

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 23rd January 2024

Time: 7.00pm

Venue: Struan Primary School

Present: John MacKinnon (Chairperson), Alison Munro (Secretary) Mr. D Beaton (Treasurer) Kenny Munro, Christine MacLennan & Lynda MacCusbie

1. Welcome and Apologies

Mr MacKinnon took the chair and welcomed all members to the first meeting of 2024. Apologies from Mr A MacPhie (Vice Chair).

Mr MacKinnon advised that the meeting will adjourn at 7.30pm for a Teams meeting with **Robin Fallas** from **MacRoberts LLP** and will recommence after that meeting.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on 24th October 2023 were presented to the Trustees for approval.

Minutes proposed by K Munro and seconded D Beaton

Minutes duly signed.

Minutes from the Extraordinary meeting on 30th October 20023 were also presented to the Trustees for approval.

Minutes proposed by C MacLennan and seconded K Munro

Minutes duly signed.

3. Matters Arising

a) Playpark

Mr MacKinnon reported that **Mr Graham MacKinnon** from the **Community Council (CC)** had received a quote for the work to be carried out on the playpark but no application has been put forward to the Trust so far.

b) Cemetery Car Park

No updates on the fence around the cemetery car park from the CC

c) Cemetery Wall

Mr MacKinnon reported that **Mr Iain MacPhie** had finished the cemetery wall and that an application will be put forward by the CC for new gates.

d) The Trustees had informal meetings to discuss the possible changes to the way the Trust is set up. These were held on 7Th November 2023 & 23rd January 2024

4. Treasurers Report

Mr Beaton reported that he had received a £200 refund from **Struan Community Development Group** (SCDG) this being the balance left from the Christmas vouchers that had not been submitted for payment to the bank by members of the community.

Two payments were made to solicitors **MacRoberts LLP** one for £2436.00 & the other £1200. The interest on the account for the last quarter was **£548.45**.

The account balance is **£150,433.36**.

5. Funding Applications

Individual Application

Application 166 – Mrs Susan MacKinnon – Christmas Lights Event

Amount- £247.98

Reference on file

The application was approved via email by all Trustees

6. Changes to Trust

The meeting adjourned at 7.30pm until 8.00pm for a **Teams Meeting** with **Robin Fallas & Chris Murphy** from **MacRoberts LLP**.

Meeting resumed at 8.00pm

The trustees discussed the information received.

It was agreed that J MacKinnon & D Beaton will be the main contacts for this and will continue to take this forward.

7. AOCB

a) SCDG Dissolution

SCDG put out a **Statement** to community members and also forwarded a copy to the Trustees explaining their reasons for dissolving the Group.

This was discussed

This Statement sought to cast blame largely on the Trust which is, of course, grossly misleading and inaccurate and, indeed unprofessional and unnecessary.

The **SCDG** had totally overlooked the increasing lack of Community support for them.

In view of the fact that the Group is dissolving it was agreed to note their Statement but not to reply or make direct comment to them.

b) Struan Primary School

Mr Beaton tabled forms from **The Highland Council** which are required to be completed for an Expression of Interest from the Trust in acquiring the school for the community.

Mr Beaton & Mr MacKinnon will complete this on behalf of the Trustees

c) **Dunvegan Community Trust (DCT)**

The Trustees received an email on the 1st December 2023 from **Mali MacLennan (Development Officer)** from **DCT** asking if the Trustees had any objections to them taking over the running and administration of the Bracadale Mini Bus which was partially funded by **SCT**.

This had been discussed via email and all Trustees had no objections to this.

Mrs Munro had responded to them by email.

d) A letter of deep appreciation to the Trustees from **Portree & Bracadale Free Church of Scotland** was read out by Mr MacKinnon

e) A donation of £300 has been made by the Trustees to **Lucky2Bhere** to replace the battery of the heart start machine in Ose, which is situated at Doune House

8. Date of Next Meetings

Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7.30pm
& Monday 24th June 2024 AGM at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 8.40pm