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AGM

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan School on Thursday 12th June 2025 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: Mrs F MacKinnon, Mr Wilkinson, Mrs M Wilkinson, Mr D Till, Mrs P Semler, Mrs M Morrison, Ms J Wacker, Mr S Frost, Rev J Beaton & Mrs J Beaton

Item 1: Welcome

Mr D J Morrison initially took the chair as Mr I Beaton had indicated he may be late, opened & welcomed all to the Meeting.

Item 2: Apologies

Mr D Millar (Councillor)

Item 3: Minutes of AGM 12th June 2024

Minutes from the AGM of 12th June 2024 were put to the meeting for approval. Adoption proposed by Mr N Till and seconded by Mr A Lockhart

Item 4: Chairman's Report

Mr D J Morrison delivered the Chairman's Report on behalf of Mr I Beaton for the past 12-month period, The past year has been a busy and productive one for the Community Council (CC), with a number of projects and community initiatives delivered across Struan.

At Struan Play Park, improvements are well underway. New child-friendly surfacing and picnic benches are being installed, and access to the park is being improved to ensure it is welcoming for all. Work at both cemeteries is also progressing, with the new wall due to be completed shortly with the installation of an iron gate.

The upkeep of the War Memorial continues to be a priority. With the support of community volunteers, planting and maintenance are carried out each year to ensure the site remains a place of respect and reflection. The CC has also continued to support grass cutting at key sites and the provision of community skips, which are well used by local residents. None of these projects would have been possible without the funding and support of the Struan Community Trust (SCT), and the CC is extremely grateful for this continued partnership.

In March, the CC purchased play equipment for Struan Primary School, creating a safe and welcoming space where parents, babies, and toddlers can meet and enjoy regular social time. While the CC applied to the SCT for funding on this occasion, we wish to highlight that the SCT is open to applications from all individuals and groups within the community.

November's Remembrance Service was especially poignant following the sad passing of Neil Beaton, who contributed so much to these events and was a former member of the Community Council. It was a moving tribute that Neil's grandson read the Struan Roll of Honour on the day.

The CC continues to engage with windfarm developers to stay informed on future plans, while also working closely with neighbouring community councils to ensure the best outcomes from ongoing negotiations.

The proposed asset transfer of Struan Primary School also marks an exciting chapter for the community, with this process being taken forward in the capable hands of the Struan Community Trust.

Two particular issues over the past year required the CC to take an active stance: the proposals from the Kaly Group and the Amer holiday park. Both raised significant concerns and were viewed as offering no positive outcomes for the community. The CC therefore made the decision to formally object. We would, however, like to stress that the CC generally avoids objecting to live planning applications, as it is important that residents on either side of an issue are fairly represented. Objections are only made in exceptional circumstances where the wider interests of the community are clearly at stake.

Finally, I would like to extend my thanks to all members of the Community Council for the time and effort they dedicate throughout the year. A particular thanks must go to Ali, who continues to take on both the Treasurer and Secretary roles - an incredible commitment which is deeply appreciated.

Special thanks also go to Finella Mackinnon for her ongoing representation of our community in meetings on NHS matters, and for keeping us all updated on these important issues.

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 £152.00 is paid therefore net funds available to the CC are £280.55. Mr Morrison proceeded to go through the Statement finally confirming the final balance at end of year, 31st March 2024, to be £24,811.55 of which includes, £23,840.40 allocated for Play Patk upgrades.

Therefore, the Net Balance available amounts to £971.15. As is normal this year's grant from The Highland Council will be paid after the adopted minute from the 2023 AGM, the draft minute from this year's AGM have been lodged with Highland Council along with a copy of the Accounts.

Mr Morrison further advised that Service Charge is now being applied by the Bank of Scotland, looking into reducing this by using Bank of Scotland online facility to reduce charges, was also suggested may be worth looking into alternative banking options, the Co-op Bank being one suggestion

Mr Morrison opened the floor to questions, no questions and Statement of Account accepted

Item 6: Election of Office Bearers

The meeting then proceeded to elect Office Bearers as follows:

Chairperson: Mr I Beaton

Proposed: Mr D J Morrison

Seconded: Mr G MacKinnon

Vice Chairperson: Mr D J Morrison

Proposed: Mr A Morrison

Seconded: Mrs S Illingworth

Secretary: Mr A Morrison

Proposed: Mr D J Morrison

Seconded Mr G Semler

Treasurer: Mr A Morrison

Proposed: Mr A Lockhart

Seconded: Mr N Till

Item 7: AOCB

NHS: Mrs F MacKinnon advised the meeting that the A&E Service being provided in Portree is in serious collapse, has been discontinued on several occasions, NHSOS are having ongoing discussions to try and resolve the issue, but situation is not good. In addition Mrs MacKinnon advised that the the Ritchie Steering Groip now being jointly chaired by Dr C Crichton & Mr R Stewart (Councillor).

**Date of next AGM will be Wednesday 10th June 2026 at 7.00pm.
There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.20pm.**

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