

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Wednesday 15th June 2022

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr D Beaton, Mr K Davies, Mr A Lockhart, Mr A Morrison, Mrs S Illingworth & Mr D J Morrison

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

Mr G MacKinnon, Mr G Semler & Mrs P Semler

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Monday 22nd March 2022 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr D Beaton and seconded by Mr K Davies.

4. Matters Arising

a) Notice Board

Mr G MacKinnon not in attendance hence no further up-date at present **Action: Mr G MacKinnon**

b) Broadband

Mr A Morrison advised that an e-mail had been received from Keith Nicolson, Kate Forbes MSP case worker, Ms Forbes had submitted a case for the area to the R100 Digital Scotland Division and received a response that has basically advised that her constituents (Our Community) can get up to £5,000 from the Scottish Government in the form of a Superfast Broadband Voucher, in addition have advised that it seems a small number of premises near the Struan Exchange building where a connection is planned for 2026, however out with this small area there are no current plans for connection, only offering further vouchers via the Gigabit Broadband Voucher Scheme run by the UK Government.

Yet another disappointing response, was agreed to write back to Ms Forbes to advise of our total disillusionment with the whole R100 Digital process and requesting that her Office press further in an attempt for a more satisfactory way forward. **Action: A Morrison**

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c) Skips

Mr A Morrison advised that a Skip had been delivered in May for a week and had been filled with no issues, next one due to be delivered in July, agreed to assess at next meeting to see if we require to order any further this year.

d) Play Park

Mr A Morrison advised that Mr G MacKinnon is to take on dealing with the improvements required at the Play Park.

e) War Memorial Plaques

Mr A Morrison advised the Invoice has been received and paid for the plaques, now await so they can be fixed to the War Memorial replacing the existing, in addition Bedding Plants purchased and planted at the War Memorial.

5. Wind Farms

Mrs S Illingworth attended the meeting on behalf of the Struan Development Group, wishing to discuss the proposed Glen Ullinish II Wind Farm, going on to advise that the Development Group have submitted a response to the Scoping Document, advising that it had been a major task and had been time consuming. Mr A Morrison advised that ultimately it was down to him respond to the Scoping Document on behalf of the Community Council and advised simply did not have sufficient time to devote to the matter, hence no response submitted.

Mrs Illingworth went on to ask if the Community Council were in favour of the 3 Local groups coming together to meet to discuss the proposed Project to discuss and agree a way forward so as to have a Community Action Plan produced to allow the Community to have their views known on what they would wish from any future Community Benefit that would flow to the Community and also strengthen the position of the Community in relation the obtaining a maximum share of the Community Benefit. It was agreed that the 3 groups coming together to discuss was the best way forward, Mrs Illingworth confirmed she would arrange and advise of date and venue.

6. Cemeteries

Mr I Beaton advised he is in the process of pulling all the Estimates together for the works required to the Cemeteries and hopes to submit an Application to the Trust in due course. Also, gratifying to note that the Cemetery Car Park re-surfacing have now been completed and now await the Invoice for settlement. It was further agreed to leave as is at present and discuss at the next meeting if there is a requirement for any further works and also how we should dispose of the old fencing.

Action: I Beaton

7. NHS

Mr A Morrison advised that a new Group being set up to progress matters in relation to NHS in North Skye, Mrs F MacKinnon has advised that she is willing to continue to represent the Community via this forum and has advised she was asked to advise which areas in particular she would like to focus and has opted for the following:

Community Beds, Urgent Care, Care/Nursing Homes, Care at Home, Transport & Access, Options Appraisal and End of Life Care

In addition, it was unanimously agreed to due to increased fuel costs to increase the mileage rate payable to Mrs MacKinnon for attending meetings on behalf of the Community from 20p to 45p per mile.

8. Struan School

As all are aware the Struan School has now been mothballed by Highland Council with the children now being transported to Carbost up to the end of this Term, at the beginning of the new School Year the children are to be provided with transport to Carbost or Dunvegan if this is the preference. As the School has been and is the sole venue available to the Community for meetings, fund raising, etc, Mr A Morrison wrote the Area Education Manager, Mr D Esson regards the availability to the Community going forward, after an exchange of e-mail Mr Esson advised, "***Property and Facilities Management have confirmed that due to the school being mothballed no lets will be permitted.***"

Mr Morrison therefore has written to the MSP and Local Councillors to advise of the position and to the displeasure of the Community Council along with other Community Group and the wider Community that we are not able to avail ourselves of the facility, requesting that the Community either be granted an initial Short Term Lease of the premises or a facility to be able to let the premises as and when required, Short Term Lease preferred option as the Community would then be in control, now await responses.

Action: A Morrison

9. Planning

No issues

10. Correspondence

None

11. AOCB

Co-option

As the Community Council have recently received the resignation of Mrs H MacLeod, Mr D J Morrison who was in attendance was asked if he would be willing to be co-opted to the Community Council, Mr Morrison advised would be happy to do so, therefore, will require to have the matter of co-option added top the Agenda for the next meeting to allow this to be progressed, Mr A Morrison will also advise Mr W MacKinnon at Highland Council of out intentions

Public Toilets

The matter of Public Toilets was discussed

Date of Next Meeting 21st September 2022 @ 7.00pm at 3 Coillore to be confirmed

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

Mr Morrison 21.9.22
Keith Davis