

Struan Community Development Group Minutes of Meeting on 30th March 2023

Meeting Details	Meeting 30 th March at 1930 hrs at the School	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Sarah Illingworth (SI), Dave McGough, Jenny Till, Kenna MacInnes.	Board of Trustees
Apologies	Leslie Charteris, Ken Imrie	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters Arising	The minutes from the meeting on 13 th February 2023 were reviewed, corrected and agreed. To be signed off by SI I due course. DTAS provisional membership now confirmed. Headed paper with SCIO Registration No. produced. PS confirmed that address in Ose was still a holiday let. Beach clean boat not now expected as not suitable.	
Finance/Bank Account	Bank account currently has £15075.11 (including Fuel Voucher money, etc). Still unable to operate account due issues getting PS and JT added as signatories although some progress made. KMCI withdrawn from application currently as no current photo ID! SI managed to get mileage refunded as BoS made her drive to Portree to sign removal of KMI from application paperwork, as they would not progress until this done. Longer term banking situation to be reviewed.	ACTION:SI
Membership	Still 83. Changes needed to Constitution relating to membership will be needed – e.g. min 20 members – to meet requirements of SLF and CATR. PS sent update for members out 11 March. PS to start preparing another one, including final layout for Muirhall project, planters, beach clean boat, etc.	ACTION: All ACTION: PS/SI
Logo/Letterhead	Headed paper produced with SCIO registration No. PS to circulate to everyone.	ACTION: PS
Funding & Fundraising	Applications to the Trust discussed: (1) DMcG for compost/plants for planters. £287.50 (2) JT for counter for broch gate. Approx £1500.	
Organisation: Archaeology/website monitoring	JT has been chasing HES about counter for gate but still unable to get any solid commitment. In the light of this she has sought practical advice from Staffin CT, the Outdoor Access trust and the Access Officer so it was agreed that we would try and get an application for one into the Trust ASAP. All advice from the above is that this will provide valuable data for, e.g. funding applications, and as input to the CAP. See above. It was also agreed that we would try recording vehicles at the car park as previously. DMcG is monitoring websites.	ACTION: JT ACTION: All ACTION: DMcG
Muirhall and Other Windfarms	Comments on Notes produced by Muirhall from public meeting on 24 Jan being drawn up by PS. Final version to be sent to attendees who requested a copy. Near Neighbours met with them and fully support our 40:40:20 position, but Muirhall (Chris Walker) continually pushed it back to the Skye Wide fund, but couldn't provide a justification. Belief is that a deal was done with HIE/THC over this some time ago. Ian	ACTION: PS

	<p>Blackford has been very supportive and he told Muirhall that they should stop trying to divide the communities. The outcome is that the NNs have agreed to go back to them justifying the 40:40:20, and how we plan to use and manage the funds on behalf of the communities. Meeting with NNs and Ian Blackford on 4 April to discuss way forward.</p> <p>Other wind farms quiet at the moment – waiting to see what happens with Muirhall?</p> <p>Muirhall have now admitted that there are still 3 turbines planned for the DWPA so PS has asked Ali Mor to get Scottish Water to clarify the circumstances under which they will pay compensation if disruption is caused by a third party. They are still refusing to discuss any form of compensation for disruption during the build. PS and SI completed Scoping Response for Vattenfall. No support has been forthcoming from Kate Forbes.</p>	ACTION: PS
Governance/other organisations.	<p>Investigative work continues into what would be the most suitable legal entity for Struan going forward. Plunkett consultant to discuss legal entities further on 5 April. PS to send summary of options to Trustees.</p>	ACTION: PS
CAP	<p>CAP contractor – PAS – are now signed up by Community Council. Due to start work in earnest in May, but an introductory online meeting was held at the school, using DJMs equipment, which went fine. They are talking about a 10-15 year plan, which is better than first choice were talking about.</p> <p>Keen to be present on the ground as well as online, and seem to have a grasp of local social structure.</p>	
Fuel Voucher Scheme	<p>Funding now approved. Some postage and packing included but as many forms as possible will be emailed. Awaiting the bank account being sorted out before sending out.</p>	ACTION: PS/SI
Struan School	<p>A well-attended Public meeting was held 20 March but no objections raised so closure procedure continues to proceed. Process unlikely to be complete until Spring 2023.</p> <p>PS attended COSS training course which was very practical and useful. Other units planned.</p> <p>We have now submitted an EOI to the Council which has been acknowledged. THC to help with info etc.</p> <p>PS and SI have met with Morven Gibson (Scottish Land Fund) on site on 23 March. She has agreed we can apply for another round of Stage 1 funding (next date 22 May). Weather was good so took her up to the broch and she was quite taken with it. SLF will potentially fund up to 95% of the purchase price. Will probably aim at getting 50% from SLF, 50% from the Trust for the Stage 1 – to CATR stage. Need to get 3 quotes for all Stage 1 items. Trust application end June.</p> <p>PS + KI (TBC) to progress Stage 1 application.</p>	ACTION:PS
AOCB	<p>Additional bin at cemetery car park to be requested via Community Council.</p>	ACTION: SI
Young Persons Award	<p>To be discussed at a later meeting.</p>	ACTION: ALL
Next Meeting	<p>Wednesday 26th April at 7.30pm at the school</p>	ACTION:All