

## **Community Action Plan Group (CAP Group)**

Since the summer of 2022, some six wind farm developments/re-powering proposals have come to light, all of which will affect Struan to a greater or lesser extent. Representatives of all the existing Community Groups met and agreed to instigate a Community Action Plan for Struan with the objective of establish the needs and aspirations of the local residents over the next 5 to 10 years, and to facilitate the most appropriate use of resources, both in terms of existing funds and future community benefit funding. We are currently negotiating with a company to develop the CAP for us, and work is expected to start in April 2023.

The CAP Group is made up of two representatives from each of the existing community groups – the Community Council, the Community Trust and the Development Group.

The representatives are:

- Iain Beaton and Alasdair Morrison from the Community Council
- John MacKinnon and Donald Beaton from the Community Trust
- Sarah Illingworth and Peggy Semler (backed up by Ken Imrie) from the Development Group.

The group has been meeting on a regular basis and has also represented Struan community at meetings with Muirhall Energy (ME) and the other “Near Neighbours” last November in Dunvegan, and more recently at a meeting with ME on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2023 ahead of the public meeting, and continues to work to secure the best arrangements with ME both during the build and operation of the wind farm and in terms of community benefit.

The objectives of the CAP Group have therefore evolved to include:

- securing the best possible agreements on Community Benefits in terms of both funding and other benefits from the respective wind farm developers
- Supporting the Community Council in the production of the Community Action Plan
- Determining the most appropriate governance and legal structure for a legal entity to be set up to handle future Community Benefit funding, and also potentially community shares in one or more wind farms.

It is anticipated that the objectives will continue to evolve as the wind farm plans develop and other issues affecting the community come to light.

If you wish to contact the CAP Group at any time, please email them at [CAP@struancommunity.co.uk](mailto:CAP@struancommunity.co.uk)