

Struan Community Development Group Minutes of Meeting on 26th April 2023

Meeting Details	Meeting 26 th April 2023 at 1930 hrs at the School	
Attendees	Peggy Semler (PS), Sarah Illingworth (SI), Dave McGough (DMcG), Jenny Till (JT), Kenna MacInnes, Leslie Charteris.	Board of Trustees
Apologies	Ken Imrie	
		ACTIONS
Minutes from last meeting and matters Arising	The minutes from the meeting on 30 th March 2023 were reviewed agreed. To be signed off by SI in due course.	
Finance/Bank Account	Bank account currently has £11,092.78 (including Fuel Voucher money, etc). Fuel Vouchers going out steadily. JT now has bank authorisation so to try logging in next time payment need to be authorised. DMcG agreed to become a 4th signatory on the account.	ACTION:SI
Membership	Now 84, new member as part of fuel voucher scheme. Changes needed to Constitution will need to be implemented at AGM to satisfy CATR requirements, and also possible increase in number of trustees	ACTION: All
Fuel Voucher Scheme	Going well, steady stream of applications. Has also helped to identify some households we didn't know existed, so premises list will be updated as a result. Expected to run beyond 5 May deadline in effect. Seems to be being well received by the community.	ACTION: SI/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 £1939.20 (inc VAT).	
Organisation: Archaeology/website monitoring	JT put together a funding application to the Trust for a counter for the gate to the broch and this was submitted to them before the closing date. Awaiting a decision. JT has investigated further and seems like a cheaper infra-red version might be just as suitable as a radar one. These are around £724, but will need further investigation. To discuss with John MacKinnon/HES once funding approved. Still no commitment from HES. DMcG is monitoring websites.	ACTION: JT ACTION: DMcG

	<p>so all Trustees invited to attend this. CAP Group to follow up with meeting on the Weds morning.</p> <p>They also have a network of volunteers, some of whom may get directly involved in the Struan CAP.</p> <p>They have done a similar job in Morven, so should have some grasp of the social structure, but will still have a steep learning curve here, we suspect.</p> <p>It would be desirable to include questions about community share ownership as part of the CAP, as we currently have no mandate from the community for this.</p> <p>There was further discussion about share ownership.</p> <p>It will also be essential to include specific questions relating to potential community ownership of the school via a CATR.</p>	
Governance/other organisations.	<p>Plunkett has done session with CAP Group but no major decision made, as they have been too tied up dealing with Muirhall.</p> <p>Further investigation into options and sources of legal advice required.</p>	ACTION: PS
Struan School	<p>The CC have now been offered not a lease on the school but a "Licence to Use", which limits such use to only SCT and SCC meetings and involves taking on all the maintenance and running costs plus legal fees.</p> <p>They are looking at it, but highly unlikely to accept it.</p> <p>There is a consultation meeting about the closure in Dunvegan on 4th May and they have asked to meet with someone from SCDG. PS unable to attend so DMcG/SI will try and go.</p>	<p>ACTION:PS</p> <p>ACTION: DMcG/SI</p>
AOCB	JT to attend Skye Connect Spring conference	ACTION: JT
Young Persons Award	To be discussed at a later meeting.	ACTION: ALL
Next Meeting	Wednesday 7 th June at 7.30pm at the school	ACTION:All