

Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs 14 th January 2020	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Chris Henwood (CH), Marion MacAskill (MMcA), Sarah Illingworth (SI)	Management Committee
Apologies	Clare Stones	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters Arising	<p>The minutes from the meeting on 10th December 2019 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 needs to hassle SSEN again. 	ACTION: PS
Membership	Membership is still sitting at around 50.	
Finance/Bank Accounts(s)	SI reported that there was still £6096.78 in the bank account after funds from SLF to pay JH received and paid out. JH has done some further work and will be submitting his invoice in due course.	
Stage 1 Activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Land Valuation progressing at last. John MacKinnon happy with new points so paperwork can go to RPID. Will take 2-3 weeks to get valuation. Feasibility Study – should get by end January. S & B have given us 2 quotes for H & V Engineering consultancy but both are higher than we can afford to fund at present. PS has discussed with S&B to see whether a more limited assessment could be provided more cheaply. 	ACTION:PS
Civic Trust MPM	<p>Jamie McNamara (JMacN) came for meeting on 17th December 2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> General discussion about what we thought of his first visit. We did not receive programme for the day as requested by KMcG/PS KMcG thought the meeting had been more of a problem solving than a training session. JMacN has a lot of contacts who could be useful for us. After going up to the broch and the site with PS after the meeting, he is very enthusiastic and keen to get involved with supporting our project. He may bring his Director to visit the site and project at some point. He offered to get in touch with HES on our behalf. He and the Director mentioned above will liaise with Architectural Heritage Fund (AHF) on our behalf. All felt it had not been a wasted day – not quite what we thought it would be but useful all the same. 	ACTION:
Funding & Fund Raising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RTIF. PS asked what we all thought of their email. PS seeing Alastair Danter (Skye Connect) on 16 Jan 20. Can we piggy-back on any of his project i.e. short term loans in the existing broch car park area? John MacKinnon has already proposed this idea. These would need to be under our control so that “short term” does not impinge on our project. PS read out list of what RTIF will fund. Expressions of interest deadline 20 Jan 20. It was agreed that it was unlikely to worth applying as criteria too restrictive, but would talk to A Danter. Date of new Community Council Meeting not yet fixed. SSE Sustainable Development Fund for the Highlands – deadline 15 Jan 20. PS spoken to them to explain why SCDG unable to progress just now. Their next closing date is Autumn 2021. Robertson Trust. Closing date 28 Feb 20. 	ACTION:PS ACTION:PS

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SLF. Closing date 20 Mar 20 but need Land Valuation. • No other big funds open anywhere at the moment. 	
Archaeology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HES. Pauline Megson and George Findlater have suggested coming to see us at the end of February. • S & B happy to meet them at the Community Open Day. • PS and CH going to see AOC on the Black Isle to discuss potential community excavation on 6th Feb. • Essential we get HES on our side as HES has guardianship of the broch. • Other people CH has contacted are not responding to his emails so he plans to go up and talk face to face. • There is a lack of co-ordination for what is happening in the archaeological areas on the island. • CH is planning to go to Caithness at the beginning of March. 	<p>ACTION:PS/CH</p> <p>ACTION:CH</p> <p>ACTION:CH</p>
Organisation Structure	Rory Dutton from DTAS has offered to provide a workshop. Discussion about dates which are not good for members of the Group. Start looking at some time from the last week of January onwards..	ACTION:PS
The Way Forward	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open Day/Evening - 19th-20th February but check if half term. Head teacher needs to get back to CS. • If school not available, then where can we hold the event? • To try to get architectural student to do 3D model – see notes from meeting on 17 Dec 19 with JMacN from Civic Trust/MPM. • Total area of building as per Option 6 plan is 1650 sq m x £3,250 per sq m = £5,362,500.00. No professional fees, ground work, parking area etc included in this figure. • PS showed meeting comparison between An Crubh and our project by comparing the floor plans. • PS asked if everyone “on” for going forward. What strategy should we adopt? • KMcG suggested a priority list at the Open Day regarding possible phasing of the project. • With West wing at 500 sq m and East wing at 475 sq m, each “wing” is about £1.6m. • Centre block about 400 sq m i.e. around £1.2m. 300 sq m upstairs. • Income from bowling alley. IS researching this and other revenue streams. To try contacting Clan Donald Centre? • Long discussion about current Option 6 versus its cost and how could we phase it. • Glen Ullinish windfarm due in 2023/2024. • Idea of putting Option 6 plan on the leaflet put through letter boxes. • Change “Sports Hall” to Community Space” • At Open Day, show original results of survey. • PS to talk to S & B re possibilities of phasing the development, e.g. West Wing and Exhibition area, then East Wing. 	<p>ACTION: CS</p> <p>ACTION: PS</p> <p>ACTION: PS</p>
AOCB	None	
Next Meeting	Monday 10 th February at 7.30pm.	ACTION: Board members