

## Struan Community Development Group Minutes of Meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

<b>Meeting Details</b>	Meeting 4 September 23 at 1930 hrs at school	
<b>Attendees</b>	Sarah Illingworth (SI), Dave McGough (DMcG), Ken Imrie (KI), Kenna MacInnes (KMacl), Jenny Till (JT), Peggy Semler (PS)	<b>Board of Trustees</b>
<b>Apologies</b>	Leslie Charteris (LC)	
		<b>ACTIONS</b>
<b>Minutes from last meeting and Matters Arising</b>	The minutes from the meeting on 31 July 2023 were reviewed and agreed. To be printed by PS and signed off by SI.	
<b>Finance/Bank Account/Funding</b>	<p>Bank account currently stands at £1214.16, but there are still 3 uncashed cheques re FVS. DMcG has submitted application forms to the bank but has not yet had a response.</p> <p>SI has finished accounts and reports for 2022/23 but still need to be inspected and signed off by the Board and VAL.</p> <p>Community Regeneration Fund has reopened and an EOI for a Development Officer was discussed at the CAP group meeting but they thought we were offering too high a salary, PS has rung round and may reduce the cost slightly, but only to up to £39k P.A. plus expenses. Would also consider part time/job share.</p> <p>PS has also followed up with SLF and updated them on the support for CATR as a result of CAP survey. She has also provided a contact at HIE to follow up.</p>	<p><b>ACTION:SI</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: PS</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: PS/SI</b></p>
<b>Membership</b>	<p>Still stands at 84. SI to follow up possible new member. To put Introduction document on Noticeboard.</p> <p>No further update to members planned.</p> <p>Several responses from members who have also lost their broadband service completely.</p>	<b>ACTION:PS</b>
<b>Archaeology</b>	JT reported that gate counter provided by HES is not working accurately, as she has checked the actual numbers and compared to data from counter and there is no resemblance between them. The data is clearly unusable, and she has currently been unable to get anything done about it via HES. JT to provide her contact info to John MacKinnon for him to try and resolve. Need to be prepared to submit a further application to the Trust to get a proven unit. We have already failed to get any data for this season, which will delay the production of a business plan for the CATR.	<b>ACTION: JT/PS</b>
<b>Windfarms</b>	<p><b>Muirhall:</b> PS advised that WCSCG is due to meet tomorrow evening, but as no response has been forthcoming from Muirhall to our proposal of 31 May, they are expected to agree to tell Muirhall that we are not prepared to meet with them again unless we have been given (a) a written response by Muirhall, and (b) at least 14 days' notice of any meeting to discuss it with them. We have requested and been granted, an extension to the response time to 11 October.</p> <p>We have still not managed to get a copy of the ECUs procedures. Need to complete our response. DMcG</p>	<b>ACTION: PS/SI/KI/DMG</b>

	<p>reported that most of his section was done simply by desk-based research and was not even accurate. Muirhall not really bothered about CTMP, as new port is actually their preferred option anyway. They do not expect to put in an application for the port until summer 2024, but as the current application is expected to take up to 2 years to reach a decision, whereas once the port application is submitted it will only take 3-4 months to be determined. WCSCG meeting scheduled for 5 Sept to discuss situation. No apparent progress on Community Share Ownership with Wind 2 for Ben Sca, and generally very quiet on this subject. PS spoke to Alistair Danter this week, who confirmed that funding had been secured for legal advice, but nothing seems to have progressed. PS and SI attended a DTAS meeting where this was discussed. About half the Trusts on Skye are DTAS members, and part of DTAS is a share ownership advisory group, and they had called the meeting. There was a general feeling that this forum was a bit late in the day, and that some trusts were not up to speed with the situation. It was generally agreed that it might be a good idea for all the communities to get together to deal with the wind farm situation generally. PS has also got wind of the fact that HIE have already set up a legal entity to handle shared ownership and/or community benefit funds on behalf of all the communities on Skye, so has asked Ali to try and find out more about this. Sumardale wind farm company (currently not offering any community benefit) are now scheduled to hold a Drop In session at the school on 19<sup>th</sup> Sep at the school.</p>	
<b>Community Action Plan</b>	PAS has produced the first Draft of the CAP, but it is very skeletal at the moment. CAP Meeting to review it scheduled for Weds 14 <sup>th</sup> Sep.	<b>ACTION: PS/KI/SI</b>
<b>Struan Primary School</b>	<p>Bingo evening now booked on Sat 9<sup>th</sup> (Gala Committee) CC are still waiting for revised agreement from THC. PS/SI continue to emphasise that getting the school is not a forgone conclusion. Uig trust thought they were going to get their school, but in the end THC decided to retain and convert into housing themselves. No progress on Japanese Knotweed, assessment has been done, but no treatment as yet. Christine MacLennan (ex-Headteacher) said it had previously been treated but they have clearly not monitored and/or treated it regularly. SI has followed up Achiltibuie CATR (which they did get for £1, 5 or 6 years ago) but it was only the schoolhouse, not the school.</p>	
<b>AGM</b>	<p>Date set for 6th November. Need to send out Calling Notice at least 2 weeks beforehand, and proposed changes to Constitution. SI to prepare accounts. PS suggested that we should increase the number of Trustees to a maximum of 9, and that one of these should be a nominated member of the Community Council. The meeting agreed to put this to the AGM.</p>	<b>ACTION: SI/PS</b>

<b>VISIT TO OTHER TRUSTS</b>	Broadford: PS to propose Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> or 17 <sup>th</sup> November to Norma Morrison, and any particular projects we are interested in talking about. To offer space to CAP group or other Trustees if spaces available.	<b>ACTION: PS</b>
<b>AOCB</b>	<p><b>SCDG Mailbox</b> – Paul Ede (PAS) has used a gmail address of <a href="mailto:struancommunity@gmail.com">struancommunity@gmail.com</a> for the new community distribution list, so PS is proposing that we should get a new mailbox – <a href="mailto:SCDG@struancommunity.co.uk">SCDG@struancommunity.co.uk</a>” for future use.</p> <p><b>Volunteer List</b> – SI suggested that we should set up a list of volunteers who can provide help with lift, prescription collection, shopping etc. if they need help. Jen mentioned a similar thing at CAP meeting. SI to find out how this could be organised or managed and report back.</p>	<p><b>ACTION : PS</b></p> <p><b>ACTION: SI</b></p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 at 7.30pm at the school.	<b>ACTION: ALL/SI</b>