

Struan Community Development Group Minutes of Meeting on 5th October 2022

Meeting Details	Meeting 5 th October at 1930 hrs at the Old Manse	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Sarah Illingsworth (SI), Leslie Charteris, Dave McGough (DMcG), Ken Imrie, Jenny Till and Kenna MacInnes.	Management Committee
Apologies	None	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters Arising	The minutes from the meeting on 15 th June 2022 were reviewed and agreed. Signed off by SI. There were no Matters Arising	
Membership	Membership is still sitting at 68, having had a few movements both in and out of the area. This is out of 255 people on the Electoral Register. Up to date copy of register no longer held by Library so PS to ask where we can get sight of this.	ACTION: PS
Finance/Bank Accounts(s)	SI says bank account currently shows £1519.91 but this includes £840 for Shopping Bus trip. So the balance around £700. (We have a reserves policy to maintain a balance of at least £350.) We need to decide between now and end Dec whether to apply to the Trust for further operating expenses.	ACTION: PS/SI
Appointment of Office Bearers	SI and PS have discussed that as most other Trustees are all new to their roles, we would initially operate with SI as Chair & Treasurer, and PS as Vice Chair & Secretary for at least the first couple of months and then we can review	ACTION: SI/PS
Community Action Plan and other windfarm proposals	<p>PS: The CAP requirement emerged from the ScotGov Guidelines on Community Benefit. PS and SI got the Community Council and Trust together and to agree that the Community Council should take the lead with regard to the CAP. For the benefit of new members, PS outlined the roles of the respective community organisations, and how they interact.</p> <p>Neither the Trust nor Community Council (CC) responded to the request for comments on Muirhall's Scoping Document, although the Devt Group did. (PS to send KI a copy of the Feasibility Study)</p> <p>Several people attended Muirhall's consultation and reported back that they were still unable to answer all questions posed.</p> <p>CC are also to ask Muirhall to hold a Public Meeting, to be followed by a further Public Meeting for only Struan Residents. CC have also managed to negotiate access to the school while it is mothballed, also asking for access to poly tunnel for community.</p> <p>DMcG – Muirhall are looking into a Wireless Broadband network for Struan residents and have consultants currently doing a feasibility study to this effect, with a view to installation in 2023. Ultimately this may include fibre, but not in the short term. KI mentioned Scotgov funding which should be potentially accessible to supplement any work. KI suggested that long term 5G would probably be a</p>	ACTION:

	<p>better option. DMcG suggested that Starlink may also be an option. It was agreed that a brief update about this feasibility study should be sent to the members. Muirhall are also talking about building a new sea access point to bring turbine components in, rather than by road. May be left as a legacy facility. No clues as to where the location might be as yet. To also be advised to the members.</p> <p>Assistance with green energy generally was discussed which could be provided via community benefit funds. To push for a meeting between SCDG and Muirhall at the earliest opportunity.</p> <p>It also emerged that they have sold Cross Dykes Wind Farm, and the community opted to benefit from this. Other wind farm applications include Ben Aketil (ECU – 10 turbines), Ben Sca (THC 9 turbines – approved), Sumardale – 5 – THC approved) and Balmeanach (THC – 10 – scoping stage). At £5k p.a. per Mw Com Benefit.</p> <p>It was agreed that Ben Sca should be asked to substantiate the claim on their website to have consulted local community development Trusts. CAP – CC have agreed to be responsible for producing the CAP so at the moment the Group has no direct involvement. KI suggested that we should be prepared to produce a “strawman proposal” while nothing else is actively being done by the CC. PS explained that the Group had done a brief survey at the Gala in June, which highlighted a number of issues, including broadband, lack of community space/facilities and public transport. This has provided an insight into the more detailed questions that would need to be included in a full community survey. KI suggested that we should put together a proposal for a full community survey in anticipation of delays to the development of the CAP in case the CC don’t make any progress. KI agreed to review some available CAPs and produce a list of headings which should be covered in a Community questionnaire, with a view to distributing headings to individual members of the group to draft associated questions.</p> <p>The Group looked at the “Atlas of Edinbane” document, as an example of an aspirational review. PS to try and get copy of Lochalsh CAP, just published. It was agreed that SI should request a meeting between the new Board of Trustees and Muirhall as soon as possible.</p>	<p>ACTION: PS</p> <p>ACTION: PS</p> <p>ACTION PS</p> <p>ACTION: KI</p> <p>ACTION: PS</p> <p>ACTION: SI</p>
<p>Funding & Fund Raising</p>	<p>THC has just opened the Community Regeneration Fund, which includes the Coastal Communities Fund £3.3m, so PS + KI have put together 2 Expressions of Interest, which need to be submitted by 7.10.22. (1)for a Feasibility Study for the School (about £15k total, could be done by end March 2023). It was agreed that we should ask the fund for £10k and the remaining £4850 from SCT as match funding.</p>	<p>ACTION:PS/KI</p>

	(2) For a Development Officer, with match funding from SCT. (£14,850 from the CR Fund). This was also agreed. PS and DMcG will be doing another calendar for 2023. It appears that the Scottish Land Fund is also still accessible as well.	
Archaeology/Environment	To include the Community Excavation. Deferred to next meeting.	
Transport/Shopping Bus Trips	It was agreed that we should investigate the possibility of a shopping bus to Inverness in Late Nov. PS to canvas interest in email to members.	ACTION:PS/SI
Logo/Letterhead	PS suggested we have another go at coming up with a logo to. DMcG to investigate use from photo images and PS to contact Philippa to see if she is still interested.	ACTION: DMG/PS
AOCB	Scottish Islands Federation and DTAS: All new members to have a look at their websites and discuss	ACTION: All
Next Meeting	Wednesday 2 nd Nov at The Old Manse @ 7.30pm	ACTION:All