

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on 22nd March 2021 by Zoom

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr K Davies, Mr A Morrison, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr D Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mrs H MacLeod & Mrs P Semler

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Monday 25th January 2021 were put forward to the meeting for approval; adoption was proposed by Mr k Davies and seconded by Mr D Beaton.

4. Matters Arising

a) Play Park

Mr A Morrison advised matters ongoing.

Action: A Morrison

b) Cemetery Car Park

Mr I Beaton confirmed he & Graham are awaiting quotes back from the Contractors they have approached & hope to have these to hand in early course

Action: I Beaton & G MacKinnon

c) Helipad

Mr A Morrison advised that he is still to contact John Laing, Dunvegan Community Council but will do in early course.

Action: A Morrison

d) Notice Board

Mr G MacKinnon is looking into & will obtain Estimate for repairs

Action: G MacKinnon

e) Broadband

Mr G Semler joined the meeting to give an up-date on his recent discussions with a BT Project Manager, advised nothing happening at present but a tacit intent to make Struan a Project for difficult places, as Struan does not appear to be part of the latest R100 roll out, therefore hoped will be high on the list of difficult places, mat hear further May/June this year.

5. Muirhall – Ullinish Wind Farm

Mr A Morrison advised that Ross Jamieson had been in touch recently to advise they have submitted a Planning Application to install a Meteorological Mast, essentially a weather station on top of a 100m lattice structure to obtain detailed wind speed information, likely in place for a number of years until construction commences. Mr Jamieson asked if we had any questions re this or any other aspect of the Project, no one had any comment only asking if they would be willing to share the data received from the mast. Mr A Morrison advised he would contact Mr Jamieson and advise accordingly

Action: A Morrison

6. Insurance

Mr A Morrison advised that he had received the Received the CC Insurance Renewal from Zurich, same Premium as last year, £141.00, covers Public Liability, Employers Liability & Property Damage in relation to the Old BT Exchange.

7. Village Improvements & Issues

Mrs H MacLeod provided details the Golden Skye Competition, daffodil bulbs were provided by the organisers for planting using re-cycled materials to make display boxes, 2 planters have been located at each end of the village, judging at the end of March, with prizes of seeds etc to the winning Community. Mrs H MacLeod further advised that feedback had been requested and all good, in fact, people asking if more planters can be made available to situate in other parts of the Community, Mrs MacLeod advised that materials available to make the planters would just need plants & compost to fill, agreed that Mrs MacLeod would make a list of what required & we would submit application to the Trust for funding along with Plants for the War Memorial.

Mrs H MacLeod also raised the issue of rabbits again gaining access to the Cemetery, agreed to contact Highland Council for their advices, also, Mr I Beaton & Mr G MacKinnon to have a look at the fence to see if they can repair or replace existing rabbit mesh to see if this will aid keeping the rabbits out.

Mr A Morrison also advised that he would contact Highland Council re the condition of roads & road signs, to see if any likelihood of anything being done in the near future.

Action: A Morrison, I Beaton & G MacKinnon

8. Skips

The most recent Skip organised by the CC and funded by the Trust was recently sited at the Re-Cycling point from a Friday to Monday, due to overloading and items being left adjacent to the Skip, Bowmans were unable to collect as arranged, therefore, members had to unload & re-fill and will require to arrange disposal of what could not be put back into the Skip, this was done & Skip was subsequently collected. A discussion was held as to the merits of arranging Skips as on the last 2 occasions it has been over loaded & items left adjacent, the Skips should only be for Domestic Household items & not for Commercial Waste, this will require to be highlighted going forward, along with items that cannot be deposited in the Skip.

Consequently, it was agreed to request funding from the Trust for 2 larger Skips, one to be sited April /May and one for May/June, dates will depend on when funding available from the Trust, also agreed that message on Facebook Page & possible e-mail to local residents of when Skip in place. In addition, agreed if there were further issues with the next 2 Skips & not being used as they should, we will have to consider if these will continue.

Action: A Morrison

9. Correspondence

None

10. AOCB

Skye & Raasay Investment Plan

Mr I Beaton & Mrs P Semler recently attended a Zoom for Community Groups and other representatives, approx. 60 people attended with 21 from various Community Groups, Mrs Semler felt that a lot was said but no firm decisions were made, Mr Beaton felt that same issues remain but discussed in a different manner and likely more consultants will be paid to come up with more ways to attract funds to undertake projects, unclear what will go on the list for investments although likely to be roads, communication etc, unclear how matters will progress. It was also mooted that Representatives would be willing to attend cc Meetings by Zoom to discuss further.

Struan Community Development Group

Mrs P Semler gave an up-date on the activities of the Development Group:

Trust Application:

Mrs Semler advised applications are being submitted to the Trust, one in relation to assisting with the cost of appointing a Part Time Development Officer for a year on the basis of working 3 days per week, looking to the Trust match fund 50% of costs. The second application in relation to a Young Persons Award Scheme, Mrs Semler outlined the parameters and that they would be looking at providing funding for 3 per year in the 14 to 25 age group to undertake studies, business start up, etc, asking for thoughts & views on both. Mr A Morrison & Mr D Beaton advised they were unable to make comment due to Conflict of Interest, as both are members of the Trust, others in favour if submission of the applications.

Tree Planting

Mrs Semler advised that there is some significant growth with the trees planted and majority doing very well, looks like it will become a very nice small woodland area.

Ullinish Lodge

Mrs Semler advised that it appears that the Lodge is to come back on to the market for sale, the Development Group are keen to acquire on behalf of the Community and are to investigate if a feasibility study can be undertaken to see if viable as a number of options would be available for use of the property that could benefit the community as a whole.

Date of Next Meeting & AGM: Wednesday 9th June 2021 @ 7,00pm by Zoom

The meeting closed at 8.05pm

PROPOSED: KEITH DAVIS
SECONDED: ALEXANDER CALVERT

MEETINGS BY ZOOM 22/03/2021 THOSE
UNABLE TO HAVE MEETINGS CLOSED:


22/03/2021.