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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council held Wednesday 10th June 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 D Millar (Councillor), Mrs P Semler & Mr C Beaton

1. Welcome

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

2. Apologies

None

3. Minutes of last Meeting

Minutes of the last meeting of 24th March 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) Community Development Officer

Mr A Morrison confirmed had contacted Mrs A Munro at SCT, SCT are happy to meet SCC, will provide a suitable date, Mr Morrison will contact again to press for date to meet, at earliest opportunity.

Action: Mr A Morrison

b) The Green – Shop Parking

Discussion and estimated works: A wide-ranging discussion took place regarding The Green and shop parking. Mr D J Morrison and Mr I Beaton advised that they had approached contractors for rough costs for kerbing, fencing and remedial works. The estimated cost is £68,500 plus VAT.

Ownership: It remains unclear who owns The Green, although it is suspected that it may belong to Highland Council. Mr D Millar will look into this and report back to Mr A Morrison.

Mr I Beaton will sound out SSE and Muirhall to see whether they would be willing to provide financial support for any works at The Green. Mr D J Morrison will speak to Mr A Bone at Highland Council for advice on the matter.

Action: Mr D J Morrison & Mr I Beaton

c) Old BT Building

Mr A Morrison confirmed had responded and confirmed CC position to in relation to the Building.

d) War Memorial

Mr A Morrison confirmed the planting of fresh flowers has been done by Mrs K Lockhart & Mrs M Morrison, plants again purchased from Carole's in Portree. Mr A Lockhart, Mr C Beaton & Mr A Morrison to meet to progress works required and obtain costs.

5. Community Asset Transfer

The CAT application and Business Plan have been submitted to HC. A notice on the main school door confirms the ongoing CAT and invites objections to HC within 21 days of the letter. The matter is expected to be considered by HC no later than October 2026. Councillor D Millar confirmed local members support the CAT.

Mr G Semler raised concerns about the CAT, including the lack of a robust action plan, the Community Company and membership arrangements, the ongoing Japanese Knotweed issue, and the asbestos position.

Mr A Morrison and Mrs S Illingworth have been liaising with Mrs J MacRae at HC about Japanese Knotweed. A further spray is due and may be the final treatment. Mrs S Illingworth will confirm the date and ask what happens if Scottish Woodlands confirms the issue remains.

On asbestos, Mr A Morrison advised that HC carries out an annual inspection and issues a report. A recent report is available, and Mr Morrison will circulate a copy to all.

6. SSEN – Timetables/Schedules

Mr N Till advised that at the last Communities Meeting with SSE was advised that the Transport Report was ready to go and will be issued in early course, there followed discussions on the recent Planning Application in relation to a significant Borrow Pit proposed pit above Skeabost track off hill road.

7. Japanese Knotweed

Mrs S Illingworth advised that Japanese Knotweed still growing on site, action to be undertaken as noted with the Community Asset Transfer heading above.

8. Community Broadband – Starlink

Discussion on Community Broadband via Starlink or Oneweb, appears unavailable by either of these, or BT

9. Kaly Kelp

Mr G Semler to construct and submit response to Marine Directorate Report.

10. Struan School – Use

Further discussion on Commercial Use of the School at behest of Mr G Semler, Mr Semler was of the opinion we should proceed on the basis that the response was based on a "current guideline" and as such was not an absolute restriction. Mr A Morrison advised that he had checked with HC and this was not allowed and not willing to have building used for Commercial Use until such time as CAT concluded and can then be progressed.

11. Hill Road

All works now complete in relation to extending, widening & creating new passing places, however some issues still remain:

Shrubbery on the narrow bit on the hill coming up from Struan needs removing

All the ends of wide bits need "Road Narrows" signs

All the new tarmac needs sealing with poured bitumen and blending in so there is no bump

All the sections between track to Glenwickaskill and Struan need tarmac or at least pothole professionally filling

Beyond the track there are dangerous potholes (several) between there and the top of the hill down to the Snizort, all need professional filling

All passing places need passing point, stay left and no parking signs

Roadside tree growth through the forest needs removing

All culverts and ditching needs doing on the sections not already done

Surplus tar on road (particularly by turning to Glenwickaskill) needs removing

Mr A Morrison to e-mail concerns to Mr A Bone at HC.

12. Highland Rural Short Term Let Area Control Area (STLCA)

Noted that the Consultation is ongoing and running until 23rd June 2026 of which CC have been made aware.

13. Wind Farms

Balmeanach: Noted appeal to be submitted to Scottish Ministers post refusal of original application by HC

14. Planning

None

15. Correspondence – Various Digital Items

Several items received & tabled

AOCB

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday 13 August 2026

Tuesday 20th October 2026

Tuesday 8th December 2026

Date of Next Meeting 13th August 2026 in Struan School

The meeting closed at 8:55pm

G Mackinnon 13/8/26

Niattall 13/08/26