

STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 14th May March 2018 at 7.00pm

Present: Mrs H MacLeod, Mr A Morrison, Mr D Beaton, Mr M N Beaton. Mr G MacKinnon, Mr I Beaton, Mrs F MacKinnon, Mrs P Semler & Mr R MacDonald (Councillor)

Item 1: Welcome

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

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Miss C MacLennan, Mr K Davies, Mr A Lockhart & PC M MacCallum

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 26th March 2018

Minutes from the meeting of 26th March 2018 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr D Beaton & seconded by Mrs H MacLeod, duly signed and dated.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Community Skips

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Grant Application had been successful and funds received from Struan Community Trust, therefore, Mrs H Macleod is to proceed to contact Bowmans to arrange for Skip to delivered from a Friday to Monday, will let the Community know by way of message on the Facebook Page. **Action: HM**

b) Cemetery Grass Cutting

It was noted that the Cemetery is in good order, however, one issue that requires to be attended to is the "Rabbit Fencing" requires repair.

c) Old Telephone Exchange

Mr G MacKinnon advised that after discussion with Mr I MacPhie, it would appear that the only way to resolve the issue on the Gable End that is causing the problem would be to strip off the existing harling and have the Gable End re-harled. Agreed to obtain Estimates and submit an Application to the Trust fir funding to resolve the issue. **Action: GMK & AM**

e) Struan Community Project

Mrs P Semler advise dthe meeting that the membership of Struan Community Development Group has now grown to in excess of 50 members, the preferred site for the development has been agreed as the site adjacent to the School on the right hand side on leaving the village, it is seen as being the most appropriate of the two considered. The Group are also looking at the possibility of providing Social Housing on the site, next stage is to apply for the Stage 1 funding to be able to purchase the land and carry out the appropriate Surveys. Mrs H Macleod thanked Mr Semler for the up date.

f) Woodland Trust

Mrs P Semlar advised that an application for tress submitted for the Community & School, if application successful 400 trees would be received for planting n November, the Struan Community Development Group to take forward.

g) Treasurer's Report

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Application for funds to Struan Community Trust in the sum of £500.00 had been approved and funds received, therefore, the meeting requested that the Treasurer now accept the Secretary's Honorarium of £250.00.

h) Beach Clean

Mrs P Semlar advised that 3 Beach Cleans had been undertaken at Loch Beag, from the Jetty to the Causeway and two at Eabost, Mrs Semler wished to express her thanks to al the volunteers who had given of their time to clear a significant amount of debris from these areas. Also, advised that Surfers against Sewage are taking the lead on Beach Cleans and hope to hold a Beach Clean at Caroy on Mid Summers Day.

Item 5: NHS – Sir Lewis Ritchie

Mrs F MacKinnon advised that the Report commissioned by NHS Highland to Review Health Care Services in North Skye and carried out by Sir Lewis Ritchie had now been released, after having reviewed the Report Mrs MacKinnon was delighted with the outcome and recommendations detailed, in fact advised that it was far more than had been hoped for by all involved, Councillor MacDonald echoed Mrs MacKinnon comments. Both were in agreement that this is only the beginning and it is now proposed that a Facilitator/Project Manger be appointed to follow through on the recommendations with all parties to obtain the best possible final outcome. Mrs MacKinnon Councillor MacDonald then went on to go through the main points of the Report. All were delighted with the outcome of the Report and hoped that matters will progress so that we all eventually have a robust and long term enhanced NHS Service in North Skye. Mrs H MacLeod thanked Mrs MacKinnon for her continued attendance at meetings representing the Community in this most important matter.

Item 6: Tourism Issues

None

Item 7: Play Park

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the work on the Play Park is now almost complete, just awaiting a couple of parts that were required for a couple of the items that were not with the original delivery of equipment, Brian Hođge hopes to have these fitted within the week and will then have the Inspection carried out, but has advised that once he has fitted the required parts the Play Park can be used prior to Inspection completed. Mr G MacKinnon will now arrange to have the perimeter fence replaced. Also, after discussion it was agreed that a Picnic Table and Bench Seat should be located in the Play Park, Mr A Morrison to look at Marmax Products, as these are eco friendly and extremely hard wearing, will then submit an Application to the Trust for funding

Action: AM & GM

Item 8: War Memorial & Battle's Over Tribute

Mr M N Beaton has obtained a Quote from Skye Shrubs for Bedding Plants for the Memorial, £145.35 for 40 Packs of Bedding Begonia plus Fertiliser, with the collection and planting undertaken by ourselves, all agreed to go ahead, Mrs H MacLeod will arrange collection and send on Invoice to Mr A Morrison for settlement. Mr A Morrison advised that he had received and distributed literature regards the Battle's Over Event that is taking place nationally on 11th November 2018 to mark 100 years since the gun fell silent at the end of the First World War. It was agreed that we should mark the event at our own Act of Remembrance on Saturday 10th November 2018, in addition an Event to be held in the School on evening of 9th November 2018 where Mr M N Beaton will provide a talk and side show pertinent to the First World War.

Item 9: Village Improvements

Mr Morrison advised that he is still awaiting response from Mr D MacLeod at Highland Council regards the signs, he will chase up. **Action: AM**

Item 10: Correspondence

Highland Council – Up date on Grass Cutting Schedule for the forthcoming season

Item 11: AOCB

a) Broadband

It has been noted within the community that the Broadband Service in the village has deteriorated significantly, to the extent that the Post Office has had issues, it has been mooted that the Exchange is overloaded and needs upgrading to be able to cope with the demand. Agreed to write BT for their comments **Action: AM**

b) Resignation

Mrs H MacLeod was sorry to report that she and the Secretary have received an e-mail from Miss C MacLennan to advise that she wishes to resign from the Community Council with immediate effect, Miss MacLennan advised that due to her mother's increased frailty and hospitalisation she is spending more time away from home than at home and feels regrettably that it is now the time to resign. All agreed that in the circumstances Miss MacLennan's resignation was to be accepted, Mrs H MacLeod to write Miss MacLennan formally accepting her resignation. Agreed to discuss the vacancy at the next meeting.

Date of next Meeting & AGM will be Wednesday 13th June 2018

Mrs H MacLeod thanked everyone for their attendance

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

Iain Beaton 15th / 6 / 18
Mrs H MacLeod 13 / 6 / 18