Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs Monday 10 th February 2020	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Chris	Management Committee
	Henwood (CH), Marion MacAskill (MMcA), Niall Till,	plus Steering Group
	Claire & Ian Silvester, Tony Grindrod, Bettine Scott-	
	Grindrod.	
Apologies	Sarah Illingworth, Clare Stones	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last	The minutes from the meeting on 14 th Jan 2020	
meeting and matters	were reviewed and agreed, signed by PS	ACTION:PS
Arising		
Membership	Membership is still sitting at 50. Hope to increase this	
	at the public Meeting on 20 th February.	ACTION:All
	SSEN; Have now accepted a request to propose re-	
	routing of the power line, expected mid-March.	
Finance/Bank	Bank account is still sitting at £6906.78. There are still	
Accounts(s)	several Stage one Charges to go out to S&B and	
	Blackadders.	ACTION:
Stage 1 Activities	The Land Valuation request has now been submitted	
	and is expected around end February.	
	The first draft of the Feasibility Study is now available.	
	Total estimated costs for the whole complex, car	
	parking and landscaping estimated at nearly £9m!	
	There is still further work to be done to feed in the	
	work done by David Narro & Associates which may	
	bring down the cost of the car parking and landscaping	
	on the peat (currently around £530k alone). A	
	breakdown of the quantity surveyor's costs is included	
	as Appendix D. The report also provides suggested	
	options as to how the development could be phased	
	(costings t.b.a. at this stage), starting with	
	café/bar/bowling alley and finishing with hall and	
	community facilities.	
	There was some discussion of this, and whether	
	building the community side could be done first, but it	
	was agreed that this would not be sustainable and	
	therefore the revenue earning parts would have to be	
	built first. Further decision on the way forward to await	
	final costings and opinions of the community at the	
	Open Day/Evening.	
Civic Trust MPM	Jamie McNamara is going to come and visit briefly again	
	on Feb 25 ^{th,} after the public meeting and HES visit, as he	
	is coming up to meet with a project in Glenelg that	
Foundary C.E. of D. 1.1	morning.	
Funding & Fund Raising	PS met with Alistair Danter but was agreed that the	
	RTIF would not help the project as would not support	
	temporary facilities or those that provided community	
	uses, and/or would attract more visitors! However a	
	useful discussion and he passed on information about	
	what the Edinbane CIC has been doing, including their	
	work on cycle/foot paths.	
	PS/KMcG to meet up with John MacDonald on 28 th Feb	ACTION:PS/KMcG
	to discuss Stage 2 SLF application and other matters.	

Archaeology	CH reported that we have now managed to arrange a meeting with HES (Pauline Megson) on Feb 25 th , including an on site visit. CH + PS also met with AOC Archaeology to discuss the possibility of taking forward the idea of a community excavation. AOC are keen to get involved and will come back to us with a proposal shortly. The aim would be to run it for approximately 2 weeks on site, out of midge season, so not before Spring 2021, including liaison with local schools, etc. To ask for community support for this at Open Meeting.	ACTION: AOC
Organisation Structure	Rory Dutton from the DTAS is going to come and give us a workshop on organisation structure on the evening of Monday 2 nd March.	ACTION:PS/RD
Business Plan	Ian Silvester has been collating data on catering prices, bowling alley charges, retail info, etc from various places and these will be fed into the financial parts of the Business Plan.	ACTION: PS
Temporary Toilets	PS has been talking to John MacKinnon about the possibility of taking forward his idea of providing some form of temporary toilet facilities in the village on an experimental basis. Quotes currently being sought and advice from other trust's experiences. To be added to ballot paper on Open Day asking for support.	ACTION:PS
Open Afternoon/Evening	Thursday 20 th Feb from 2pm until approx. 9pm. Sue Whittle and Ewan Lawson from S&B will be there from around 1pm, and staying overnight. To display data from original survey in 2017 and broch data from past 3 years. All members of SCDG to be given questionnaire with options (secret ballot) to express their opinion. Tea & Coffee to be provided all day.	ACTION: All
AOCB	None.	
Next Meeting	T.B.A.	