

Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs Thursday 26 th April 2018	
Attendees	Peggy Semler, Katrina McGough, Chris Henwood, Clare Stones, Tony Grindrod, Bettine Grindrod	Management Committee plus Steering Group
Apologies	Sarah Illingworth, Philippa Thomas, Andy Parker, Jenny Till	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting	The minutes from both the last meeting (08.02.18) and the original launch meeting (18.01.18) still need to be reviewed and adopted at the next meeting.	
Membership	Membership is now sitting at 50 people. PS to compile list of skills of members	ACTION: PS
Feedback from W Isles Trip	PS ran through the summarised points from the visit to four community projects in Lewis/Harris, which were the Callanish Visitor Centre (a community driven initiative originally), Sportsnis (community owned and operated sports centre in Ness), the Clan MacQuarrie Community Centre in Borse (a community owner and run centre) and Talla na Mara in West Harris (new community centre and venue). A variety of different organisation and operating structures, but many common issues, e.g. managing architects (+ costs), car parking, renewable energy, opening hours, etc. Lots of practical advice given, and offers to provide ongoing help if requested.	
Bank Account	SI has been struggling to get an account open with RBS, although we are persevering. However, as there have been so many issues, SI/PS have decided to go ahead with an application to BoS in parallel, with a view to closing one of them when we are really sure which offers us the best solution.	ACTION: PS/SI
Funding	After contact with Leader (who could only provide matched funding anyway) we have contacted the Scottish Land Fund, to at least provide the funding required to get to knowing what we need to raise to buy the land. PS & KMcG are to meet with local SLF contact on 14 th May to try and progress this.	ACTION: PS/KMcG
Site & Design	CS has had a positive response from UHI re university students coming up with a design, so to follow up. PS has had a very supportive response from the planning department to the outline project, but have also indicated a preference for the site beside the school, for a number of reasons. It was then decided by the members of the Management Group present that there was no point postponing a decision re the site, and it was therefore decided that from now on we will only progress the larger site beside the school. This will help with the SLF application too,	ACTION: CS
AOB	None	
Next Meeting	TBA	
Meeting Closed	21:00 hours	