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.	ACTION: JT
	DMcG is monitoring websites.	ACTION: DMcG

Muirhall and Other	Finally got an agreed set of minutes from the public	
Windfarms	meeting on 24 th January, which has now been distributed	
	to those who requested a copy of them. (Including some	
	of their internal comments!)	
	A further meeting was held between Muirhall and	
	representatives of all the Near Neighbours on March 21 st	
	in Dunvegan. The outcome is that the NNs have agreed	
	to go back to them with a proposal justifying the	
	40:40:20, and how we plan to use and manage the funds	
	on behalf of the communities involved. Document to be	ACTION: PS
	produced jointly by Alistair Danter, Fiona Thomson and	
	PS, agreed and submitted by end May. The aim is to	
	document the aspiration, ambitions and capacity of the	
	communities involved and a suggested route for the Skye	
	Wide fund.	
	Ian Blackford continues to be very supportive.	
	After 2.5 months we finally got response from Muirhall	
	saying they won't sign the NDA we asked them to	
	complete before we handed over our Premises List, and	
	asking us to sign a full blown, commercial, reciprocal NDA	
	for them. After some discussion it was agreed that it	
	would not be appropriate for us to sign their NDA, so the	
	position remains the same, i.e. unless they agree to sign	
	our, we will not hand over the information. PS to advise	
	Muirhall of this decision.	ACTION: PS
	Vattenfall held exhibition in school and as with other	
	developers (apart from Muirhall) able to answer	
	questions and interested to hear our ambitions as a	
	community. Berry Jordan (Communities Manager) very	
	keen on CAP process. Muirhall have not been in contact.	
	The last windfarm they built they deliberately moved all	
	their AILs at night (some 20 turbines).	
	Ben Sca attended meeting with reps from Edinbane and	
	Dunvegan ostensibly to agree to put an application to LES	
	for legal advice but it was clear that it was being assumed	
	that Struan CT has agreed to sign up to an Agreement of	
	Intent (legal document). PS had to explain the Struan	
	Community Trust is not a development trust/SCIO and	
	therefore not in a position or has a mandate to sign up to	
	such an agreement. PS has tried to get the other	
	community reps to sit down and thrash this out, but no	
	response to date. However will need to be resolved.	
	Will have to be taken up by the CAP Group at some point.	
САР	CAP contractor – PAS – are now signed up. Video	
	conferencing facilities to be purchased by CC (money	
	from Trust) as a result! Looks like SCDG may have to	
	take on contract with PAS, as CC not a legal entity they	
	can contract with, but draft not yet provided. We will	
	need to insist on all the funds being in our own bank	
	account before we are in a position to do so.	
	PAS plan to be on site on 16/17th May from lunchtime	
	Tuesday to lunchtime Weds, including meeting with up	
	to representative stakeholders (up to 25) in the evening,	

	so all Trustees invited to attend this. CAP Group to follow up with meeting on the Weds morning. They also have a network of volunteers, some of whom may ger directly involved in the Struan CAP. 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. 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. There was further discussion about share ownership. It will also be essential to include specific questions relating to potential community ownership of the school via a CATR.	
Governance/other organisations.	Plunkett has done session with CAP Group but no major decision made, as they have been too tied up dealing with Muirhall. Further investigation into options and sources of legal advice required.	ACTION: PS
Struan School	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. They are looking at it, but highly unlikely to accept it. There is a consultation meeting about the closure in Dunvegan on 4 th May and they have asked to meet with someone from SCDG. PS unable to attend so DMcG/SI will try and go.	ACTION:PS ACTION: DMcG/SI
АОСВ	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