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Minutes of the meeting of Struan Community Council, held in Struan Primary School on Wednesday 28th October 2015 at 7.00pm.

Present: Miss C MacLennan (Chair) Mr A Morrison Mr B Morris Mr M N Beaton Mrs H MacLeod Mr G MacKinnon & Mr I Beaton

Item 1: Welcome

Miss C MacLennan took the Chair and welcomed all to the Meeting, particularly Iain Beaton who will join the Community Council with effect from the next meeting.

Item 2: Apologies for Absence

Mr K Davies & Mr A Lockhart

Item 3: Minutes of Meeting of 7th September 2015

Minutes from the meeting of 7th September 2015 were put forward to the meeting for approval. Adoption of minutes was proposed by Mr M N Beaton and seconded by Mr B Morris and duly signed.

Item 4: Matters Arising

a) Telephone Exchange

Mr A Morrison advised he would chase up SSE re the re-connection of the power supply, in addition the matter to be put on the Agenda for the next meeting as Struan Gala Committee are keen to use the building for storage and a Lease Agreement will need to be formalised.

Action: AM

b) Lease Agreements – Cemetery Car Park & Play Park

Mr A Morrison advised the Tender process is ongoing with a view to submitting an application to the Trust for the quarter to December 2015

Action: AM

c) Cemetery Signs & Signs in the Community

Mr A Morrison advised that he had spoken to Mr D MacLeod at Highland Council regards the Cemetery Sign, he hopes to have this in place in early course, regards the other matters raised re signage, Mr MacLeod advised he will come back to us regards these matters, MR A Morrison to chase up.

Action: AM

d) Defibrillator Training

Mr A Morrison advised that the Funding Application to the Struan Trust had been successful and funds would be remitted to Lucky2Bhere for the replacement of the batteries and pads at the defibrillators located at Struan and Ose, also, letter to go to the Trust thanking them for providing the funds. Mr A Morrison advised that dates are still to be agreed for the Training but hopeful this would be sorted out shortly. **Action: AM**

e) Shopping Bus Trips to Inverness

Mr B Morris advised that the Funding Application to the Struan Trust had been successful and £3,000 had been received, it is anticipated that a Bus Trip will be arranged for December, Mr A Morrison to write Struan Trust thanking them for the funding. **Action: BM & AM**

f) Community Council Elections

The Election has now been concluded, as there were only 8 nominations no Election was required, the only change being that Mr I Beaton is to join the Community Council and Mr M N Beaton is to step down, at this juncture Miss C MacLennan wished to minute her sincere thanks to Mr Beaton for his considerable years service to the Community Council, providing wise council and help with a number of a large number of issues, this was endorsed by Mr B Morris and echoed by all in attendance, Mr Beaton thanks Miss MacLennan for her kind words and advised he would be only to happy to assist the Community Council in the future in any way he could.

g) Post Office

Mrs F MacKinnon has intimated by e-mail that it looks like the changeover with the Post Office will take place over the 16th & 17th of December, if any change Mrs MacKinnon will advsie accordingly.

Item 5: North Skye Broadband

Mr A Morrison advised that Mr G Semler had been in touch with regards a group that has been set up to push for a better Broadband Service in the North of Skye, in the areas where the new Broadband Service being rolled out by HIE & Digital Scotland will not be covering. Mr Semler has provided a Document & Map outlining the purpose of the group, this has been circulated to all, Mr Semler advised that the Project is in it's early stages, at present they need to gain support from local communities, the more people aware, the more support that can be garnered the better. All were fully supportive of the Project and will push for as many as possibel to support this Project as it will benefit all in our Community. Mr Semler will keep the CC updated as matters progress.

Item 6: Bonfire & Fireworks

Mr A Morrison confirmed that funding has been received in the sum of £955.00 from the Struan Trust for the Fireworks and Catering, Mr Morrison will write to Trust thanking them for the Funds. The event to take place on Friday 6th November at 7.00pm, all is arranged. **Action: AM**

Item 7: Act of Remembrance

The Act of Remembrance to take place on Saturday 7th November at the War Memorial, followed by a Poppy Tea in the School arranged and organised by the School Parent Council, Staff & Pupils, all other matters relating to the event have been organised, Mr John Caldwell to take the Service, Mr D Beaton to lay the wreath m behalf of the Community and Ryan Morrison to lay the wreath on behalf of the youth of the Community.

Item 8: Community Resilience

Miss C MacLennan advised she had attended an SSE Roadshow in conjunction with Highland Council in respect of Community Resilience, this matter has been driven by Highland Council to see if Communities have an interest and are able to set up small groups to assist Community Members in times of prolonged loss of Power and Water supplies. In particular to ensure that the more vulnerable and elderly members of the Community are safe and well, simply by going to see if they are ok and in need of anything that would assist them through these periods.

Miss MacLennan advised that the Roadshow was a worthwhile experience and SSE can assist on setting up these groups, if required, in addition they provide a service whereby the elderly and most vulnerable can register with SSE so that they will be contacted during severe events.

Miss C MacLennan to take the matter forward and will report back in due course.

Action: CM

Item 9: Adopt a Kiosk

Miss C MacLennan confirmed that the period of Notice regarding giving notice of the “change of use” of the Kiosks was about to end, once this has concluded matters can be progressed further. In addition Mr A Morrison advised that there is no electrical connection at the Kiosk in Ose and it would appear that it would not be possible to provide a connection to the Kiosk, therefore, alternative methods of power would require to be investigated.

Item 10: Finance

Mr B Morris provided a full up date on the current financial position of the Community Council, confirmed that the Highland Council Grant has been received in the sum of £859.46, therefore, present funds available are £1,774.65, from this the Secretary's Honorarium of £250 is to be paid and a cheque will be issued to the Secretary tonight. In respect of Funding Application from the Trust the position is as follows:

<u>Grants Agreed</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Position</u>
Great War Commemoration	£ 500	Funds recd, Flagpole paid & awaiting Bench
Grass Cutting	£ 300	Funds recd & £210 paid, balance to carry forward
Bus Trips	£3,000	Funding agreed & trips to be organised
Defibrillator Batteries & Pads	£ 650	Funding agreed & chq to L2Bh this week
Fireworks & Catering	£ 955	Funding agreed & chqs to A Morrison re Fireworks & Gala Committee re Catering

Miss C MacLennan thanked Mr Morris for a comprehensive report on the Finances.

Item 11: Correspondence

Letters received & circulated:

Highland Council - re Decriminalised Parking Enforcement

Local Government Boundary Commission for Scotland – Notice of closing date for Public Consultation

Item 12: AOCB

a) Road Verges

Mrs H MacLeod pointed out that the recent tarring that has been undertaken on the roads locally, badly needed and certainly an improvement, however, the height of the tar at the road verge is quite high and would appear could cause damage to vehicles should they require to go onto the verge to avoid other road users or animals. It was agreed to contact TEC Services to see if they are planning to undertake any work to the verges to negate this issue.

Date of next Meeting will be 30th November 2015

Miss MacLennan thanked everyone for their attendance

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.20pm.

H MacLeod 30/11/15
M MacLennan 30/11/15