

STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 26th March 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs H MacLeod, Mr A Morrison, Mr D Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr K Davies, Mrs F MacKinnon, Mrs P Semler & Mr C Hemwood

Item 1: Welcome

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

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Miss C MacLennan, Mr I Beaton, Mr G MacKinnon & PC M MacCallum

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 15th January 2018

Minutes from the meeting of 15th January 2018 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr A Lockhart & seconded by Mr D Beaton, duly signed and dated.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Play Park & Cemetery Car Park

Mr A Morrison advised that he has received the Formal Order Form from HAGS, this has duly been completed and sent back to HAGS, it is anticipated that the works will commence Mid April and hopefully be completed within 2 weeks, with the perimeter fence being replaced thereafter. 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

Mrs H MacLeod advised that she has sought quotes for Skips and was finding the same problem as Mr Morrison, where difficulty in obtaining Quote for General Waste, Mrs MacLeod has obtained a firm Quote of £432.00 incl VAT for one Skip from Bowmans, as the cost falls within the Community Trust threshold for obtaining 3 Quotes, it was agreed to submit an Application to the Trust for one skip as a trial to see how it works out, agreed the skip to be located at the Re-cycling Point in the village.

Action: HM

c) Cemetery Grass Cutting

Mr A Morrison tabled a letter received from Head of Environmental & Amenity Services regards the Council's Policy for Grass Cutting for the forthcoming Season, all happy that matters regards the Grass Cutting appear to have been resolved since last year. In addition, it was agreed that an excellent job has been done by Highland Council Criminal Justice Service on the Cemetery paths and the other minor works undertaken.

d) Noticeboard

Mrs H Macleod confirmed that Mr G MacKinnon replaced the lock on the Noticeboard.

e) Old Telephone Exchange

Sealant to be applied to the wall to see if this resolves the problem.

Action: GMK

f) Ose Post Box

Mr A Lockhart has advised that although the Post Box at Ose has been re-instated, it still remains out of use, as the seal has not yet been removed by the Post Office. Mr A Morrison confirmed he has written the Post Office asking that they remove the seal so Post Box can be used, if nothing happens in the next couple of weeks, Mr Morrison will re-write the Post Office.

Action: AM

g) Struan Community Project

Mrs P Semlar addressed the meeting to provide an up date, she advised that a Public Meeting had been held on 18/01/2018 to obtain support from the community and to formally set up Struan Community Development Group, the meeting was extremely well attended and all in attendance were in favour of moving forward, at this point a Management Community was put in place. Subsequently, a visit to the Outer Isles was arranged to look at 4 Community Projects, the visit having been funded by Scottish Community Alliance, the trip was very worthwhile as they met and obtained a significant amount of advice to assist with moving the Struan Project forward. At present the Group are putting together information to submit a Stage 1 Funding Application to allow a Feasibility Study to be undertaken, the preferred site is still to be finalised. Mrs H MacLeod thanked Mrs Semlar for her up date.

h) Bus Trips

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Application for funds to Struan Community Trust in the sum of £1,740.00 had been approved and funds received.

i) Woodland Trust

Mrs P Semlar advised that the Woodland Trust would be accepting Applications for trees from April/May 2018 if the Community are interested in making an Application, it was suggested that the new Development Group may be the best vehicle for moving this matter forward, Mrs Semlar agreed to take this task on with the Development Group.

Item 5: Treasure's Report

Mr A Morrison provided an up date on the finances at present, in addition advised that the Grant from Highland Council has been cut significantly, it will this year amount to £432.55, however, the Community Council Insurance Premium of £141.00 will be deducted from this, therefore the net amount being received will amount to £291.55. In taking this into consideration, Mrs H MacLeod advised that she will submit an Application to the Trust for £500.00 to assist with costs in the forthcoming year.

Action: HM

Item 6: Tourism Issues

None

Item 7: Beach Clean

Mrs P Semlar advised that Beach Cleans have been arranged for Loch Beag, from the Jetty to the Causeway on 10/04/2018 and Eabost on 14/04/2018 or 28/04/2018, funding has been received via Scottish Wildlife Trust to cover the cost of bags, skips, etc, looking for volunteers to assist. Mrs Semlar went on to advise that this is a community wide initiative and will hopefully clear a lot of the plastics that are being washed ashore and causing so much injury to wild animals. The Community Council fully supportive of this fantastic initiative.

Item 8: NHS

Mrs F MacKinnon tabled her Report on the recent Transport & Access Meeting held on 19/05/2018, the main item being the Report undertaken by Aberdeen University, this was unanimously dismissed, it was also recommended that NHS should not pay the full cost to Aberdeen University, in addition, a fresh Report should be commissioned and undertaken by Transport experts. In fact Mrs MacKinnon advised that the whole of the Bracadale Area had been completely ignored from the Report. In addition, Mrs MacKinnon advised that she has requested a meeting with Sir Lewis Ritchie who is undertaking a Review of Health Care Services in North Skye on the invitation of NHS Highland, Mrs MacKinnon has submitted her notes on the Transport & Access Meeting along with the concerns of the Community Council to Sir Lewis, as requested. (Copies of Reports on file)

Item 9: Village Improvements

Mrs H MacLeod advised that whilst looking for quotes for large Flower Tubs, she had received an offer from Joe Kassim to make these at no charge to the Community, all agreed this was an fantastic contribution and all agreed we should accept Mr Kassim's offer, the proposal would be to place the tubs adjacent t the new signs, once these are in place. In this vein Mr Morrison advsied that he is still awaiting response from Mr D MacLeod at Highland Council regards the signs, he will chase up. In addition, the daffodils that were planted have now come out and are proving to be a great success from the feedback within the community.

Item 10: Correspondence

None

Item 11: AOCB

a) Facebook Page

Mrs H MacLeod advised that a question from a Community resident had been received to the Page, after discussion, agreed that Mrs Macleod will respond appropriately.

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 14th May 2018

Mrs H MacLeod thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

D. G. Beaton 14.5.18

Mrs H MacLeod 14/5/18