

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Monday 7th August 2023

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr D J Morrison, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr A Morrison, Mr D Millar (Councillor), Mr G Semler, Mrs J Rudrum & Mrs S Illingworth

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Mr K Davies, Mr A Lockhart & Mr D Beaton

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the meeting from Wednesday 14th June 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 had not yet progressed as was awaiting some additional information regards changes with BT over the coming 12 to 18 month period but will contact both MP & MSP now in relation to the exchange that appears to be the root of the problem. A further discussion ensued in relation to alternative methods of connecting to the internet. **Action: Mr A Morrison**

b) Play Park

Mr A Morrison advised that post the last meeting all had a look at the Play Park and was agreed would be best to move forward with the Wet pour option up t the fence, Mr D J Morrison & Mr G MacKinnon to confirm what is required and obtain firm cost prior to submitting application to the Trust. **Action: Mr D J Morrison & Mr G MacKinnon**

c) Cemeteries

Mr I Beaton confirmed that F Yeats Stone Mason has completed the repairs the Old Cemetery Wall and Mr A Morrison confirmed the Invoice has been paid. Mr Yeats did advise that there is an issue with another section of the wall that is bulging near a headstone that could potentially cause an issue, agreed to ask Mr Yeats for price to rectify, Mr I Beaton will contact Mr Yeats to progress. Mr A Morrison advised that he had been asked about clearing grass from the cemeteries after cutting, no issue with the cutting of the grass but appears not being collected, asked if we could enquire with Highland Council if contract was only for cutting and if this is the case across the whole of Skye & Lochalsh, Mr Morrison will contact Kevin Gordon at Highland Council for advices. Mr A Morrison also advised in a conversation recently with Mr Gordon he had confirmed the replacement of the front fence with a wall, Mr Gordn asked if it would be possible to widen the opening to allow easier access

to the Cemetery, Mr I Beaton will advise Mr I MacPhie accordingly. Mr A Morrison confirmed he had been in touch with Mr D Macleod at Highland Council regards the fencing at the Cemetery Car Park, Mr MacLeod confirmed was in order to have the roadside access fully open without any barrier, Mr D J Morrison will confirm this to the Trust so the erection of barrier to remainder of the Car Park can be undertaken.

Action: Mr A Morrison & Mr D J Morrison

d) 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 again for a response.

Action: Mr A Morrison

e) NHS

Mr A Morrison advised that to date no response received in relation to both the Carbost & Dunvegan GP Practise issues raised at the last meeting, Mr A Morrison will contact Kate Earnshaw @ NHS for an update on the questions she was going to raise regards both Practises.

Action: Mr A Morrison

f) Struan School

Mr A Morrison confirmed to date no further response from Highland Council in relation to the Notice to Occupy, post our advices submitted on 14th June, Mr A Morrison will chase for update. Mr A Morrison further advised that Japanese Knotweed had been discovered on the School Grounds, has been reported to Highland Council, they have notified the appropriate body who have visited the site and will make recommendations to Highland Council, Jenny Macrae is keeping both Mr Morrison & Mrs S Illingworth updated on progress on this matter.

Action: Mr A Morrison

g) Facebook Comment

Mr A Morrison confirmed that a response had been agreed and sent to Mr A Munro in respect of his comments on the CC Facebook page, Mr Morrison read out both the original comments from Mr Munro along with the letter in response sent to Mr Munro. In summary the letter provided confirmation to Mr Munro that his concerns had been minuted, going on to outline the CC's involvement in relation to the Glen Ullinish Development from its outset, at which point Kilmac were initially involved up to date where Muirhall are now the sole Developer. Further detailing how the 3 groups have come together, as all were invited to a meeting called by Muirhall for all communities directly affected by the Development, subsequently, it was agreed that in the best interests of the community the 3 groups should come together to obtain the best outcome going forward. The Struan Development Group are a significant body within the community with a large membership, have been in dialogue with Muirhall since Glen Ullinish II was first mooted. Therefore, in our opinion it was only sensible that they are involved in the process and the Community Council are more than happy to endorse the involvement of the Development Group in this process, along with the continued work in relation to the Community Action Plan in partnership with the Community Council & the Struan Community Trust.

5. Village Improvements

After discussion it was agreed that since Mr Clark has taken over the Bog Myrtle there has been an improvement in the parking to the front of the shop & restaurant, agreed to monitor going forward but at present hold off installing any form of barrier. In relation to the War Memorial several comments made in respect of how well it looks since the re-planting and addition of the half barrels. A further discussion on the overnight parking of Motor Homes ensued, with views on what can and cannot be erected in respect of signage to deter parking on the Green and at the Cemetery Car Park, advices to be sought.

Action: A Morrison

6. Wind Farms

Ben Aketil

Mr A Morrison confirmed our comments on the re-powering have been submitted to both the ECU & Highland Council in response to their requests for comment, we have made comments were made in relation to the AIL Transit to Site & Traffic Management.

Wind Harvest - Beinn Mheadhonach Wind Farm

Mr Alex Dalton of Wind Harvest has been in touch in relation to the Planning Application for Beinn Mheadhonach wind farm, they are currently submitting a planning application for a five-turbine wind farm at Beinn Mheadhonach. The proposal will supersede the proposal for four wind turbines that gained planning consent a few years ago, the new proposal features wind turbines that are up to 149.5m to tip as opposed to the consented turbines at 120m. Mr Dalton was looking for a venue to allow them to undertake Exhibition/Consultation with the local community. Mr A Morrison confirmed that the school can be used, further agreed 2 dates, 19th September & 4th October both from 2.00pm to 7.00pm.

Glen Ullinish II

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Glen Ullinish II planning application has now been submitted to the ECU by Muirhall, was agreed to submit comments in relation to the siting of Turbines within the DWPA and request that these are removed, in addition, to make comment in relation to the Traffic Management during the construction phase should the application be consented. The drop-in session has been confirmed for the school on 22nd August 2023 from 4.00pm to 8.00pm to allow comment by community members. In addition, Muirhall have indicated a further meeting with local Communities will take place in September. Mr Morrison further confirmed that responses have now been received from both Scottish Water & SEPA, Scottish Water responded to advise:

“If and when an application for consent is submitted for development within the drinking water catchment, we will then engage further to ensure robust control measures are put in place where we consider they are needed.”

In respect of SEPA, they responded as follows:

“We were consulted on this proposal at the pre-application stage by Highland Council and by the Energy Consents Unit at the scoping stage. Please see our attached response. We specifically raised the issue of the Voaker Burn DWPA and consultation with Scottish Water. We were then consulted at gate check stage but were not provided with any information relevant to our interests so advised that we were unable to comment further. Similar to Scottish Waters response to you, when the application is submitted, and we are consulted by the Energy Consents Unit we will comment further on the detailed proposals and any mitigation measures proposed.”

In both cases Mr A Morrison confirmed he had acknowledged both e-mails and requested sight of their responses to the ECU and/or Highland Council once the planning application has been submitted for consent by Muirhall.

The statement from Portree & Braes (Trust & Community council) was discussed, agreed no comment required to be made at present.

7. Community Action Plan

Mr A Morrison confirmed that the Visioning Sessions had been undertaken on 14th & 15th July, an excellent turnout of community members across all ages and the overall assessment was that these had gone very well with significant input from the community towards the process. The next events are the Action Planning Sessions on 11th & 12th August. Paul Ede at POOAS also confirmed that the survey of the community had been very successful in that almost one third of the community responded.

8. Planning

None

9) Correspondence

None

10. AOCB

None

Date of Next Meeting Monday 11th September 2023 at 7.00pm in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:30pm



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