

## **STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **CHAIRPERSON**

**Mrs H MacLeod  
Taigh Alex, Ebost  
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Isle of Skye**

### **TREASURER/ SECRETARY**

**Mr A Morrison  
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Isle of Skye**

### **VICE - CHAIRPERSON**

**Mr K Davies  
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Struan  
Isle of Skye**

**Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mrs H MacLeod Mr A Morrison Mr I Beaton, Miss C MacLennan, Mr D Beaton, Mr G MacKinnon, Mrs P Semler & PC m McCallum

### **Item 1: Welcome**

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

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

Mr K Davies, Mr M N Beaton, Mr A Lockhart & Mr R MacDonald (Highland Councillor)

### **Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Minutes from the meeting of 4<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr I Beaton & seconded by Mrs H MacLeod, duly signed and dated.

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

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

Mr A Morrison advised that Highland Council have now cleared existing mat surface and equipment from the site, leaving the Slide & a Spinner for re-installation by HAGS, Mr Morrison further advised that he has been in contact with Mr D McNamara at HAGS, he is now looking at the original plan to provide an up date and utilise the funds to their maximum to provide the best possible outcome for the Play Park. In respect of the Cemetery Car Park, Mr Morrison has again written Highland Council to request an estimate for the works so this matter can be progressed.

**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) Cemetery Grass Cutting**

Mrs H MacLeod advised that she had recently visited the Cemetery and confirmed that there has been a significant improvement in the grass cutting, all agreed this would appear to be the case, although there is still a rabbit problem, agreed that Mr A Morrison would e-mail Kevin Gordon at Highland Council to see if there is anything they can do to alleviate the problem. In addition, Mr Morrison advised that he has e-mailed the Highland Council Criminal Justice Service to see about the process for having work in the Community undertaken by people under Community Work Orders, to date no response received, Mr Morrison will chase up this matter

**Action: AM**

**d) Roads**

Mr A Morrison confirmed he has e-mailed Mr D MacLeod at Highland Council and is awaiting response, will chase.

**Action: AM**

**e) Noticeboard**

Mr G MacKinnon confirmed he would look at and repair as required

**Action: GMK**

**f) Old Telephone Exchange**

Mr G MacKinnon confirmed he would look at to see the best way to resolve the issue.

**Action: GMK**

**g) Ose Post Box**

Mr A Morrison confirmed he has written the Post Office in Inverness, to date no response, will chase.

**Action: AM**

**Police Visit**

PC Marion MacCallum the Community Council Police Liaison Officer could not attend the meeting, no issues to report and nothing reported by the Community.

**Item 5: Struan Community Project**

Mrs P Semler attended the meeting to provide an update on the work of "Struan Community Development Group", confirming a Constitution has been drafted, at present they have a core working group of 6 people, a steering group consisting of 15 people and another group of 40 who have indicated they would be willing to assist going forward. There were 85 responses to the Survey, the vast majority of a positive nature, 2 sites have been identified as possible locations for the building, the next step is to hold a Public Meeting in December 2017, at a Committee would be set up to move matter forward, looking to go for Stage 1 Funding in 2018 to carry out a full feasibility study. Mrs H Macleod thanked Mrs Semler for her update and all are happy to continue to support the Group going forward.

**Item 6: Act of Remembrance & War Memorial**

As previously discussed, the Act of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 commencing at 10:45am, to be undertaken on similar lines as in past years, arrangements agreed and Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Staff, Pupils & Parent Council were once again to hold a Poppy Tea in the School after the Service at the War Memorial to which all attending are cordially invited to attend.

It was further agreed that Mr M N Beaton will give a Talk with Slides on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 7.30pm in the School, arrangements for the evening were agreed, Refreshments to be provided by Community Council members.



### **Item 7: Tourism Issues**

None

### **Item 8: Struan Cemetery**

Mr A Morrison advised that he had been contacted by Kevin Gordon at Highland Council to see if we can write Balgown Township to see if they would allow the Grave Diggers to spread excess soil from new graves on Township ground, as there are not a huge number of funeral sin the year it would likely not be a huge amount of soil and it will be spread, not dumped in a pile. Also, they advised they would install a gate for access to the ground, however, it was thought that there is a gate in place already, all agreed in order to write but check the gate situation initially.

**Action: AM**

### **Item 9: Village Office/Improvements**

Mrs H MacLeod confirmed that bulbs have been planted by a group of people on a recent Saturday, 7 sacks of daffodil bulbs were planted along the road side. A number of other possible improvements and works were discussed, due to the time of year it was agreed that these are best undertaken in the Spring, so can be discussed and agreed at the next meeting, then costed and progressed. Although, appears that the gorse around the access to the Broch is quite over grown and may be worthwhile speaking to Historic Scotland, Mr A Morrison to look into this, in addition to check and see who owns the ground in front of the Old Manse and this area could do with being tidied.

**Action: AM**

### **Item 10: Correspondence**

Lochalsh & Skye Housing Association – Annual Report  
SSE Letter – Advising of Second Public Consultation on the Fort Augustus to Skye up grade of the Grid Connection to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2017 in Dunvegan Village Hall 15:00 to 19:00

### **Item 11: AOCB**

#### **a) Planning**

Noted that an Application submitted for a new Food Outlet in Struan, all delighted to see a new Business starting in the Village.

#### **b) De-Fib Training**

Mr A Morrison apologised as this has not been arranged to date, will progress at the earliest opportunity, also, the De-fib cabinet to be checked to ensure all ok.

**Action: AM**

#### **c) Adopt a Kiosk**

Miss C MacLennan advised that she had recently received a phone call from BT regards a consultation with Highland Council, Miss MacLennan advised the caller that this had already been done, the caller is going to look into and come back to her.

#### **d) Bus Trips**

Mr A Morrison that the planned Trip in September did not go ahead, due to lack of numbers, however, a Christmas Trip is to be arranged by Mrs M Morrison, Coillore, probably the first Saturday in December.

**e) NHS Dental Practise – Dunvegan**

Mrs H MacLeod advised that letters have been issued to users of the service at the Dunvegan Medical Practise to advise that the Service is being withdrawn and that all patients will be transferred to the NHS Dental Practise in Portree, all agreed a further denigration in the NHS Service to rural areas, agreed to write MSP Kate Forbes, Mrs H MacLeod to provide a copy of the letter to Mr Morrison to assist in writing a suitable letter.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Mrs H MacLeod thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.35pm.

D. G. Beaton

J. Beaton

15<sup>th</sup> JAN 2018