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AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan School on Wednesday 12th June 2024 at 7.00pm.

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

Members of the Community: Mr D Millar (Councillor), Mrs F MacKinnon, Mr C Beaton, Mrs P Semler, Dr W Banks, Mr & Mrs S Wilkinson and Mr & Mrs A Edwards

Item 1: Welcome

Mr I Beaton took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting.

Item 2: Apologies

None

Item 3: Minutes of AGM 14th June 2023

Minutes from the AGM of 14th June 2023 were put to the meeting for approval. Adoption proposed by Mr A Lockhart and seconded by Mr D J Morrison.

Item 4: Chairman's Report

Mr I Beaton delivered his Report for the past 12-month period, advised that a number of Projects have been undertaken and are ongoing in relation to the New & Old Cemetery, War Memorial Planting, Cemetery Car Park, continued provision of Community Skips, Grass

Cutting around Picnic Table & Benches and the Play Park. Mr Beaton advised that these Projects would not be possible without funding having been provided by Struan Community Trust and wished to thank them for their valued and continued support.

Mr Beaton went to advise that Community council Elections were held in November 2023, Donald Beaton and Keith Davies stepped down, Mr Beaton wished to thank both for their years of service to the Community, also, thank both Mr G Semler & Mr N Till for taking up the vacant positions, along with Mrs S Illingworth for agreeing to be co-opted to the Community Council to bring us up to a full complement of eight.

Mr Beaton confirmed that the Community Action Plan had now been delivered at the beginning of the year, undertaken by the CAP Group, lead taken by the Community Council represented by Mr I Beaton, Mr A Morrison & Mr D K Morrison, the Struan Community Development Group represented by Mrs S Illingworth, Mrs P Semler & Mr K Imrie and the Struan Community Trust represented by Mr J MacKinnon & Mr D Beaton, Mr Beaton wished to thank all for their input through the process, also to thank all the Community members who took an active role in completing the Survey & attending the open days through the process, finally thanking both the Struan Trust and HIE for each 50% of the cost of £Plan 30,000. Furthermore, a very well attended Community Meeting was held on 10th June to provide an update of the CAP and ask for volunteers to put themselves forward to assist in becoming involved in progressing the actions identified within the Plan.

In terms of the Community Asset Transfer in relation to the School, which was one of the main actions within the CAP, the Struan Community Trust are progressing this matter, they are in process of finalising the Legal Entity that will make the application on behalf of the Community. Mr Beaton also noted that the School has been used for a wide variety of events/meetings since it was mothballed and subsequently closed by Highland Council, clearly demonstrating the need for such a facility to be in the ownership of the Community.

Mr Beaton also reported that Muirhall have recently advised their final position on the Community Investment Fund split between the Local Communities, 40% (Struan) 40% (Dunvegan, Minginish, Edinbane/Skeabost & Portree), they have not indicated what they propose for the outstanding 20% at this point, the 40/40/20 split is what the Local Communities had lobbied for from the start. Mr Beaton also wish to thank Mr G Semler for the time spent on developing the Muirhall Wind Farm/Port Survey to gather data from the Community then to pull all together into a Report of the data received so it could be reviewed and provided to the Community.

Mr Beaton asked for any questions for those in attendance, Mrs F MacKinnon made the point on NHS services presently being provided to Struan and the wider community, of her disappointment that the 24-Hour Urgent Care provision from Portree Hospital has not been implemented. On this matter the local Ritchie Group have been consistently highlighting that there would be a disaster if NHS failed to act on this matter, in addition, advised due to this and the lack of staff the Community have become more reliant on the Ambulance Service, agreed to put this on the Agenda for the August meeting.

Mr Beaton concluded by thanking Mrs F MacKinnon for continuing to represent the Community at meetings in relation to NHS issues along with providing reports to the Community Council. Also wished to thank fellow Community Council members for attending meetings and dealing with the issues raised.

Item 5: Treasurers Report (See Statement attached)

Mr A Morrison tabled the Statement of Accounts. Mr Morrison explained to those in attendance that the CC continues to receive a yearly grant from The Highland Council, the sum of £432.55 received, from this amount the Annual Insurance Premium of £152.20 is paid therefore net funds available to the CC are £291.55. Mr Morrison proceeded to go through the Statement finally confirming the final balance at end of year, 31st March 2024, to be £4,195.30 of which includes, £1,920.00 allocated for Skips and £540.00 allocated for painting the New Cemetery Wall.

In addition, includes the sum of £758.71 received from the Struan Community Development Group being the balance of their funds when the Group was dissolved, these funds to be used for the benefit of the Community, also, £315.00 being the balance of the Grant received from the Struan Community Trust for the CAP, some of this to be used in relation to leaflets for the Community Meeting, therefore, the Net Balance available amounts to £661.59. As is normal this year's grant from The Highland Council will be paid after the adopted minute from the 2022 AGM, the draft minute from this year's AGM have been lodged with Highland Council along with a copy of the Accounts.

Mr Morrison opened the floor to questions, no questions & accounts accepted after inspection.

Item 6: Election of Office Bearers

The meeting then proceeded to elect Office Bearers as follows:

Chairperson: Mr I Beaton
Proposed: Mr A Morrison

Seconded Mr D J Morrison

Vice Chairperson: Mr D J Morrison
Proposed: Mr I Beaton

Seconded: Mr G Semler

Secretary/Treasurer: Mr A Morrison
Proposed: Mr A Lockhart

Seconded Mr G MacKinnon

Item 7: AOCB

Scottish Coastal Clean Up – Clean up of Caroy shore to be undertaken on Saturday 29th June from 10:00am, boats to be used to clear as much litter as possible with volunteers very welcome to assist.

**Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 11th June 2025 at 7.00pm.
There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.20pm.**

Niall Hill *Mrs. MacKinnon*