

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Monday 11th September 2023

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr D J Morrison, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr A Morrison, Mr K Davies, Mr D Beaton, Mrs S Illingworth, Mr K Merrick, Mr M Tracey, Mrs R Tracey, Mr T Grindrod & Mrs B Grindrod

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr A Lockhart, Mr D Millar (Councillor) & Mr G Semler

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Wednesday 7th August 2023 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr D J Morrison and seconded by Mr G MacKinnon

4. Matters Arising

a) Broadband

Mr A Morrison advised he had written Kate Forbes MSP regards the ongoing and deteriorating issues, in that a number of properties have no service, the Post Office has been unable to provide a service to the community for in excess of 6 weeks and intermittent issues with all users. Further raised the issue regards the change to digital due by December 2025, as at present would appear unless the local exchange is fully upgraded the service on both Broadband and Landlines may disappear. Mr Grindrod advised that due to the continued issues he has had to use the Broadband Service available at the Library in Portree. Mr Morrison will continue to lobby Kate Forbes MSP.

Action: A Morrison

b) Play Park

Mr D J Morrison & Mr G MacKinnon confirmed they have received all quotes for the works required to the surface, the preferred option being the wet pour, total costs in the region of £21,000, application to be submitted to the Trust for their consideration.

Action: Mr D J Morrison & Mr G MacKinnon

c) Cemeteries

Mr A Morrison advised still awaiting response from Mr K Gordon in respect question regards the grass cutting and clearing, also, advised that after last Mr John MacKinnon had cleared the grass cuttings and if Council Contractors are not obliged to undertake the CC will look at this being done themselves. Mr I Beaton advised that Mr Yeats will provide a quote for repairing the bulging wall, further advised that Mr I MacPhie has been advised of the requirement to increase the gate opening

on new wall to 8 feet. Mr D J Morrison confirmed all arranged regards the cemetery car park perimeter barrier

Action: Mr A Morrison & Mr I Beaton

d) NHS

Mr A Morrison advised that response received in relation to both the Carbost & Dunvegan GP Practise, the Carbost vacancy has been re-advertised with some interest being shown, although housing may be an issue. In respect of the Dunvegan Practise have been advised they have recruited staff in various roles and have a plan in place regards GPs going forward.

e) Struan School

Mr A Morrison advised that Highland Council have been in touch recently to advise an up dated Notice to Occupy should be to hand within the week for further review. In addition, awaiting further advices in relation to the Knotweed, as previously advised site has been inspected by Scottish Woodland and Highland Council now await receipt of their recommendations on how to deal with and eradicate the problem.

Action: Mr A Morrison

f) Village Improvements

It was noted that although there has been an improvement in the parking off The Green in front of the Shop & Bog Myrtle there are still issues at the War Memorial & Stone Circle end due to Motor Homes parking on the grass. After discussion was agreed that should proceed with bollards and chain to protect The Green, Mr A Morrison will contact Mr D MacLeod to arrange supply of materials and Mr I Beaton & Mr G MacKinnon will view and advise number of bollards and length of chain required.

g) Community Action Plan

Mr A Morrison advised that the subsequent to recent sessions organised by PAS, the CAP Group have now been provided with the Draft Action Plan for review, an initial meeting to discuss to be held with Mr P Ede of PAS to go over, thereafter, the CAP Group will review all prior to discussing further with Mr Ede.

5. Wind Farms

Wind Harvest - Beinn Mheadhonach Wind Farm

Mr A Morrison confirmed that Wind Harvest are to hold 2 Consultation events in the School on 19th September and 4th October

Balmeanach wind Farm Limited

Mr A Morrison advised a letter from SLR Consulting had been received on behalf of Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited to advise they have submitted a Planning Application on 30th August to Highland Council via e-planning seeking permission to install and operate up to 10 Turbines. In addition, provided a hard copy of the Non-Technical Summary.

Glen Ullinish II

Mr A Morrison confirmed that a draft had been sent to all members in relation to the Community Council's response to the Planning Application submitted, all agreed and will be submitted to Highland Council by deadline of 12th September and to the ECU by the extended deadline date of 11th October. Mr A Morrison further confirmed that post the application being submitted he had again written Scottish Water & SEPA, in respect of the Turbines being proposed within and in the

vicinity of the DWPA, again requesting they object to siting of these Turbines and asking if they can supply a copy of their submissions once submitted.

Mr A Morrison further advised that the Community Council had received as of the date of the meeting 3 -mails requesting the Community Council object to the Application. Thereafter there was discussion on various aspects of the Application amongst all in attendance.

6. Community Council Elections

Mr A Morrison advised that the submission of nominations for the Community Council Elections commenced on 5th September and will run to 3rd October, urged as many as possible to put their names forward for nomination.

7. Act of Remembrance

The Act of Remembrance will be held on Saturday 11th November at the War Memorial, Mr A Morrison will arrange to obtain wreaths from Mr T Wilson, contact the Minister, have Orders of Service printed and arrange for tea/coffee in the school after the service. Mr M N Beaton to be contacted to ask him to officiate and Peter Morrison to be contacted to pipe. It was agreed to ask Mrs E Dey to lay the wreath on behalf of the community and Finlay Macdonald to lay the wreath on behalf of the youth of the community.

8. Correspondence

None

9) AOCB

National Park Status

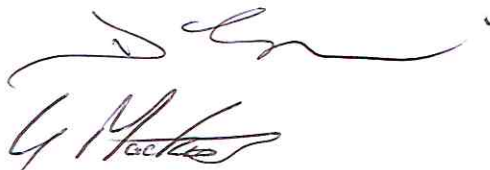
Mr A Morrison advised that Councillor D Millar had requested that it be made known that the 4 Councillors have unanimously agreed and have submitted an Expression of Interest to the Scottish Government to make Skye a National Park. It is anticipated that the outcome of the Expression of Interest will be known by the end of the year and if successful a Consultation period will commence, Councillor Millar will expand on the matter at the next meeting he can attend.

Date of Next Meeting Monday 9th October 2023 at 7.00pm in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

09-10-2023

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Handwritten signatures of D. Millar and G. Macdonald.