

Struan Community Company Ltd

Company No: 852708

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting

Date: 28th October 2025

Venue: Struan Primary School

Time: 7.35pm

Board Member's Present:

John MacKinnon (Chair), Alexander MacPhie (Vice Chair), Donald Beaton, (Treasurer) Alison Munro (Company Secretary), Christine MacLennan (Director) & Kenny Munro (Director).

Apologies: Lynda MacCusbic (Director)

1. Welcome: The Chair welcomed all to the meeting, apologies received from Lynda MacCusbic (Director). It is noted that a quorum of Directors was present in accordance with the Company's articles of association.

2. Declaration of Interest

None declared

3. Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting on the 25th August 2025 were presented to the Directors for approval. These had been emailed to the directors prior to the meeting.

Minutes proposed by D Beaton and seconded by C MacLennan and duly signed by them and the Chair.

4. Matter Arising

Asset Transfer of Struan School & Bank Account Report

Mr D Beaton read out his report on the progress on the Community Asset Transfer and Bank Account. See attached report.

5. Financial Report

No report available (See attached report)

6. AOB

Company Membership

The company membership form, which is open to all Struan residents on the Struan Electoral Roll, will hopefully be sent out before the new year.

Meeting Closed: 8.30pm

Date of next meeting: TBC



D. G. Beaton



26.1.26

ASSET TRANSFER OF STRUAN SCHOOL PROGRESS REPORT

Due to a slight change within the Highland Council management team, Lynn Bauermeister will no longer be the contact for us within the Highland Council Support and Engagement team for Asset Transfer Requests on Skye. Willie Mackinnon will now be our contact despite being informed at the outset that he could not be involved as he was based in Skye and it had to be someone from a neighbouring council area.

Bank Account

Despite many attempts to open a business account online with the Royal Bank of Scotland we were unsuccessful. After filling in some details the web page closes and does not retain the information. The business manager came to Struan and met up with John and Donald to assist us but the exact same thing happened and she was unable to fix the problem despite several attempts. We asked if we could have a paper copy but this is not possible it seems. Donald has arranged an appointment on Thursday 30th October at the Bank of Scotland who have indicated that the application process with their assistance should take only 15-20 minutes.

Scottish Land Fund

John and Donald met Morven Gibson in the school on 30th September. She is the Development Manager for the Community Assets Team of Highlands and Islands Enterprise based in Fort William and her remit includes assisting community organisations acquire land or buildings which can be used to meet specific local needs identified by the community through the Scottish Land Fund. SLF has a two stage application process. Stage 1 is focused on getting as much information as possible about the asset of interest to the community which will help the group examine the feasibility of its proposal and to decide whether or not to proceed with seeking to acquire the asset. Stage 2 application is for the costs associated with the actual purchase of the asset. We have forwarded a copy of the draft Business Plan to Morven and further contact will be made when she returns from annual leave.

Development Trusts Association Scotland

John and Donald had a one hour online meeting with Onie Tibbitt on 8th October. Onie is employed as part of the Community Ownership Support Service with Development Trusts Association Scotland. She is based near Gairloch and her remit covers Highlands, Argyll and Bute, Moray, Eilean Siar, Orkney and Shetland and not surprisingly works mostly at home. There is a certain overlap with the work done by Morven but they have several useful documents around Feasibility, Business Planning, Financial Planning, Governance and People and Asset Management. We have also forwarded a copy of the draft Business Plan to Onie and she will contact us again after she returns from annual leave.

John had an online meeting with Andrew Aldous the Facilities Advisor for the above organisation who deals with the legal matters and health and safety regarding the building.