

## Struan Community Council

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<b>Mr I Beaton</b>	<b>Mr A Morrison</b>	<b>Mr D J Morrison</b>
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### Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Present: Mr I Beaton, Mr A Lockhart, Mr G MacKinnon, Mr D J Morrison, Mr A Morrison, Mr G Semler, Mr N Till & Mrs S Illingworth

#### 1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton opened & welcomed all to the meeting.

#### 2. Apologies

Councillor D Millar

#### 3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the inaugural meeting from Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr A Lockhart and seconded by Mr G MacKinnon. In addition, the minutes of the standard meeting of Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2023 were put forward for approval, proposed by Mr N Till and seconded by Mr D J Morrison.

#### 4. Matters Arising

##### ***a) Broadband***

Mr G Semler confirmed that he has heard nothing further from Ashley Quigg (H&I Ops Manager, BT), it is understood an extension has been added to the mast, although does not appear to have been any improvement in services either broadband or land line. Mr A Morrison to write MP & MSP

**Action: Mr A Morrison**

##### ***b) Play Park***

Mr D J Morrison advised they are just awaiting groundwork quote prior to submitting application to The Trust

**Action: Mr G MacKinnon & Mr D J Morrison**

##### ***c) NHS***

Mr A Morrison confirmed he has chased Dawn Pridham for update on all present vacancies as nothing received to date, will chase again

**Action: Mr A Morrison**

##### ***d) Village Improvements***

Subsequent to the recent incident with a gritter, the length of the crash barrier on the Totarder brae was discussed, was agreed to write Highland Council to request extension of the crash barrier on safety grounds, Mr I Beaton advised he would contact the Highland Council **Action: Mr I Beaton**

##### ***e) Struan Community Development Group – Community Regeneration Funding Application***

Response received from Councillor Millar

## 5. Cemeteries

Mr I Beaton advised that Mr I MacPhie has completed the new Cemetery Wall and has submitted his Invoice that has been paid in the sum of £8,400.00, due to the widening of the entrance a new gate required, Mr I Beaton to obtain estimates and submit application to the Trust if funding required in excess of £540.0. In addition, Mr I Beaton will obtain estimate for bulging wall at the Old Cemetery & submit application to the Trust.

**Action: Mr I Beaton**

## 6. Skips

Mr A Morrison referred to the recent letter received from Bowmans in relation Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs), that may be contained within sofas, sofa beds, armchairs, kitchen and dining room chairs, stools, footstools, home office chairs, futons, bean bags, floor cushions, and sofa cushions. Bowmans have advised that if they discover these restricted items among regular mixed waste, charges will apply on a per-item basis, and the entire load will incur a £320 per tonne charge. This comprehensive charge is applicable because the entire load will be considered contaminated and necessitate special disposal. Mr A Morrison advised that the CC have available funds for 2 Skips, after much discussion was agreed to order a Skip in February & to make clear what can be deposited in the Skip, will also require to check the skip daily to ensure no POPS items are deposited, otherwise will be no further Skips

## 7. Treasurers Report

Mr A Morrison provided a Report on finances, present balance as at 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023, £16,964.79, comprising of:

Uncleared Cheque:

I MacPhie	£8,400.00
British Legion – Wreaths	£ 80.00

Allocated Funds:

CAP Funding	£5,210.00
Skips x 2	£1,920.00
New Cemetery	£ 540.00

Therefore after setting these costs against the balance, unallocated and available funds amount to £814.79 as at 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024.

## 8. Meetings & Community Engagement

Mr G Semler has asked if we should set Meeting Dates, at present next meetings are agreed meeting to meeting, after discussion agreed to adopt this approach, the AGM is already set for 12<sup>th</sup> June 2024, standard meetings for the next year will take place in the school at 7.00pm on the undernoted dates, however, are subject to change:

19<sup>th</sup> March 12<sup>th</sup> June 20<sup>th</sup> August 8<sup>th</sup> October & 3<sup>rd</sup> December

The discussion turned to Community Engagement, although this has been undertaken through the CAP process, Mr G Semler felt it had not in relation to Wind Farms nor the National Park proposal that has recently come to light, Mr Semler feels the Community Council at present are not representing nor engaging sufficiently with the Community and should be doing so, this could be



done by surveys or community open days where the opportunity could be provided for residents to raise issues they wish to be represented by the Community Council, may be the opportunity at the CAP launch to get some idea of community feelings on these matters and further events could be planned

### **9. Wind Farms**

#### **Wind Harvest – Beinn Mheadhonach**

Nothing further at present

#### **Balmeanach Wind Farm Limited**

Nothing further at present

#### **Glen Ullinish II**

Mr A Morrison confirmed that Muirhall in touch to request use of the school for a Consultation on the Glen Ullinish Coastal Delivery proposal the week commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February, advised this would be in order, awaiting confirmation of date and time of session from Muirhall. After discussion, was agreed to request a summary and outline of the proposal to be provided prior to the event to allow the opportunity to review, also to request event runs from afternoon to evening, 2.00pm to 8.00pm to be suggested, Mr A Morrison to contact Muirhall.

#### **Ben Sca**

Zoom meeting to be held between Ben Sca, Local Energy Scotland, Dunvegan, Edinbane & Struan on 25<sup>th</sup> January to discuss the Share Option Offer in respect of the Agreement of Interim Document Ben Sca would like the communities to sign, Mr A Morrison & Mr G Semler to attend.

A number of e-mail responses and acknowledgements received in relation to the Traffic Disruption Letter sent to all developers & interested parties but not from all.

### **10. Community Action Plan including School EOI**

Mr A Morrison advised that the CAP Group are in the process of finalising the indicative costings as the final part of the process towards completing the Action Plan, thereafter, Paul at PAS will provide final draft plan for checking, looking to have ready for a launch date in mid to late February.

In light of the SCDG being in the process of winding up, SCDG have confirmed to Highland Council that their EOI in respect of the school is to be withdrawn, therefore, the Trust are in the process of altering their legal status to be able to move the matter forward and will submit an EOI in respect of the school. Mr G Semler raised the issue of a conflict of interests if the Trust were both holding funds for distribution and in control of the school and of the opinion that these should be dealt with by separate entities, also, raising the question that before it is wound up could the SCDG be reinstated as the framework lends itself to be appropriate if numbers can be found to set up new trustees.

Discussed but no decision made as to how to progress at present.

**Action: Mr A Morrison**

### **11. National Park**

Mr A Morrison advised he had received and circulated an e-mail yesterday in respect of one of the 4 Consultations being held on the island this week, after discussion it was agreed that it is not clear what the proposition is with the National Park for Skye & Raasay, also unclear how as to how an objective assessment can be obtained or who would provide an independent objective assessment

to be able to be put in to the public domain to allow people to assess the pros and cons of the proposal.

**12. Correspondence**

Policy Scotland – Acknowledgement of Traffic Disruption Letter

Digital – Various notifications including Planning Items

**10. AOCB**

None

**Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.00pm in Struan School**

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm**

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