

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Tuesday 9th December 2025

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

1. Welcome

Mr I Beaton took the chair opened & welcomed all to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Councillor D Millar

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting of 21st October 2025 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr A Lockhart and seconded by Mr G Semler

4. Matters Arising

a) Act of Remembrance

All went well with another excellent turnout, Mr A Morrison wished to minute thanks to Rev J Beaton for taking the service, Mr C Beaton for reading the Roll of Honour, Mr A Beaton, Ayla Manual for laying wreaths and the ladies for providing tea & coffee in The School.

b) The Green

Mr I Beaton & Mr D J Morrison progressing with matters

c) Christmas Shopping Trip

Mrs S Illingworth confirmed all arranged and Mr D J Morrison has agreed to drive the Minibus

d) Japanese Knotweed at the School

Further discussion on an Indemnity post completion of the Scottish Woodland spraying of the site, as this to take place in Spring & Autumn 2026, agreed to await the outcome of the Scottish Woodland visit in Spring 2026 and request update from HC, thereafter decide best course of action going forwards. Also, noted that the fence round the site has been knocked down and would be best to have re-instated.

e) Housing

Nothing further at present

5. Community Right to Buy – Amer

Further to land at Amer going on the market and would it be in the community interest to look into buying the land with funding support from The Scottish Land Fund, as intimated at the last meeting by Mr C Beaton, a discussion on the matter was undertaken

Since the last meeting it has become apparent that the land is now under offer, appears that this being the case, the community would be on the back foot even if an interest was registered at this stage. As the Community Council could not progress it would require to be undertaken via the new Struan Community Company. In addition, was agreed that the Community should consider whether there are any other assets that would be of benefit to the community and whether registration of interest would be appropriate and an audit of this in relation to the CAP could be a worthwhile activity, such an activity would ideally be undertaken by a Development Officer.

Mr I Beaton advised will look into the issue of a Development Officer with the Trust in relation to the work that will be required in relation to The School and to progressing the actions identified within the CAP. In addition, Mr A Morrison will contact the Struan Community Company with regards to the present position with the new Community Company and in particular their plans for soliciting membership from the community.

Action: Mr I Beaton & Mr A Morrison

6. Fly Tipping

Mr A Lockhart advised that there had been some fly tipping at the Bottle Bank recently, he took it upon himself to clear the mess and advised that it would appear to have been by workmen as opposed to tourists, due to the type of rubbish left. In addition, the Fly Tipping was reported to Highland Council, to date no response received.

7. Wind Farms – Ben Sca update

Mr G Semler confirmed that suggestion by the 3 communities (Dunvegan, Edinbane & Struan) involved in the distribution of the Community Benefit had been acknowledged and noted by Ben Sca, would appear they are happy with the community's proposed distribution model.

8. Planning

No issues

9. Correspondence – New Food Store Survey & Skye & Raasay Digital Skill

New Food Store Survey – Results of survey received noting significant support from the community
Skye & Raasay Digital Skill - Reviewed

10. AOCB

Bank Account

Mr A Morrison advised that the Annual Highland Council Grant has been received.

Westminster Select Committee – Digital/Fixed Transport/High Street

Mr C Beaton advised that the select committee has been set up with 8 MPs appointed to carry out information gathering re Highland Communities Broadband resilience, matter discussed.

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 27th January 2026 in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

  26/01/2026

