

Struan Community Development Group

Meeting Details	Meeting at 1930 hrs on Tues 3 rd Nov 2020 - Online	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Clare Stones (CS), Chris Henwood (CH), Sarah Illingworth (SI), Claire Silvester (CSil), Ian Silvester	Management Committee plus Steering Group
Apologies	Jenny Till, Kenna MacInnes	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters arising	<p>The Minutes from the meeting on 23 Sep were agreed and signed off by PS.</p> <p>PS has chased HES, but no significant progress as yet, re state of cairn and counter on broch gate.</p> <p>Land Valuation – PS made it clear in writing on 3rd October that we will not be signing any AIP in the foreseeable future, are not in a position to pay any more toward the valuation in excess of the £500 plus VAT originally agreed and requesting that they issue an invoice for this amount. No response as yet, but have now chased and it has now been acknowledged.</p> <p>Beach cleaning – looks like THC will be providing skips after all and one booked for 20 November at 6 Ullinish, so will wait to see whether it happens or not.</p>	ACTION: PS
Finance/Bank Accounts(s)	<p>The bank account has £728.23 plus the accrual for the Land Valuation (£500@VAT).</p> <p>We still have £3700 “banked” with the SLF and invoice for Harley Haddow money expected shortly.</p> <p>Annual Financial Report needs to be submitted by 31 December 2020.</p>	ACTION: SI/PS
Suspension of activities	<p>PS explained that despite sending out updates to both the Steering Group and all members, there has been virtually no response or reaction. In the light of this, she is proposing that we suspend all but essential activities of the Group for 6 months, as there does not seem to be any appetite or interest from the community. After some discussion within the group, it was agreed that we would not do anything other than essentials until early March 2021, as 6 months might be too long as it would take us up to May.</p>	
Dun Beag @Struan project	<p>In order to try and use up as much of the SLF funding (earmarked for Business Planning support) PS has gone back to both the SLF and the H&V Engineers contacted by Simpson & Brown early last year (Harley Haddow and others) to see whether we can at least get an Options Appraisal done with this money (about £2500). Harley Haddow commissioned to do this, first draft report just available, but needs developing into final document due shortly.</p> <p>Johnny Heron has also been busy creating inventory lists for equipment, furnishing, initial stock, etc. and costings which can also be fed into the Business Plan. His time needs to be invoiced in time to draft down funds before the end of the year.</p>	ACTION: PS
Civic Trust MPM	<p>Jamie MacNamara is keen to do stuff with the group while he has time/money available to work with us. For example online training on e.g. governance, business planning. CSil & SI would be happy to do.</p>	ACTION: PS

Funding & Fundraising	<p>No movement on the big funders.</p> <p>As agreed previously, PS put in applications to the Community Trust for (1) Beach Cleaning Skips, and (2) Christmas Vouchers.</p> <p>Cheque for skips has been issued, but THC now seem to have changed their minds so may no longer be needed.</p> <p>To talk to Trust about what to do with cheque as unlikely to be able to use between now and 31 March.</p> <p>No decision as yet on the Christmas voucher scheme.</p> <p>This delay was discussed at length, as if a decision isn't forthcoming soon, it will be too difficult to organise it in time. Agreed that Friday 13th probably the latest date we could leave it until if we are going to aim at Christmas and that we need to send some form of note to them advising them of this. However the general feeling was that we should wait for a decision, one way or the other, and not withdraw it. NT pointed out that if we end up having to do it in the New Year instead, so be it.</p>	ACTION:PS
Community Excavation	<p>Expecting to get a third quote from Highland Archaeological Service at some point. Have also finally got agreement from the school that they will be happy to get involved, covid restrictions permitting.</p> <p>To defer pursuing third quote and funding applications till March. Ps to advise contractors of this.</p>	ACTION: PS
Skye Cycle Network	<p>Very good meeting with Mick Hyatt and Mark Crowe from the Cycle Network Project a week or so ago.</p> <p>Agreed some potential routes, with the addition of a path from top of Ullinish loop road into Struan as the highest priority. However this is a long term project.</p> <p>PS has also had a separate chat with Mark Crowe, who appreciates that Trust like ours may not have the resources to take this forward so will need a lot of help from the Project Team in order to make this happen.</p> <p>He is also aware of the importance of getting the support of the various grazings committees, as much of the old road and other potential routes run across the common grazings. To defer further activity until March at least. PS to advise the project of this.</p>	ACTION: PS
Beach Cleaning	<p>PS has THC skip booked for 20 Nov, as mentioned above, so will wait and see if it materialises.</p>	
Temporary Toilets	<p>To reviewed in 2021.</p>	
AOCB	<p>None</p>	
Date of Next Meeting	<p>Tuesday 2nd March 7.30pm via Zoom</p>	ACTION: All