

Struan Community Council

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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Tuesday 27th January 2026

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

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 9th December 2026 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr A Lockhart and seconded by Mr D J Morrison

4. Matters Arising

a) The Green

Mr I Beaton and Mr D J Morrison met regarding The Green and agreed that the most suitable solution would be to kerb and pave the entire perimeter. Mr D Macrae will obtain cost estimates for this work within the next few weeks. It was also suggested that the existing fence be replaced with plastic-coated mesh fencing. Further consultation with Highland Council will be sought for their recommendations.

b) Christmas Shopping Trip

Mrs S Illingworth confirmed all went well

c) Housing

Meeting has been convened for 2nd February

d) Fly Tipping

Mr G Semler advised he had received a response from Highland Council, however, they did not answer the specific question raised, simply a generic reply, will press for answer to original question, all agreed signage would assist.

5. SSEN

An e-mail received to mailbox from Mr K Sterry, asking if the CC have been receiving regular updates from the SSEN community liaison officer re the works at Edinbane substation, particularly relating to transport movements on Balmeanach Road. In addition, asking if it possible for SSEN to coordinate their contractors to get to the site by minibus or carpool, as advises this would help reduce the commuting traffic at 06:30 onwards and from 17:00.

Mr A Morrison advised that had been made aware by a number of community members regarding the addition of passing places and resurfacing work, contacted Maren Ebeling at SSEN, who advised, "Our contractors are not planning to carry out passing-place works on the B885. We understand the roads authority has upcoming works planned, but we don't yet have full details. We do believe that passing places will be included.

We are currently continuing to assess the use of the B885 for access to the old and new overhead line with a view to keep impact from project traffic to a minimum and assess mitigating actions. We are working closely with the roads authority on this and will inform the community as soon as we are clear on the proposed use of the B885 for the project."

In addition, advised that Maren Ebeling had been in touch to see if it would be possible to hire the Struan School for public and business events, Mr Morrison responded to advise, that the CC have an agreement with the Head of Property at Highland Council that we could use the building for Community meetings & events, along with Public Information events in relation to anything to do with Wind Farms etc, therefore, no problem with letting you use the building for any Public Events, asked if Maren could clarify what was meant by Business meetings to see if these can be accommodated within the parameters the Highland Council have allowed.

6. Wind Farms

Balmeanach – Noted that Highland Council have refused the Planning Application.

7. Banking & Finance

Mr A Morrison advised that present funds available as at today amounts to £1,161.66 with no payments outstanding at present. Mr A Morrison will endeavour to set up On-Line Banking, however is proving difficult as he does not have a mobile phone, this appears to be a pre-requisite to set up, however will look for a work around.

8. Minutes

Mr G Semler asked of the draft minutes could be issued sooner post each meeting, Mr A Morrison advised would endeavour to do so moving forward.

9. Planning

No issues

10. Correspondence – Various Digital Items

Several items received, were tabled and discussed

11. AOCB

Struan Community Company

Mr A Morrison advised had contacted Mrs A Munro & Mr J MacKinnon in relation to the new Community Company and when this would be opened to Community Members, was advised in process of setting up new bank Account, once this is concluded will be progressing with membership, hopefully in early course. In addition, Mr I Beaton to contact the Trust on their thoughts in looking at appointing a Development Officer in line with the CAP recommendation, due to the large amount of work that is & will be required to be undertaken over the coming years on both the CAP and work that will be required in relation to the Community Company.

Community Barber/Hairdresser

Mr G Semler advised that there is a Mobile Barber/Hairdresser working locally looking for space in the community to use to provide the service to the local community, Mr Semler asked if would be possible to offer use of the School. Mr A Morrison advised happy to refer to Mrs J MacRae at Highland Council to find out if this would be possible and obtain their advices

Date of Next Meeting Tuesday 24th March 2026 in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:40pm

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