

Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs Monday 9 th July 2018	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Chris Henwood (CH), Clare Stones (CS), Tony Grindrod (TG), Bettine Grindrod (BS-G), Marion MacAskill (MMcA), Kenna MacInnes (KMcl), Jenny Till (JT), Helynn MacLeod.	Management Committee plus Steering Group
Apologies	Sarah Illingworth (SI), Philippa Thomas	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting	The minutes from both the meetings on 08.02.18 (Proposed CS, Seconded JT) and 26.04.18 (Proposed BS-G, Seconded KMcG) were reviewed and agreed. It was also agreed that the draft minutes from the original launch meeting (18.01.18) should be uploaded to the Community website (www.struancommunity.co.uk) in this form together with the other approved minutes.	ACTION:PS
Membership	Membership is now sitting at slightly below 50, due to a movement out of the area. PS to send out an update to all members, ask about skills and encourage new members to join.	ACTION: PS
Finance/Bank Accounts(s)	In her absence SI provided an update on the current financial situation. We currently have £50 in the BoS account and £34.25 in the RBS account. CS and KMcG are still trying to sort out their online access to the BoS account, so once this has been successfully we will review the situation and probably close one account.	
Affordable Housing	Two people (Morven Taylor & Ronnie MacRae) from HSCHT on 25 th June to explain what they do and how they may be able to help us. Project here was explained to them and in return they explained a number of things including the Rural Housing Burden, and that funding for affordable housing was very good at the moment. They are already involved in a number of similar houses on Skye. It was clear that we need to survey the local community for housing need, and HSCHT subsequently sent us a quote for doing this (£3,150, duration about 4 months). There was much discussion of this, but it was decided that as we needed this information as soon as possible, and would not have any funding until October, that we would go ahead and do our own survey forthwith. MMcA + BS-G will put survey together and draft covering letter, KMcG to do online version and provide confidentiality statement. Others will help distribute. PS to provide example surveys, PS/KMcl to review local household data.	Action; MMcA/BS-G Action: PS Action: PS/KMcl
Funding	Some feedback on failed Leader application gained via SLCVO (didn't push heritage aspect enough). KMcG and PS had very constructive meeting with John MacDonald of Scottish Land Fund (SLF) on 14 th May, as a result of which have started putting together figure and associated information and documentation for a Stage 1 funding application. He is keen to see and review drafts, but we need to try and get 3 quotations for each element. DTAS (Rory Dutton) emphasise that we should include as much as possible in this application.	ACTION: PS/KMcG

	Target date for submission is 7 th September close. May need to develop some form of limited liability status for organisation in anticipation of receiving funding. PS to consider alternatives.	Action: PS
Site & Design	CS has not heard anything further from the University, which is now on holiday, so need to follow up later in the year. KMcG suggested that we should try to carry out some more qualitative survey at the broch car park and CH agreed to do this. PS/KMcG/CH to agree questions.	ACTION: CS ACTION:PS/KMcG/CH
Project Management	It was agreed that the project would now benefit from some more formal project management. PS to approach possible in house candidate for this.	Action: PS
Other Activities	PS has, in conjunction with the Community Council, applied for and been promised 420 trees to plant on land that has been leased from THC, by the Woodland Trust, due to arrive in November. HMcL outlined the C Council plans for remembrance garden and land in front of the old Manse. HMcL to set up sub-group of CC/SCDG to organise this.	ACTION: PS/HMcL
AOCB	CS mentioned a government scheme that has just been announced for bringing derelict buildings back into community use and there was some discussion of possible opportunities for this.	
Next Meeting	Thursday 30 th August 2018 at 7.30pm @ 11 Ullinish.	