

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Wednesday 14th June 2023

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr D Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr D J Morrison, Mr G MacKinnon & Mr A Morrison, Mr D Millar (Councillor), Ms K Earnshaw (NHS), Mrs S Illingworth, Mrs F MacKinnon, Mr J Clark, Mr G Clark, Mr G Semler, Mrs P Semler, Mr T Grindrod, Mrs B Grindrod, Mrs J Till, Mrs J Rudrum, Mr D McGough &

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr K Davies

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Monday 15th May 2023 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr A Lockhart and seconded by Mr D J Morrison

4. Matters Arising

a) Notice Board

Mr G MacKinnon confirmed the new Noticeboard is now in place with a Blackboard on reverse.

b) Broadband

Not any further forward, agreed to again write both Kate Forbes MSP and Ian Blackford MP

Action: Mr A Morrison

c) Play Park

Mr G MacKinnon & Mr D J Morrison confirmed they are progressing, will submit an application for funding to the Trust once all the estimates to hand **Action: Mr G MacKinnon & Mr D J Morrison**

d) Cemeteries

Mr I Beaton confirmed that he had obtained and submitted Application to the Trust for repairs required to the old Cemetery Wall, in addition, advised that Iain MacPhie hoped to have the wall at the new Cemetery completed by end of the Summer. Mr D J Morrison advised that in respect of the perimeter barrier at the Cemetery Car Park he anticipates having an application submitted to the Trust for their next funding deadline at the end of June.

e) Planning

Mr A Morrison advised no response from Planning in relation to query regarding clarification on the question of Change of Use for planning application 23/01434/FUL will chase for response.

Action: A Morrison

f) Dr Jowett

Mr A Morrison confirmed letter of thanks sent to Dr Jowett

5. NHS Up-date

Ms K Earnshaw attended the meeting to provide an update on the position in relation to the NHS in Skye & Lochalsh at the present time, Ms Earnshaw provided a comprehensive outline of what was going on along with the challenges faced, in particular in relation to recruitment stressing the difficulties being encountered in filling posts.

Ms Earnshaw was asked by Mr G Semler, what the total number of vacancies that existed on Skye, and whether they were all fully funded and whether, if they were all filled NHS would be able to deliver their entire obligation to Skye including implementation of the Richie recommendations. She stated she was unable to comment on the primary care position and did not know the exact numbers off hand. She then proceeded to go through the vacancies and accumulated some 30 or so vacant posts. She was asked how many staff there were in total which she did not know but estimated some 300 or so. She stated that she was not empowered to implement all the Richie recommendations as some of these fall outside her and indeed the NHS remit. She confirmed that all the vacant posts were advertised and funded and that if filled all the services, including the relevant to NHS Richie recommendation. would be deliverable.

Mrs F MacKinnon raised a number of issues with Ms Earnshaw, in particular in relation to the present position with the Carbost & Dunvegan Medical Practises, as Struan is served by both, in respect of Carbost, since the retirement of Dr Jowett there has been a constant stream of locums, any word of a permanent GP for the practise, in respect of Dunvegan, as all the present GPs are in the same age range and appears likely to be retiring in near future, what steps are in place to address the matter prior to all the GPs retiring and the practise being in a position of only being staffed by locums. Ms Earnshaw advised Carbost posts should be open on new Vacancy Platform being used by NHS although system is causing problems, also advised NHS are looking at the position in relation to Dunvegan, Ms Earnshaw advised she would message her colleagues in Primary Care regards these issues.

Mr I Beaton thanked Ms Earnshaw for attending, providing update and for answering questions.

6. Village Improvements

In relation to the proposed erection of bollards and rope to protect The Green, Mr Clark the new Tenant in Bog Myrtle attended the meeting, subsequent to Mr I Beaton visiting them to advise what was proposed and why. Mr Clark advised he had just taken over the premises within the past couple of weeks, living in the community, has taken on a long lease of the premises and intends being in and part of the community for many years to come, advised he would like to come to a resolution to avoid a restriction in parking in the vicinity so as not to have his business impacted along with protecting The Green. A number of those in attendance pointed out that due to inconsiderate parking access to the Shop & Bog Myrtle by both residents, visitors and delivery vehicles could be extremely difficult at certain times of the day, Councillor Miller suggested contacting the Highland Council Traffic Management people to see if they can mark parking bays. It was agreed to hold off

doing anything at present, Mr A Morrison will call and see Mr Clark before next meeting to see if a solution can be obtained to keep everyone happy.

7. Glen Ullinish II

Mr A Morrison advised that the Joint Document from Struan and the "Near Neighbours", Minginish, Dunvegan, Portree & Edinbane/Skeabost under the name of West & Central Skye Communities Group was sent to Muirhall on 31st May 2023, with full list of signatures to follow.

Mr Morrison further advised that a copy of the Document was sent to Ian Blackford MP, he acknowledged receipt and asked to be up dated once we have had a response from Muirhall, copy also sent to Kate Forbes MSP, caseworker Keith Nicolson acknowledged receipt, advised Kate is hosting a surgery in Portree on Friday 16 June and offering an appointment to meet and discuss, Mr Morrison confirmed he will attend.

Mr Morrison advised that had written SEPA, to date no response, also still no response from Scottish Water, will also bring this up in meeting with Kate Forbes on Friday.

Mr Morrison advised that Muirhall have been in touch to request the School to hold a "Drop in Session" post the submission of their Planning Application to the ECU to allow residents the opportunity to ask further questions and view the new Visualisations, proposed for 27th June and agreed. However, this was subsequently amended to 15th August in the School from 4.00pm to 8.00pm as there is a delay in submission of the Planning Application due to Annual Leave at the ECU.

8. Community Action Plan

Mr A Morrison confirmed that initial meetings held on 16th & 17th of May with PAS (Paul Ede & Ieuan Rees), evening meeting with members of CC, SCT & SCDG along with invited stakeholders, to set out the process, further meeting following day with the CAP Steering Group to outline dates for the process moving forward. The process will go live from 1st June via the Community Web Site & Facebook Page, thereafter the Survey which will incorporate specific questions in relation to the School to go live online from 5th June, in addition, paper copies to be delivered to every house over the period 2nd June to 5th June with a closing date for return either to the School by 18th June or on line by same date.

In addition, dates agreed for the Visioning & Action Planning sessions that will be open to all community members, Visioning 14th & 15th July, Action Planning 11th & 12th August, 3 sessions, PAS will post to all household's details of the sessions inviting everyone to attend to take part in the process.

The Contract for the process has now been finalised between the Community Council and PAS, signed and payment structure in place, over 3 payments with first payment made on 1st June.

9) Struan School

Mr A Morrison advised he had responded to Highland Council regards the draft License to Occupy, providing a copy of our proposed amended copy of the License to Occupy, we propose use of the building should be by anyone approved by CC and running costs should continue to be borne by HC. In addition, pointing out that that the CC have since December 2022 continued to carry out the weekly checks, continue to arrange access to the building by HC Contractors, thereby saving HC having to send staff to the School to carry out these duties and are happy in due course to assist with clearing the School under the guidance of the Education Dept.

To date no response received from HC.

10. Planning

Mr A Morrison referred to Planning Application 23/026631/PNO in relation to the formation of track and bridge on land 3000M SW of 2 Mugeary, Glenmore, Portree, submitted by Fountain Forestry, in relation to extraction of commercial timber, comes under Struan CC, appears falls within the CC boundary. **Action: Mr A Morrison**

11. AOCB

Struan Community Gala

Mrs J Rudrum addressed the meeting in her role as Chair of the Gala Committee to advise that due to a lack of numbers on the committee and that they do not have as many helpers there would not be a Gala this year. Mrs Rudrum asking for assistance from the CC and Community to address the problem of lack of help to be able to hold a Gala in 2024 Community, without assistance from both it will not be possible to hold a Gala.

Facebook Comment

Mr I Beaton advised that a note received on the Facebook Page today, circulated to CC members, from Mr Angus Munro:

“My concern is that representation on behalf of our community with the current windfarm developer is being partly undertaken with the involvement of a development group not elected by the local community and therefore not democratic and not correct.”

Mr Munro went on to advise that in his opinion only those elected by the community, CC & Trust, should engage with the windfarm developer, further advised that he applauds the ongoing work being undertaken in the community by the development group. Mr Munro further requested that the CC minute his concerns and answer his concern after discussion on the matter.

As the note had only been received on the day of the meeting, a short discussion ensued agreeing that a matter would be minuted and a response submitted to Mr Munro in early course.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 7th August 2023 at 7.00pm in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:45pm

G MacFadyen 7/8/2023

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