

## Struan Community Development Group

<b>Meeting Details</b>	Meeting at 1930 hrs on Weds 23 <sup>rd</sup> Sept 2020 - Online													
<b>Attendees</b>	Peggy Semler (PS), Katrina McGough (KMcG), Clare Stones (CS), Chris Henwood (CH), Sarah Illingworth (SI), Claire Silvester (CSil)	<b>Management Committee plus Steering Group</b>												
<b>Apologies</b>	None													
		<b>ACTIONS</b>												
<b>Admin and Appointment of Office Bearers</b>	<p>PS thanked the Trustees for getting back to her about the Zoom licence, which has now been bought paid for to enable us to hold unlimited online meetings (£119.90 plus VAT).</p> <p>The following Office Bearers were agreed:-</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%;">Chair</td> <td>Peggy Semler</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Treasurer</td> <td>Sarah Illingworth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Joint Vice Chairs</td> <td>Chris Henwood/Clare Stones</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Company Secretary</td> <td>Katrina McGough</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Minutes Secretary</td> <td>Sarah Illingworth</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Communications</td> <td>Claire Silvester</td> </tr> </table>	Chair	Peggy Semler	Treasurer	Sarah Illingworth	Joint Vice Chairs	Chris Henwood/Clare Stones	Company Secretary	Katrina McGough	Minutes Secretary	Sarah Illingworth	Communications	Claire Silvester	
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<b>Minute from last meeting and matters arising</b>	<p>The Minutes from the meeting on 16 March were agreed and signed off by PS.</p> <p>Changes to the Articles of Association were deferred to a future AGM.</p> <p>The provision of Temporary toilets has been abandoned for this year, but will review for the future.</p>	<b>ACTION: PS</b>												
<b>Finance/Bank Accounts(s)</b>	<p>The bank account has £914.38 (net) plus the accrual for the Land Valuation (£500@VAT). The Zoom Pro invoice will bring this down slightly.</p> <p>We still have £3700 “banked” with the SLF.</p> <p>Annual Financial Report needs to be submitted by 31 December 2020.</p>	<b>ACTION: SI/PS</b>												
<b>Dun Beag @Struan project</b>	<p>The outstanding money currently allocated to us by the SLF needs to be spent by 31 Dec. PS is currently trying to find ways of using this, in support of the Business Planning. One is to go ahead with the Options Appraisal for the building by a heating &amp; ventilation engineer, which Ewen got quotes for in January (around £2.5k) and also to get Johnny Heron to do further work on the catering front, e.g. Equipment, furnishings, etc.</p> <p>Everyone agreed that we should try and go ahead with both of these. CS suggested that maybe we should progress the counter on the gate as well, if HES are not doing it. <b>PS to chase HES.</b></p> <p>We have now finally had our request for a revision of the <b>land valuation</b> rejected (after having to chase) and in fact, the response implies that they could have justifiably made the valuation even higher! All our concerns basically just dismissed by saying they were just valuing it at the highest possible Open Market Value that that they could. Nothing further can be done. Need to consider whether the Asset Transfer route would make any difference, but suspect it won't help. PS has also discussed with S. Varwell (Kilmuir). The other issue with the valuation is that they seem to be expecting us to pay nearly £1.2k towards the cost of the valuation, despite our having made it clear, in</p>	<b>ACTION: PS</b>												

	<p>writing, on various occasions, that our budget figure for this is £500 plus VAT, and that is all that we will ever be in a position to pay (as funding is finite, and claims cannot be made retrospectively). <b>PS to write to RPID and make it clear that we will not be signing any AIP (Agreement in Principle) or paying more than £500 plus VAT.</b></p>	
<b>Civic Trust MPM</b>	<p><b>PS needs to contact Jamie McNamara</b> to see how much “credit” we have with them, and if so, whether it needs to be used by a certain date.</p>	<b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>Funding &amp; Fundraising</b>	<p>PS explained the Community Trust did not hold an AGM this year. It had over £164k in the bank at April. PS has also now realised that the Glen Ullinish wind farm project is being wholly run by a different organisation, Muirhall Energy. They have redesigned the scheme, following withdrawal of government subsidies, and reduced the number of turbines, but with increased size. This requires an amendment to the planning permission, which they have now applied to THC for. Project Manager is Ross Jamison, but as yet she has been unable to contact him, but will persevere. Most of the other big funds have closed down at the moment, although some money has been diverted to resilience and recovery.</p> <p>PS and Dave McGough are planning to do a limited run of calendars, which may raise a bit of money and we still have Christmas cards available. <b>CS to see whether any shops in Portree may taken any or a sale or return basis.</b></p>	<p><b>ACTION:PS</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: CSil</b></p>
<b>Community Excavation</b>	<p>We now have quotes from both AOC and Addyman Archaeology (Simpson &amp; Brown). These are both around £23k plus VAT. However this is assuming that we can provide accommodation either FOC or at a reduced rate, so may cost more overall. Also trying to obtain a third, and make contact with the teacher at the school in Struan. Provisionally scheduled for Sep/Oct 2021. Heritage Lottery Fund is currently closed until 2021, but when in 2021 no one knows. Reluctant to ask the Community Trust for all the money, would prefer to get some of it elsewhere. Claire Silvester to work with PS on this project. Need to identify community volunteers by emailing the membership over the next few weeks.</p>	<b>ACTION: PS/CSil</b>
<b>Skye Cycle Network</b>	<p>Have been contacted by Project Team working for Skye Connect. Initial parts Kyleakin to Broadford, and within Edinbane. Not just bikes, but any wheeled (or pedestrian) access. Looking to use bits of old road, forestry track. Ian (Silv) has been starting to look at this including the Balmeanach to Edinbane over the windfarm. They have a webpage for the project and are inviting anyone to complete an online survey about it. Have provided a few bits of map but agreed to request more detailed sheets. Need to put together ideas from within the Struan, ideally avoiding the main road, e.g. between Ullinish road end and the village. Most bits of old road probably run across common grazing, which may be an issue (because of the danger of gates being</p>	<b>ACTION: PS</b>

	left open, etc.). Very few places suitable for children to cycle at the moment. <b>Subgroup of CSil, CS, Ian Sil and PS to get together to work on this.</b> There appears to be funding available to progress this work. Were offered a bike shelter but in conjunction with community council, it was decided not to progress this.	
<b>Beach Cleaning</b>	PS has still not been able to get any response from THC about the availability of skips, and where stuff has been collected up during lockdown we urgently need to get a skip or two to remove that stuff. <b>PS to put an application to the Trust for commercially provided skips to do this in the absence of any response from THC</b>	<b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>Temporary Toilets</b>	To reviewed in 2021.	<b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>Other ideas</b>	CS suggested that we should ask the Trust whether they would fund a one-off Covid Christmas bonus for every household in the Community, e.g. gift card or voucher for around £25 - £30 per household. It was agreed that we should seek the support of the Community Council before applying for this, also bounce it off the Steering Group. <b>CS to draft a document with a view to PS making an application to the Community Trust before 30 Sep.</b> More tree planting, fruit trees? (CS) Further work on land where Helynn was planning to develop, in front of the Manse and across the road which was hoped to turn into a Remembrance Garden. At the very least clear it up, ideally to level and landscape, with benches, etc. (SI) <b>PS agreed to try to contact Helynn.</b> Get street lighting turned off? (SI) Talk to Community Council about it – <b>Action PS</b>	<b>ACTION ; PS/CS</b>          <b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 7.30pm via Zoom</b>	<b>ACTION: All</b>