

## **STRUAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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**Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2018 at 7.00pm**

**Present:** Mrs H MacLeod, Mr A Morrison, Mr I Beaton, Mr K Davies, Mr M N Beaton, Mr D Beaton, Mrs P Semler, Dr T Grindrod & Mrs B Grindrod

### **Item 1: Welcome**

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

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

Mr A Lockhart, Mr G MacKinnon, PC McCallum & Mr R MacDonald

### **Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Minutes from the meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> June 2018 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) Community Skips***

Mrs H MacLeod confirmed that the Skip has been delivered and had been in place longer than anticipated, been extremely popular and was overfilled. Therefore, it was agreed that we should arrange for further Skips at the end of October and the end of January, however, will require a higher capacity Skip, as opposed to an 8CY was agreed to go with a 14CY at a cost of £504.00 incl VAT per Skip, Mr A Morrison to submit an application for funding to Struan Community Trust. **Action: AM**

#### ***b) Cemetery Grass Cutting***

Grass cutting in order, appears one rabbit accessing but does not appear to be causing any damage, to continue to monitor.

#### ***c) Old Telephone Exchange***

Mr G MacKinnon not in attendance, Mr A Morrison to speak to Graham on his return for up date.

**Action: GMK & AM**

**d) Play Park**

Mr A Morrison confirmed that as the Inspection Report had been received and all in order with exception of a couple of items to be resolved, therefore HAGS Invoice has now been settled, in addition the Invoice for the fencing in favour of GMK Joinery has also been settled. Mrs H MacLeod advised that there are a number of ancillary issues that will require to be attended to, the exposed concrete, painting of the original items that were re-sited, Bin, Signage and Gate. It was agreed to look at costing artificial grass to cover the exposed concrete, obtain paint, cost signage to show the entrance to the Play Park, find out if Council will supply a Bin or will we have to purchase and site, check the Gate to ensure in full working order, this being the gate at the side of the Old Telephone Exchange. After costing agreed to submit an Application to the Trust, application also to include the cost of Picnic Table & Bench, Mr A Morrison to look into all. **Action: AM**

**e) War Memorial**

All agreed that the Floral Display at the War Memorial looks fantastic.

**f) Broadband**

Mr A Morrison advised he had again e-mailed BT re Broadband issues but to date has had no response, as issues remains a problem, agreed to continue to try and elicit a response from BT but also to write MP & MSP. **Action: AM**

**g) Village Improvements**

In respect of the trees that are to be delivered and planted in November, it was agreed that the main area for planting would be from the Cemetery Car Park down towards the jetty road end, the area will require to be cleared of the heavy gorse, further agreed that a message will go out on Facebook page for volunteers to assist. In addition, as the Bulb planting last year was such a success, this again should be undertaken, Mrs H MacLeod to arrange for the purchase of Bulbs for planting. **Action: HM**

**Item 5: Struan Community Development Group Up-Date**

Mrs P Semler provided an up date on matters, advising that they have now submitted an Application to the Scottish Land Fund for £15,000 to cover costs of a Feasibility Study, Construction Design, Legal Costs, etc, it is anticipated that a decision will be received in October. In addition a Housing Survey has been undertaken 130 Survey Forms were distributed to the permanent residents in the district, to date 36 responses received and anticipated that a few still to be returned, a draft report has been collated, final report to be done in due course.

**Item 6: Tourism Issues**

None

**Item 7: Defibrillator Training & Location Map**

Mrs H MacLeod advised that it may be worthwhile to put a map of the District on the Noticeboard identifying where the Defibrillators are located, all in agreement, in addition, it was agreed to arrange further Training Sessions for use of the Defibrillators, Mr A Morrison to move this forward. **Action: AM**

**Item 8: BT Phone Box**

As Miss C MacLennan had been leading this initiative, it was agreed that Mr A Morrison to contact her for an up date and requested all the details she has to hand so the matter can be progressed **Action: AM**

### **Item 9: Hill Road**

Mrs H MacLeod brought up the recent traffic chaos on the Hill Road due to the Fire at Sligachan/Crossal earlier this year and also the tragic RTA that occurred in August, on both occasions the Hill Road was choked by traffic, in addition, Mr A Morrison advised that he had received e-mails, calls and comments from members of the Community requesting that the Community Council make representations to Highland Council and the Police in an attempt to put a plan in place if the situation re-occurs in the future. It was felt that the best way forward would be to close the Hill Road to traffic from the Struan side and make the road one way during this type of situation, also, would there be any way of restricting the use of the Hill Road to large Coaches & Vehicles. It was agreed to write Highland Council with a copy to the local Police Inspector for their comments and proposals going forward.

**Action: AM**

### **Item 10: Caroy Jetty**

Mr A Morrison advised for information purposes that he had received an e-mail from Mr Tony Usher, Harbours Manager, Highland Council attaching a copy of a Lease Document in respect of the Caroy Jetty and asking if we were aware that we held a lease over the said Jetty, after having viewed the Document in full it was true that the Jetty had been leased to the CC from 01/10/1978 by The Crown Estate Commissioners, however, after having reviewed the Lease Document in full, it was noted that on Page 7 there is a copy of a Document dated 24/05/1983 where the lease was assigned to Skye & Lochalsh District Council, consequently Highland Council, therefore, the CC do not hold a Lease over the Caroy Jetty. Mr Morrison e-mailed Mr Usher referring him to this page, Mr Usher's response, "*Thanks for responding, I have to admit that I didn't get as far as page 7.*"

### **Item 11: Act of Remembrance**

The Act of Remembrance will take place on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at the War Memorial in Struan from 10:45am, on the evening prior, Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2018; the Community Council will host a Slide Show and Talk to be delivered by Mr M N Beaton on the Great War, Refreshments to be provided by CC Members. Mr A Morrison will submit an Application for use of the School for the Friday evening, Mr Beaton advised that he had spoken to Miss Una MacLennan and the children will take part. Agreed to approach Rev D G MacDonald to conduct the Services, approach Mr G Smith, British Legion, to see if Colour Party can attend agreed to approach Community Member to lay Wreath on behalf of the Community and ask Miss MacLennan to select 2 children from the School to lay a Wreath on behalf of the Youth of the Community, Mr A Morrison to contact Miss C G MacLennan for a copy of the Order of Service for printing. It was also agreed that this year we should provide a Gift to Peter Morrison, as he has faithfully piped at the event over the past 30 years., Mr M N Beaton to attend to this & proposed that Gift be presented on the Friday Evening of Peter can attend.

**Action: AM & MNB**

### **Item 12: Bonfire & Fireworks**

Mrs H Macleod advised that as so many of the community had been disappointed that the Bonfire & Fireworks did not go ahead last year, we should try and get it on this year. Mr A Morrison advised that he was seeing Mrs C Nicolson at the Council next week to obtain the Forms required & advice on completion so that we can hopefully go ahead this year, on the basis that we do, Mr A Morrison will arrange and have a firm decision for the next meeting.

**Action: AM**

### **Item 13: Correspondence**

Ritchie Report on NHS – 2 Reports from Finella on recent meetings attended

## Item 14: AOCB

### **Planning Application – Wind Turbines, Sumardale Croft**

Dr & Mrs T Grindrod had contacted Mrs H Macleod wishing to address the CC on the Planning Application for 4 further Wind Turbines at Sumardale, Agent: Wind Harvest, Applicant Mr D Sinclair, Dr Grindrod addressed the CC to advise this was a development that would add 4 x 99.5 meter Turbines at Sumardale, Dr Gindrod's main concern is the quality of the Environmental Report that has been submitted in support of the Planning Application, Dr Grindrod believes that the Report is "not fit for purpose", as there are omissions, misunderstandings & errors in the simulation, furthermore, many of the enclosures solely work from a generic template, therefore, are not specific to this project. Dr Grindrod provided a Document he has drafted regards the Project and is happy for Mr A Morrison to circulate to CC members by e-mail. After discussion, it was agreed as has been the case in previous situations that the CC would not object to the Application as it impacts on another member of the Community and we would only ask that all views are taken into consideration when a decision is made in this matter. The question was also raised as to what the Highland Council Policy is now in respect of Community Benefit in relation to Wind Turbine Developments, Mr A Morrison was asked to write Planning regards this matter and also asking for information on Community Benefits. **Action: AM**

### **Kelp Dredging – North West Coast**

An Application has been submitted by Marine Biopolymers Ltd for a License to harvest Kelp by way of dredging the seabed on the North West coast from Tiree upwards, it has further been noted that one of the prime areas is that the Company have identified for harvesting in along the shoreline from Struan to Ose and beyond. It was agreed by all that we should write both our MP & MSP to register our objection to the license being granted. **Action: AM**

### **Café Closure**

Mrs H MacLeod advised that the Café on the Green, Bog Myrtle, is to close, Mrs Macleod wondered if this would be something that the Community should think about leasing even if it was to be able to provide Toilets in the village, understood that at present the annual lease would amount to £6,000. Agreed to keep abreast of developments regards the property.

### **Cemetery Car Park**

It was agreed that the Car Park is falling into disrepair, Mr A Morrison advised that he would again attempt to obtain quotes to have the surface brought up to an acceptable standard **Action: AM**

Date of next Meeting will be Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
Mrs H MacLeod thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8:50pm

*M. H. Beaton*

*D. G. Beaton*

*15.10.18*