

## Struan Community Development Group

<b>Meeting Details</b>	Meeting at 1930 hrs Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> August 2018	
<b>Attendees</b>	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMCG), Chris Henwood (CH), Tony Grindrod (TG), Bettine Grindrod (BS-G), Marion MacAskill (MMcA), Kenna MacInnes (KMcl), Jenny Till (JT), Helynn MacLeod (HMCL).	<b>Management Committee plus Steering Group</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	Sarah Illingworth (SI), Philippa Thomas, Clare Stones	
		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>Minutes from last meeting</b>	The minutes from the meeting on 09.07.18 were reviewed and agreed (Proposed MMcA, seconded KMCG). All the draft minutes which were discussed at the last meeting have been uploaded to the Community website ( <a href="http://www.struancommunity.co.uk">www.struancommunity.co.uk</a> ).	<b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>Membership</b>	Membership is still sitting at slightly below 50. PS sent out an update to all members on 19.07.18. Info on skills not yet requested.	<b>ACTION:PS</b>
<b>Finance/Bank Accounts(s)</b>	In her absence SI has produced an anticipated Income & Expenditure for the 12 months from 18.01.18, which is required to accompany the SLF application. This forecasts an anticipated surplus of just over £100 at the end of the year. CS has still to get her online access to the BoS account sorted, so once this has been successfully achieved and with agreement from SI, we will close the RBS account.	<b>ACTION: CS/PS/SI</b>
<b>Housing</b>	<p>The Housing Survey is pretty much complete although there are a few responses outstanding (notably one family we know have had serious housing issues). MMcA ran through the findings to date. A total of 132 questionnaires were distributed, with a response rate of around 30% (tbc). A high proportion of these are people who have lived in the area for over 10 years, which we are very pleased about. Most importantly at least 8 households have immediate housing needs. Also over 40% of respondents knew people who were trying to move into the area but couldn't find suitable housing. Although businesses were not directly surveyed as such, over 20% of those that responded said employees were affected by the lack of affordable housing. Everyone thanked MMCA &amp; BS-G for all their efforts and the quality of their work!</p> <p>Further data needs to be incorporated and additional information added to complete the report – Target date 23.09.18.</p> <p>A lot of other community related information was also gathered at the same time, which HM will take to the Community Council.</p> <p>A discussion took place about whether we should directly survey employers within, say, a 15 mile radius, but as this would cover Portree and therefore include a large number, it was decided to do this at the moment. However it might be appropriate at a later date.</p> <p>PS has been in contact with LSHA and they have asked for a copy of the survey when it is available. It will also be sent to the HSCHT.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Action; MMcA/BS-G/PS</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTION:HMCL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ACTION:PS</b></p>

<b>Funding</b>	<p>PS &amp; KMcG have been working on the Stage 1 application to the SLF. This is now valued at just under the maximum £30k and includes valuation of the land, archaeological survey, legal costs, engineering survey but the largest chunk is for development consultancy (e.g. feasibility study, conceptual design, draft business plan). A brief for this has been developed based on a template provided by HIE but as yet only one firm quote has been received. They want 3 quotes for each item and this is proving quite difficult to obtain, especially for the consultancy. SLF contact is recommending that we focus more on visitor facilities than community needs. To meet with him on 3.9.18 to discuss best way forward. It is believed that the plans for the new windfarm at Glen Ullinish are progressing, but are dependent upon the upgrading of the transmission lines. As it is anticipated that this will generate a considerable amount of revenue for local communities, including Struan, PS to write to the operators and register the existence of the trust.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: PS/KMcG</b></p> <p><b>Action: PS</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:PS</b></p>
<b>Site &amp; Design</b>	<p>CS has not heard anything further from the University, which is now on holiday, so need to follow up later in the year.</p> <p>CH had agreed try to carry out some more qualitative survey at the broch car park but weather has not been conducive for this, so he will try and persevere. However to date he reported that at least 6 tour companies are visiting regularly, many foreign vehicles and camper vans, as well as full size coaches.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: CS</b></p> <p><b>ACTION:CH</b></p>
<b>Project Management</b>	<p>It was agreed that the project would now benefit from some more formal project management. PS has not managed to progress as yet, as candidate not keen.</p>	<p><b>Action: PS</b></p>
<b>Other Activities</b>	<p>Volunteers will be needed for both bulb and tree planting!</p> <p>HMcL explained that with the departure of the current operators of the café, there would no longer be any facilities of this type in the village (unless someone steps in to take it over). The lease has now reverted back to the landlord (due to breach of contract), annual rent is believed to be £6k. It had been suggested that the Gala Committee be asked to provide their toilets, but this is not feasible (cannot be emptied regularly). The café also has a major issue with its (shared) septic tank. Although there may be people within the community interested in taking it on, they do not have any funding and a considerable amount would be needed just to tidy it up in the short term. General concern within the community that this is a valuable facility which will be lost if no one takes over. If books removed, might have potential for craft workshop(s) as well as café. SCDG not in a position to do anything for several months, as not in a position to take on liability for finance in any case. Gala Committee are a SCIO so better placed. To publicise situation via FB and website to see whether any interest within community to get involved.</p>	<p><b>ACTION: PS/HMcL</b></p>
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<b>Next Meeting</b>	T.B.A.	

