Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs 12 th November 2019	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Chris	Management Committee
	Henwood (CH), Sarah Illingworth (SI), Clare Stones (CS)	plus Steering Group
Apologies	Marion MacAskill	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last	The minutes from the meeting on 10 September were	
meeting and Actions	discussed and agreed.	
Arising		
Membership	Membership is still sitting at around 50 but we do need	
	at some point to try and increase this significantly.	ACTION: All
Finance/Bank	SI reported that there were still substantial funds in the	
Accounts(s)	bank, but that there are still outstanding charges to	
	come in for Stage 1 activities.	ACTION:SI
Stage 1 Activities	Discussed the latest design Option 5 which included a roof design and agreed that this provides a route forward. Various queries about the current changes to the front entrance area, the roof lines and the central part of the roof in particular.	ACTION:PS
	PS to discuss these with Ewan @ S&B. Reviewed changes to kitchen and café area which were suggested as a result of a meeting PS had with Johnny & Katie Heron from the Taigh Ailean in Portnalong. He turns out to be an engineer as well as a chef and is interested in the whole project. He will be providing	
	catering input for the business plan. Still awaiting draft plan from Landlord's agent in Portree (RPID). Power Line – PS has written to Gavin Clarke offering to discuss any possible re-routing of the power line as it may affect his house. Best solution probably to put it underground. 3 phase power will be needed for the building itself.	ACTION: PS
Civic Trust MPM	Jamie McNamara (JM) took over from Elaine Richardson on 21 Oct 19. Offering to organise conference somewhere in West of Scotland, probably before end of 2109 – with no public transport available from Struan/Skye attendance not really practical and he has been advised of this. He has also been asked to deliver another training/mentoring session before end 2019 and to suggest dates. 6 th Dec was suggested from this end. KMcG could offer him B&B for £60 a night.	ACTION: PS/JM
Funding & Fundraising	 Subgroup met to discuss Funding on 8.11.19 – PS, MMcA, SI, KMcG. 1st closing date for Stage 2 possible funders in 2020 is the SSE Highland Sustainable Development Fund on 15.01.20. Need to find way to get closer to bodies such as this and PS believes we will end up with funding from about 10 of such bodies in order to produce the total we require. 	

	 SLF Stage 2 Land purchase not progressed as yet as waiting for land valuation. PS to contact Elyn Zhang to keep her up to date Calendars and Christmas Cards are now ready for sale at various venues. 	ACTION: PS
Archaeology	 CH reported back on actions arising out of the brief provided by PS: Attended Staffin Archaeological Day and made 2 good contacts contacts – Angus Murray (museum) and Dan Leigh (UHI archaeologist based Kirkwall). Orkney Arch. Society Brochtober Fest 2019. CH made contact with people on Orkney and had hoped to go to the Fest there this year but, in the end, was unable to do so. Was told that it was too late to have the Fest on Skye in 2020 as offered to Shetland but possibly 2021. UHI is at least partly government-funded, so this is good. Timing depends on availability of staff to come from Orkney. KMcG suggested Talla (?) Hopper from U3A – retired archaeologist and archivist. PS suggested good time would be after May 2020 school exams are over. Also sent note to lady whom she knows in Glendale to ask about Brochtober Fest. HES – problem is we need to ask them open questions that they can't just give us yes or no answers! Email to be agreed CH/PS Crofting will lose payments so some sort of financial consideration will need to be given if we construct a new path running to the broch from the new buildings. CH Has a list of questions for HES to respond to. 	ACTION: CH/PS
Organisation Structure	Need to arrange training and/or workshop session to discuss way forward.	ACTION:PS
AOCB Next Meeting	Into 2020; It was agreed that once the conceptual design has been agreed, a public exhibition and meeting should be held so that the project can be underwritten by the community again. S&B happy to attend this. A 3D model would be a good idea if we can locate someone to produce one. Involve other Skye agencies? To discuss further at next meeting. Tuesday 10 th December at 7.30pm.	