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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held on Tuesday 24th March 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 & 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 27th January 2026 were put forward to the meeting for approval, adoption was proposed by Mr N Till and seconded by Mr I Beaton

4. Matters Arising

a) Fly Tipping

Mr G Semler reported that he had received a response from Highland Council regarding the issue of fly tipping at the recycling site. The Council advised that they would be placing stickers on the recycling bins in an attempt to deter fly tipping at the location. However, it was generally agreed by those present that the installation of clear signage would have been a more effective solution. The situation will be monitored once the stickers have been put in place to assess their impact.

b) Community Barber/Hairdresser

Mr A Morrison reported that he had discussed the possibility of establishing a community barber or hairdresser with Mrs J MacRae at Highland Council. He was informed that, under the current guidelines for community use of the property, this initiative is not permitted at present.

5. Community Development Office

After further consideration of the ongoing and upcoming initiatives within the community, it was unanimously agreed that appointing a Community Development Officer is essential. The presence of such an officer would help ensure that projects and community activities are advanced efficiently and effectively, consequently, it was decided to contact the Trust and Community Company to arrange a meeting. In addition, discussions will include reviewing the current status of the Community Asset Transfer for the School and obtaining an update on the formation and progress of the new Community Company. Mr A Morrison to contact Mrs A Munro to arrange.

Action: A Morrison

6. The Green – Shop Parking

An e-mail was received via the Web Site admin from CMGS Partners signed by Sheena Macleod, to advise the CC that “Bog Myrtle should be reminded that they do not own the parking area in front of the cafe - it belongs to HC. They should remind their customers not to park in the shop spaces”. It is thought that the ground in front of the shop belongs to Highland Council, Mr D J Morrison to check whether this is the case and if so, the space is for general use by the public and not for any specific use. The CC have previously raised the general parking issues on the Green with the Cafe occupants and do not consider there is any further action it can take as it would be a Highland Council matter.

7. Old BT Building

An e-mail was received from an individual currently in the process of constructing a property adjacent to the Play Park. The sender expressed interest in using the Old Telephone Exchange for storage purposes..

Mr A Morrison responded to the enquiry and advised that the matter would be discussed at the meeting. The Old Telephone Exchange is currently owned by the Community Council and in use for storage of various items and will remain so at least until the Community Asset Transfer of the school is completed successfully. Should circumstances change in the future, the interested party will be informed accordingly. Mr A Morrison will follow up with a response.

Action: Mr A Morrison

8. CC Scheme of Establishment

Mr G Semler highlighted that, with regard to the revised Community Council (CC) Scheme of Establishment, all members are required to adhere to the Declaration of Interests section within the Code of Conduct. This means that, among other things, members must declare any financial or non-financial interests they may have in any matter being considered by the Community Council. Mr Semler suggested that, to ensure compliance and transparency, this declaration of interests should be included as a standing agenda item at each meeting.

In response, Mr A Morrison expressed the view that there is no need for a specific agenda item on declarations of interest. He is of the opinion that all members are fully aware of their responsibilities and can be trusted to declare any relevant interests as and when matters arise during the course of meetings. Mr Morrison believes that members will make the necessary declarations at the appropriate time, whether the interests are financial or non-financial.

9. SSEN

Noted that the Traffic Management data still not to hand in full for Balmeanach site, some has been provided for the substation by one of the sub-contractors, Mr N Till advised that Maren Ebeling at SSEN had advised the full data will be to hand in early course and be for the coming 6 months.

All encouraged to complete the Skye Reinforcement Local Fund Consultation Survey.

10. Struan Roads

All agreed the works being undertaken on the Hill Road are progressing well and with minimal disruption to the local community, the contractors are being accommodating to road users when they are working thought the day

11. Highland Council Correspondence

Over the period since the last meeting, a number of different communications were received electronically from Highland Council. These covered a variety of matters and were discussed by the group.

Due to the volume and diversity of topics being addressed in these communications, and as all correspondence is sent to the generic Community Council e-mail address, it was agreed that if any member has a particular interest in a subject raised they should take responsibility for that matter and inform the other members accordingly.

12. War Memorial

Mr A Morrison provided a comprehensive update regarding ongoing matters related to the War Memorial, he reported that Mr A Lockhart and Mr C Beaton have thoroughly reviewed all the relevant information, as previously advised, it was discovered that two names are missing from the memorial.

To address this, additional plaques will be commissioned from MacBride Signs. Furthermore, the cost of replacing the existing main granite slab is being considered, so that the missing names can be appropriately added. Mr A Morrison will arrange for the amended wording to be submitted to John Hearach Memorials, who will then provide an illustration and costing for the proposed changes.

In addition to these actions, Mr A Morrison will also organise the acquisition of plants and the planting around the War Memorial, with this activity scheduled to take place in late May.

Action: Mr A Morrison

13. Wind Farms

Ben Akitiel – In respect of the Public Inquiry, the Reporter has requested additional information from the Developer.

Skye & Raasay Community Benefit Group – Terms of reference in process of being created.

14. Planning

None

15. Correspondence – Various Digital Items

Several items received & tabled

AOCB

Recycling Area Potholes

Noted there are significant potholes at the Recycling Area, and it was suggested that it may be appropriate to approach SSEN and ask if they could perhaps do the repairs while they are actively track and road building as a gesture of good will.

Date of Next Meeting & AGM Wednesday 10th June 2026 in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:50pm