

Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs 10 th December	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Chris Henwood (CH), Marion MacAskill (MMcA), Sarah Illingsworth (SI), Clare Stones (CS), Niall Till (NT), Tony & Bettine Grindrod (TG and BG), Kenna MacInnes (KMacl), Claire Silvester (CS), Ian Silvester (IS), Johnny Heron (JH)	Management Committee plus Steering Group
Apologies	Jenny Till	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters Arising	<p>The minutes from the meeting on 12th November were reviewed, agreed and signed by PS.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with the power line across the site still not resolved, PS emailed SSEN again today. • DTAS have offered to provide a workshop on organisation structure. Dates required 	ACTION: PS
Membership	Membership is still sitting at around 50.	
Finance/Bank Accounts(s)	SI reported that there was still £6096.45 in the bank account and an application had been made to SLF for funds to pay JH (see below).	ACTION:SI
Stage 1 Activities	<p>A revised plan has been produced with the help of S&B which now needs to be agreed with John MacKinnon on behalf of the Grazings Committee. Once this has been done it will be forwarded to RPID for submission to the District Valuer.</p> <p>The group discussed the latest Option 6 drawings from S&B and agreed that this now met the requirements, so no further options should be developed and Quantity Surveyor should now work on costs.</p>	ACTION:PS
Civic Trust MPM	<p>Jamie McNamara is coming to Skye to meet with Board on 17th Dec to discuss funding applications, etc.</p> <p>KMcG requested we ask for a programme for the day.</p>	ACTION:PS
Funding & Fund Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A number of large funds have closing dates early in 2020, e.g. SSE, RTIF but as feasibility results not yet available we may not be able to meet any. • PS has emailed SSE Highland SDF. • RTIF has £3m but only open to Local Authorities so PS will contact local rep in THC. • Robertson Trust has closing date in March. • S&B have no detailed info about heating or ventilation so we may need to buy some consultancy on this for BP input. • PS confirmed that a lot of different sources of funding will need to be applied to. • CS asked whether loans might be available for renewables, possibly a loan if not a grant. 	ACTION:PS
Archaeology	<p>CH is talking to people who have been involved/organised community excavations before for info and suggestions for way forward.</p> <p>CH has contacted Dan Leigh and other OAS contacts in Orkney but not heard back as yet, so will chase.</p> <p>Provisional date in February for CH and PS to meet with AOC to discuss possible community excavation.</p>	Action:

	CH still plans to visit Caithness people, plus Orkney & Shetland if possible.	
Organisation Structure	Rory Dutton from DTAS has offered to provide a workshop – see above. Date to be agreed.	ACTION: PS
Into 2020	Land valuation not expected until late Jan/Feb Need to progress Business plan – IS has offered to help collecting data for this. JH (owner/manager of Taigh Ailean Hotel in Portnalong who has agreed to provide some paid consultancy), has provided some basic costs on catering for BP and will provide more in terms of equipping kitchen/café and any other potentially useful info, e.g. treatment plant. Community Involvement – need to set date in 2020 for day/evening public event, probably at the school, which S&B have offered to attend – 19 th /20 th February? Need to get renewed support from the community before submitting any Stage 2 funding applications. 3D model would be good!	ACTION: PS/IS ACTION: PS/all
Business Plan	Will be main focus once Feasibility has been completed, as this is essential to successful funding applications. JH has already provided some options for catering.	
AOCB	None	
Next Meeting	Tuesday 14 th Jan at 7.30pm.	ACTION: Board members