

STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 4th September 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs H MacLeod Mr A Morrison Mr I Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr K Davies, Mr M N Beaton & PC Derek Ferguson

Item 1: Welcome

Mrs H MacLeod took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting.

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr D Beaton Mr G MacKinnon Miss C MacLennan Mrs M MacDonald Mrs P Semler & Miss E MacKinnon

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 14th June 2017

Minutes from the meeting of 14th June 2017 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr K Davies and seconded by Mr A Lockhart, duly signed and dated.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Play Park & Cemetery Car Park

Mr A Morrison advised that the Grant for the Play Park has been approved by Struan Trust and matters are now being moved forward to have the works undertaken. Further advised that he will try and progress the re-surfacing of the Cemetery Car Park by way of obtaining additional estimates.

Action: AM

b) Community Skips

Mr A Morrison advised still having difficulty in obtaining 3 Estimates for general Waste but will continue to pursue.

Action: AM

c) Oronsay Signage & Dog Fouling

Mrs H MacLeod advised that the matter relating to the Dog Fouling has been resolved via the Facebook page, in addition a bin could be made available for dog waste and Mrs C Tindall has obtained signage from SNH that has been put in place regards this matter and advising best practise, it was also decided to monitor the situation going forward.

d) Seafarers UK

Mr A Morrison confirmed Flag purchased & is at present on the Flag Pole to recognise Merchant Navy Day that was on 3rd September 2017.

e) Cemetery Grass Cutting

Mr A Morrison confirmed he had contacted Highland Council regards the issues that had been raised locally in respect of the quality of the Grass Cutting undertaken at the Cemetery, Mr A Morrison was by Highland Council that they had had a number of teething problems after taking back on the Contract but were in the process of employing two more employees for the Grass Cutting Squad, they have taken on the concerns raised and will ensure that the quality and care of the Grass Cutting is improved significantly. Mrs H Macleod advised that she had called at the Cemetery earlier today and that there is a definite improvement, however the shed has not been cleared. In addition, the paths are not in the best of order and could do with the edgings being tidied, Mrs Macleod suggested contacting the Highland Council Criminal Justice Services to see if they can assist with those on Community Pay Back Orders, it was also suggested that the some weeding would not go amiss at the Millennium Cairn at the Green, Mr A Morrison to contact the Service to see if they can assist.

Police Visit

PC Derek Ferguson attended the meeting as PC Marion MacCallum the Community Council Police Liaison Officer could not attend the meeting, PC Ferguson asked if there was anything in particular that the Community Council wished to raise, all advised that there was nothing of any significance. PC Ferguson then left the meeting.

Item 5: Treasurers Report

Mr A Morrison provided a Report of the present financial position advising that the net sum available to the Community Council at present amounts to £1,753.28, this after the deduction of funds being held for the Play Park, Grass Cutting, Bus Trips and outstanding cheque.

Item 6: Act of Remembrance & War Memorial

The Act of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 11th November 2017 commencing at 10:45am, to be undertaken on similar lines as in past years, unfortunately the Colour Party from the British Legion will be unable to attend as due to the date they will be attending at the War Memorial in Portree at 11.00am. Final arrangements to be made at the next meeting. Mr M N Beaton advised that Miss C MacLennan had suggested that Mr Beaton undertake an illustrated presentation prior to the Act of Remembrance, all agreed this was an excellent idea and could be held on an evening in the week preceding in the School.

Mr Beaton went on to advise that he had met Hector Nicolson at the War Memorial to discuss the siting of a stone plinth to display the Remembrance Map, on reflection and discussion with Hector they felt that it would be best attached to the War Memorial as it will be better able to be seen and will tie in with the existing plaques. In addition, Mr Beaton advised that he had previously spoken to Fran Gooch regards supplying wooden troughs to place on the 3 sides of the War Memorial to display flowers, Fran advised that it was something she did not stock but could have them specially made, however, on discussion with Hector, he advised that he could build troughs in stone around the 3 sides that would provide the same function and would be longer lasting, Mr Beaton conformed to Hector to proceed so that they would be on place for the Act of Remembrance.

Item 7: Tourism Issues

Mr A Morrison put forward an e-mail he had received from Willie MacKinnon, Ward Manager, backed by the 4 Local Elected Members, requesting that each Community Council put this on their Agenda going forward, as Tourism across the Ward is a key priority for the Local Elected Members and they are keen to capture existing and emerging issues. Any issues or concerns can then be reported back to the Elected Member for each CCC and can then be fed back to the Ward Business Meetings. All agreed a good idea and the item will be placed on the Agenda of future meetings.

Item 8: Bonfire & Fireworks

Mr A Morrison advised that it looks likely that if we are to hold the Annual Bonfire & Fireworks this year we will have to obtain a Public Entertainment License via Highland Council, Mr Morrison has gone over the Application Form, it is extremely onerous to complete and requires to have a Health & Safety Risk Assessment, Fire Safety Risk Assessment and possibly a Project Management Document. Mr Morrison is seeing Carol Nicolson, Licensing Officer at Highland Council in Portree on Tuesday 5th September to discuss the matter, however, advised that of this is a requirement he is not prepared to undertake the work in respect of obtaining the License, therefore, the Bonfire & Fireworks will not go ahead this year.

Item 9: Village Office/Improvements

It was agreed that it appears to late this year to proceed with the siting of any tubs in the village, however, agreed that a plan would be developed for the siting of tubs and costings sought so that they can be put in place at the beginning of next year, Mrs H Macleod is going to gauge feeling for siting tubs and anything else via the Facebook Page. Furthermore, it was agreed to investigate the cost of purchasing bulb for the road side within the 40 MPH signs, as Mrs Macleod spoke to Mr D Macleod at Highland Council and he has advised that there would be no objection to us planting bulbs in this area as long as those planting were wearing High Visibility Clothing, Mrs Macleod to look at costs for bulbs.

Item 10: Correspondence

Struan Community Trust – Confirmation that Grant for the Play Park has been approved
Struan Community Project Letter & Up date – Mrs H MacLeod to respond
Highlands Small Housing Communities Housing Trust – Notice of Annual Conference & AGM
Highland Council Education – Notice of Consultation to establish Gaelic Medium Catchment Areas for Skye
PC Marion MacCallum – Attaching Documents relating to advice on Internet Safety & Bogus Workmen, both to be added to the Facebook Page & Web Site.

Item 11: AOCB

a) Roads

Mrs H Macleod that she had been contacted by Mrs M MacDonald & Miss E MacKinnon regards the condition of the single track roads at Coillore and Struanmore, both are in significant disrepair with loose stones on corners and significant pot holes, in addition the turn in at the shop is in disrepair and significant pot holes at the re-cycling site. Also, the Road Signs in the village are in disrepair along with the Passing Place Signs and Police Notices regards allowing traffic to pass on the Hill Road, Mr A Morrison to write Highland Council.

b) Noticeboard

Mrs H Macleod advised that the Noticeboard is needing repair, Mr Morrison advised he would discuss with Mr G MacKinnon on his return from Holiday.

c) Telephone Exchange

Mrs H MacLeod advised that one internal wall in the Telephone Exchange is showing significant signs of water ingress/damp, Mr Morrison will speak to Mr G MacKinnon to view and see what requires to be done to resolve the issue on his return

d) Ose Post Box

Mr A Lockhart advised that to date there is still no sign of the replacement of the Post Box at Ose, Mr Morrison advised that he would again write the Post Office in Inverness for their advice and an update.

Date of next Meeting will be Wednesday 25th October 2017

Mrs H MacLeod thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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