

STRUAN COMMUNITY TRUST

Minutes of Meeting

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Date: 24th October 2023

Time: 7.30pm

Venue: Struan Primary School

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

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

2. Minutes

Minutes from the meeting on 25th July 2023 were also presented to the Trustees for approval.

Minutes proposed by K Munro and seconded D Beaton

Minutes duly signed.

3. Matters Arising

a) Playpark

Mr MacKinnon reported that no up-dates on the playpark were available.

b) Cemetery Car Park

No updates on the fence around the cemetery car park from the **Community Council (CC)**

4. Treasurers Report

Mr Beaton reported that he had received a letter which included a refund of **£1500** from **Struan Community Development Group (SCDG)** this being the balance left from the fuel voucher scheme they ran last year. He advised that he had paid **Just Host £389.08** for the Web Site. The balance of the account is **£152,868.89**.

Mr Beaton handed Mrs Munro (Secretary) her six monthly remuneration.

5. Funding Applications

Group Applications

Application 164 – Struan Community Development Group – Amount applied £21,000 for Community Development Officer-

Reference on file

The application was discussed at length. The application was declined by all Trustees
(Please see attach notes on the Trustees discussions)

Mrs Munro will contact the applicant.

Application 165 – Struan Community Development Group- Amount applied £1939.20 for Outdoor People Counter

Reference on file

This was discussed by the Trustees and was agreed by all that the Trust cannot fund the application due to Clause 3 3.1.1 (b) in the Deed of Trust which states that the Trustees cannot replace funding where funding is already funded through the public sector. **Historic Environment Scotland** can already fund this so, that being the case the application cannot be approved.

Mrs Munro will contact the applicant with the decision

6. Data Protection

C MacLennan tabled her revised **Data Protection Document** based on the **Data Protection Act of 2018**

She proposed a change in item 3. To change the personal data that could be held for a maximum for three months rather than three weeks due to the Trustees meeting quarterly for applications.

The Trustees approved the change and wished to thank her for her work on the document.

7. Changes to Trust

Mr MacKinnon and Mr Beaton have taking advice to change the way that the Trust needs to be set up going forward.

Mr MacKinnon had emailed the document to the Trustees that he received form **MacRoberts LLP** with their recommendations.

This was discussed at length and the consensus was that the Trust should become a **Company Limited by Guarantee (CLG)** without charitable status.

It was decided to hold an extraordinary meeting to discuss this on Monday the 30th of October at 7.00pm after all Trustees have reviewed the document properly and go forward from there.

8. AOCB

a) No further business

10. Date of Next Meeting's
Monday 30th October 2023 at 7.00pm (Extraordinary)
Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.00pm
Tuesday 23rd April 2024 at 7.30pm
& Monday 24th June 2024 AGM at 7.00pm

There being no further business the Meeting closed at 9.00pm

DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

This has been discussed at the CAP group but the Trust members and the Community Council members while agreeing that this post will be required at some time in the future have consistently said that now is too soon. Paul Ede has also advised caution in appointing a Development Officer too soon bearing in mind that the finalised Action Plan will not be available until later in the year. There is a danger that if there is a Development Officer in post community members will not volunteer for organising or running any of the proposed groups that have been identified through community engagement as they will see that as the role of the paid person.

There are also concerns regarding the management of the Development Officer if the post becomes reality. The post would be based on the Community Action Plan and should be overseen and managed by the CAP group who represent the three groups in the community. There is no way that it should be overseen and managed by one group only, the Development Group. There should be a proper application process and interviews for the post should involve a member of the three groups. The proposal from the Development Group states that the person appointed would be answerable to an as yet unnamed Director of their group. This is wrong, and the person should be answerable to the CAP group.