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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Monday 9th January 2023

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr D Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr D J Morrison, Mr A Morrison, Mr K Davies, Mrs S Illingworth, Mr G Semler, Mrs Peggy Semler & Mr D Millar (Highland Councillor)

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Friday 4th November 2022 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) Notice Board

Mr G MacKinnon confirmed application to the Trust was successful, new Notice Board has been ordered and hopes to have in place by March 2023.

b) Broadband

Mr A Morrison confirmed has again written Keith Nicolson, Kate Forbes MSP's case worker, requesting a response to our original question in relation to why the Struan Exchange cannot be up graded when so many & further spread communities on either side, Carbost, Dunvegan & Glendale have the service in place, is it the demographic of the population that is having our community passed over. Further discussions took place in relation to the Muirhall Option that is ongoing along with other alternative Government Grant options that may be available but ultimately at present only available to individual households. Mr Morrison will keep pressing for response from Keith Nicolson and advise accordingly in due course

Action: Mr A Morrison

c) Play Park

Mr G MacKinnon chasing quotes for the Astro Turf and partial tarmac

Action: Mr G MacKinnon & Mr D J Morrison

d) Village Improvements

In relation to the Village entry signage, Cllr D Millar had forwarded an e-mail to Mr A Morrison earlier today that Mr Morrison had not pick-up pre this meeting, Cllr Millar advised that advices received from Mr D MacLeod provided details of possible signs and that they would require to be erected by either Council or Contractors in compliance with Street Works, Mr Morrison will forward options to others to decide which signs required to allow to progress, all other matters ongoing at present

Action: Mr A Morrison

e) Struan School

Mr A Morrison confirmed still await receipt of Draft Lease from Highland Council, in addition, still await notification of date for the demolishen of De-mountable Unit, although from end of the December Mr Morrison has taken over the weekly inspection, undertaking the checks to the building and keeping a record of these actions. Also, confirmed there is a regular use of the building to date and going forward, again a record of all usage being kept. Mr Morrison will keep all up dated as matters progress

f) Other Wind Farm Developments

Balmeanach

Mr A Morrison confirmed that Wind2 had held a Consultation Event on 13th December at the School, Mr F MacKenzie & Ms H Brown in attendance from Wind2 both were delighted by the turnout, they had a steady stream of visitors throughout, confirmed they will keep the community up dated as matters progress with the development.

g) Cemeteries

Await response from Trust in respect of Wall Application, Mr D J Morrison advised chasing Quotes for perimeter barrier at the Car Park, was agreed if proving difficult may be better obtaining labour only quotes & as preferred option would be composite material as longer lasting, we could obtain material, Mr D J Morrison will progress.

Action: Mr D J Morrison

h) Act of Remembrance

All went well despite the atrocious weather conditions, the man portion of the Act of Remembrance was held in the School as were not allowed access to the Church, after Service in the School went to lay the wreaths at the War Memorial and returned to the School for Tea & Coffee, excellent turnout, led by Rev James Beaton, note to be sent to Rev Beaton for once again leading the Community Act of Remembrance.

Action: Mr A Morrison

5. Glen Ullinish II

Mr A Morrison confirmed that he and Mr I Beaton on behalf of the Community Council, Mr J MacKinnon and Mr D Beaton on behalf of the Struan Trust, Mrs S Illingworth and Mrs P Semler on behalf of the SCDG along with representatives from Dunvegan, Minginish, Portree and Edinbane/Skeabost. Muirhall were represented by Kirsty Battu (Project Manager), Joanne Jack, (Assistant Project Manager), Mhairi Frain (Director of Corporate Affairs and Business Support) and Debbie Rae (Communities Manager).

An initial presentation was undertaken on the present position with the Development and Muirhall's vision for the Community Benefit, thereafter, the floor was opened to questions and comment, all the Struan Representatives strongly voiced their opinions that the Community Benefit split as outlined (50% Near Neighbours & 50% Whole of Skye) was neither fair nor satisfactory to the Struan Community who are not Near Neighbours but the Host as the whole development is to take place

within the Struan Community and the majority of the disruption is to take place therein through the Construction Phase that will be up to 3 years, therefore, demand a separate fund to be set up for Struan with a set percentage of the Community Benefit Fund paid to the Struan Legal Entity.

Furthermore, it was clear from the comments from the floor made by the other community representatives that they were fully supportive of the Struan Community representatives, also, a number making it clear that they believed the position with Struan should be resolved prior to any discussions being undertaken with the other Communities.

In conclusion, the Struan representatives pressed Muirhall on holding a Public Meeting in the Community, also to hold a meeting with the Community representatives to discuss the Community Benefit and other pertinent issues relating to the Development, Mhairi Frain advised they would take back, discuss and be in touch on due course.

Mr Morrison confirmed that subsequent to the "Near Neighbour" meeting, Muirhall came back to confirm they wished to meet with Community Representatives on Monday 23rd January and also hold a Public Meeting the following evening Tuesday 24th January, these dates have been agreed and meetings to be held in the School

6. Community Action Plan

Mr A Morrison confirmed that since the last meeting the CAP group have met and now obtained Costed Proposals from both Star Development Group & PAS, in addition an indication of cost from Nick Wright to allow the Application to be submitted to the Trust, this has now been submitted looking for funding to a maximum of £30,000, in addition, Mr Morrison advised he has had discussions with Mr Stuart MacPherson @ HIE in relation to a 50% contribution to the cost of the CAP, this is being progressed, the Trust have been advised within the Application that on the basis funds are received from HIE will reduce the sum required from their funds. Mr Morrison will up date as and when matters have progressed further.

7. NHS

Mr A Morrison advised that subsequent to our last meeting an e-mail received from NHS Highland, distributed to all, asking if we would like a representative to attend a CC Meeting, all agreed would be worthwhile and Mr Morrison respond asking if someone could attend but was to late for this meeting, therefore, is to e-mail again once next meeting date agreed **Action: Mr A Morrison**

8. Planning – Edinbane Scoping

Mr A Morrison advised that Mr I Beaton had received an e-mail from the Energy Consent Unit, forwarded to all headed "Request for Scoping Opinion - Edinbane Wind Farm Repower and Extension" in relation to the present Vattenfall Wind Farm, agreed that we would submit our comments, required by 25th January 2023, Mr A Morrison advised would draft response, send to others for comment and if could not get done by deadline will request an extension to end of February. **Action: Mr A Morrison**

9. Correspondence

None

10. AOCB

None

Date of Next Meeting Thursday 23rd March 2023 at 7.00pm in Struan School

The meeting closed at 9.10pm

G. Macleod 23/3/23

D. G. Beaton 23.3.23