be progressed by Mr Beaton and Mr Davies.

Action: MNB & KD

e) Dun Beag Broch

Mr A Morrison advised that he had met with Ms R Vaughan of Historic Scotland and two of her colleagues at the Broch on 8th November 2016, to view the site and identify the works required. On conclusion of a survey of the site, they advised that the entrance gate and access will need some significant work as it has been badly worn due to the amount of visitors coming to view the site. In addition they advised that they cannot really do anything with the walk from the gate to the Broch as it is open land and in fact up to the Broch itself it is a gentle incline, also, they do not wish to interfere with the surroundings of the Broch, the only thing they intend to do there is move the information sign to a better place on site. Furthermore, they intend to have some new photographs taken at the site by drone and will up date the information point in the Car Park, so that those that are either do not wish to walk up to the site or are unable to walk to the site can get fuller details of what there is at the Broch. The works are hoped to commence from Spring onwards.

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 subsequent to the initial letter sent to Ms N Lyall at Royal Mail in Inverness, as no response received, he has written again enclosing a copy of the original letter, to date no response. **Action: AM**

h) Bonfire & Fireworks

Mr A Morrison confirmed all went well and wished to minute thanks to all who assisted in building the Bonfire, letting off the Firework and to the Gala Committee for undertaking the Catering on the night. In addition Mr Morrison confirmed he had written Struan Community Trust thanking them for the funding provided.

i) Act of Remembrance

Th annual Act of Remembrance was undertaken on Saturday 12th November 2016, there were approx 50 to 60 in attendance, once again excellent attendances from throughout the community. Mr A Morrison confirmed he had written to British Legion and Peter Morrison thanking them for their attendance and taking part, Mr M N Beaton advised he had e-mailed the Rev Eastonberry to thank her for taking the Service. In addition, the Struan Primary School Parent Council, Staff & Pupils provided a Poppy Tea in the School after the event, once against an excellent spread was provided and was an excellent forum for the community to come together. Mr A Morrison confirmed he had written the Head Teacher to thank and commend all for their fantastic effort and hard work.

j) Mrs F MacKinnon Presentation

Miss C MacLennan advised that the Afternoon Tea Party for Mr & Mrs MacKinnon had been a great success and that they were both “blown away” by the generosity of the community, a letter to the Community Council that was received from Neil & Finella had previously been circulated to members and was table at the meeting. Miss MacLennan advised that the bench that had been commissioned had been collected by John MacKinnon, she wished to minute and thank John for undertaking the collection and proposed that we make a contribution towards his fuel costs, it was agreed that a cheque in the sum of £20.00 be sent to John along with a letter of thanks. In addition Miss MacLennan wished to thank the input from those who provided baking and assisted with serving the Tea on the day. Miss MacLennan went on to advise that although a number had assisted on the day, Mrs S MacKinnon & Mrs M Morrison, had taken on the organisation, from arranging the catering to laying out and decorating the School, the amount of work both had done was staggering, therefore, Miss MacLennan suggested that both deserved recognition by way of a gift for all their hard work and effort, at this point Mr A Morrison declared an interest and would not take part in the discussion of gift for the ladies. After discussion, it was agreed that each should be given a Gift Voucher to the value of £100.00; Miss C MacLennan was furnished with funds to purchase Gift Vouchers and pass these on to Susan and Marie.

Item 5: Ground Maintenance

Mr A Morrison had received an e-mail from Mr D Millar, Highland Councillor, to advise that at a recent Ward Business Meeting it had been agreed to take the Ground Maintenance back in house for the year 2017. The e-mail went on to advise that due to the limited budget available they would like to prioritise Burial Ground grass cutting and maintenance, thereby less grass cutting of amenity areas. After discussion, it was agreed to respond on the basis that we agree with the proposal, however, we would still expect a decent degree of cutting of the amenity areas in our area.

Item 6: Treasurer

Miss C MacLennan advised that she has received a Letter of Resignation from Mr Brian Morris, effective from the date of this meeting, Mr Morris has resigned as he and his wife are leaving the community and moving to Dumfries-shire, the resignation was accepted with regret. Miss MacLennan wishes to pay tribute to Brian for his years of service to the community in his role as Treasurer to both the Community Council and the Struan Community Trust, his duties for both groups were carried out to the highest of standards and his wise counsel at meetings was greatly appreciated, all agreed and agreed that both he and his wife Lynne would be greatly missed within the community. It was further agreed to look into obtaining a suitable gift to acknowledge all he has done for the community over past years, a picture in the vicinity of Eabost was suggested, Mrs H MacLeod will look into and come back in due course with recommendation. On the matter of practicalities regards the role of Treasurer and the matter of replacing Mr Morris on the Community Council, Mr A Morrison advised that he had gone over the books with Brian, all was in order and Mr Morrison will fulfil the role up to the next AGM and will produce the Income & Expenditure Account for submission to the Accountants for auditing, then presentation at the AGM and thereafter submission to the Council for payment of the Annual Grant. Mr Morrison went on to advise that after having checked the constitution, he requires to advise the Ward Manager of the resignation, also to advise that we will now co-opt a new member at our next meeting, as per the constitution, this needs to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting and seven days notice of the Agenda provided to members, Mr Morrison confirmed he would attend to all. After discussion it was agreed that Miss C MacLennan would approach Mr Donald Beaton to find out if he would be willing to be co-opted onto the Community Council.

Item 7: Correspondence

Letter - Kate Forbes MSP – requesting comments on “Scotland’s place in Europe” subsequent to the UK voting to leave the EU. It was agreed to acknowledge receipt of Ms Forbes letter, to advise that as a Community Council we represent all members of the Community and as there are a wide range of differing views on the subject, we are of the opinion it is not our place to form a response on behalf of the Community.

Item 8: AOCB

a) Polling Station Review

It has been noted that there will be no change to the Polling Station provision in our area so nothing required to be done.

b) NHS Reports

Since our last meeting Mrs F MacKinnon has submitted a further 2 Reports on meetings attended, these have been viewed and discussed, all agreed that Mrs MacKinnon continues to do an excellent job reporting and keeping the CC abreast of developments or otherwise, Mrs MacKinnon to be written with our continued thanks for her attendance at these meetings on our behalf.

c) CC Facebook Page

Miss C MacLennan floated the idea of a Community Facebook page, as she is of the opinion it may get news about the community out to a wider audience, it was agreed to put this on the Agenda for the next meeting.

d) Village Officer/Handyman

Miss C MacLennan & Mr M N Beaton proposed that we look into getting someone to do some work in the Community to keep the place tidy and possibly to site flower boxes in the village and to have them maintained, the costs could be funded from an application to the Trust. It was noted that at present Dunvegan do this and Mr A Morrison was tasked with speaking to Maressa Munro in Dunvegan to see how they go about employing someone for this task. It was agreed to put this matter on the Agenda for the next meeting.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 20th March 2017 January 2017

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

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

Miss C MacLennan 20/3/17.
Mr. M N Beaton 20/3/17.