

## Struan Community Council

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### **Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2021 by Zoom**

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr K Davies, Mr A Morrison, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr D Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mrs P Semler, Shona Cameron (Climavore) & Katharine Barrington (Climavore)

#### **1. Welcome**

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting

#### **2. Apologies**

Mrs H MacLeod

#### **3. Minutes of last Meeting**

Minutes of the meeting from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020 were put forward to the meeting for approval; adoption was proposed by Mr D Beaton and seconded by Mr A Lockhart.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

##### ***a) Community Skips***

Mr A Morrison advised that he has been in touch with Bowmans and they can provide a Skip with a few day's notice, however, due to lockdown regulations Mr Morrison advised he had not ordered to date as he was unsure if this was in order, therefore will speak to the Police for their advices and proceed on the basis of their response. In addition, asked Bowmans for a price to supply a further 2 Skips later in the year, was advised that their prices are to increase in April but have not yet been set so asked to come back to them mid-March as by then should have new prices in place.

**Action: A Morrison**

##### ***b) Play Park***

Mr A Morrison advised matters ongoing

**Action: A Morrison**

##### ***c) 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**

##### ***d) Village Improvements***

Mr A Morrison advised that he had not heard anything further back regards the condition of the roads and what was proposed going forward, Mr W MacKinnon had advised he was passing to Mr D MacLeod to advise what was proposed going forward, Mr Morrison advised he would e-mail both requesting an up-date.

**e) 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**

**f) Development Group**

Mr P Semler advised that the Christmas Gift Scheme had been a resounding success with 118 responses, 20 of the respondents asked that instead of opting for the Gift they requested that the monetary value was passed on to the local Food Bank which was done. A Beach Clean in Ullinish in November cleared in the region of 600kg of waste from the shore & further Beach Cleans are in the pipeline.

**Action: A Morrison**

**h) Notice Board**

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

**Action: Mr G MacKinnon**

**5. Intertidal Sea Farms - Climavore**

Mr I Beaton introduced Shona Cameron & Katharine Barrington representing Climavore, the ladies proceeded to provide a presentation on Climavore and their other project Collective Coast. The Climavore Project centres around assisting communities across Skye and Raasay to develop their own intertidal farms, they are interacting with Communities & Trusts to see if this is something that would be of interest and if we are already thinking about or working on any projects that align with their objectives.

The Collective Coast Project centres on our changing relationship with the coast and waters around the Isle of Skye/Raasay, by gathering knowledge from residents past and present, they to understand more about the island's coastal heritage, by way of collecting collect stories, memories, recipes, songs, experiences of gathering seaweeds and shells, folklore and traditions. By gathering these, the hope is to deepen the understanding about the island's coastal heritage and lead communities to envision new coastal futures.

To assist in gathering information they are hoping to do this is through a series of postcards, which have created in partnership with Skye and Lochalsh Archive Centre, using images from their collection to stimulate memories and encourage people to share their stories using the postcards as a means to share them with Climavore, a sample of the Post Card was shown, they are looking to Community Groups to assist with distribution people in the Community who would be willing to provide feedback by way of the Post Cards.

Mr I Beaton thanked both for their presentation and we would have a think about people within the community who could & would be willing to take part.

**6. Broadband**

Mr G Semler provided an up-date on his continued attempts to obtain a better Broadband Service for the Community, advised that was suggested by Phillip Coghill that Openreach had suggested we look at Community Partnership with Openreach. Mr Semler therefore embarked upon trying to get a proposal from Openreach for the Struan Community. After months of battling with them they finally come back with a cost of £2M (for some 200 lines) to the community assuming all the community moves to a Fibre solution. Not only that but other than the removal of extreme out-lyers, there was no opportunity to reduce the cost. Taking into account the grants available from the UK and Scottish governments that would still leave the community somewhere between £750K and £1M short and with no hope of raising that sort of money locally from the 150 or so local residences.

Also advised that that the R100 programme is running years late and in any event will probably never deliver to Struan either, therefore advised that just about exhausted all the options and are stuck with a broadband service that is less than a quarter of what it was back in 2010 with no prospect of any improvement for at least another five years and probably never.

Mr Semler advised that he has again written Kate Forbes MSP for her thoughts and advices, will advise if response in due course.

Mr I Beaton thanks Mr Semler for his advices & thanked him on behalf of the Community for all his efforts

### 7. Skye Cycle Network

Mr P Semler advised that if Community Council are happy the Development Group are willing to progress this by way of identifying areas that could form part of the network within the Struan area.

### 8. Correspondence

None

### 9. AOCB

#### **Skye & Raasay Investment Fund and Coastal Communities Fund**

The Community Councils session to discuss the Skye & Raasay Investment has been cancelled with a view to something else to be planned for early March. In addition, Mrs P Semler asked if we had been advised in relation to the Coastal Communities Fund, Mr A Morrison advised that he could not recall having seen anything in relation to this matter, Mrs Semler advised that the Development Trust were to apply for funding for a Part Time Development Officer.

**Date of Next Meeting: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2021 @ 7,00pm by Zoom**

**The meeting closed at 8.00pm**

PROPOSED: KETH DAVIES

SECONDED: DONALD BEATON

MEETINGS BY ZOOM 25/01/2021  
THEREFORE WOULD TO HAVE MINUTES SIGNED

  
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