

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
4 July 2018 at 7:30 pm in
Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 4 July 2018
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Val McGregor, Brian Mackenzie, William Deas, Gail Maclean and Ron McAulay
Present (public):	Walter and Sandra Fleming.
Apologies:	Archie Macnab
Declaration of interest:	None
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	None.
2.	Matters arising: Covered by agenda items.	-
3.	Opting in of additional members After a short discussion in private, the elected members agreed to opt in two additional members as follows: William Deas and Gail Maclean. The members believe that the Council now has representation from all areas of the community.	
	Village Community Plan Following a very successful workshop held in the Pavilion on Tuesday 12 June 2018 at 6pm,	

4.	<p>it was agreed that the CC would support the preparation of a Village Community Plan. This plan would not seek to radically redevelop Strathpeffer and the surrounding community but would help to build on and develop what already exists within the community. It would be prepared in consultation with the community and the many groups that operate within Strathpeffer and would help those groups to raise funds for different projects or initiatives by proving community need and consultation.</p> <p>Archie and Ron would prepare and submit applications for funding and if approved, that funding would be used to pay for suitable support (not expensive consultants!) to assist with the overall consultation, preparation and drafting work involved. It was not envisaged that there would be any ongoing employment of anybody directly as a result of the preparation of a Village Community Plan. It would more likely result in a clearer vision of how we all want the village to develop over the coming years and would set out clear actions or steps that we will need to take to achieve that vision. The key aim of the plan would be to draw together the various groups that operate within the community to make the best use of the limited resources available and to maximise the potential for those various groups to raise funds, etc.</p> <p>Examples of key areas the plan is likely to touch on are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accommodation within the village • Entertainment on offer • Overall amenities • Carbon footprint and sustainability. 	Ron/ Archie.
5.	<p>Strathpeffer Pavilion – update on progress</p> <p>The opportunity was taken to discuss progress on the proposed community purchase of the Pavilion.</p> <p>The overall progress was seen as positive however the Pavilion group were now seeking to gather evidence of community support for their proposals to address some requirements of the potential funders.</p> <p>The Pavilion Steering Group will take the project to the point of purchase. Thereafter, a new governing committee will take over the project and consider the various options for the operation and maintenance of the Pavilion.</p> <p>Through community ownership, the Pavilion would be available to the community for special events at points throughout the year and would allow the community to maintain a degree of control over how the building is used and developed going forward.</p> <p>A key date in the overall purchase process is in March 2019 when an update showing good progress is required by the current owners.</p>	
6.	<p>Pedestrian Crossing at entrance to Community Centre/School</p> <p>The issue with the location of this crossing was explained as follows:</p> <p>At times when in use, the traffic turning into the community centre/school area begins to back up out onto the main road causing the main road to become blocked.</p>	

	<p>It is understood that Kate Forbes has raised this matter with the Highland Council but with no success to date. It was agreed that Ron would speak to Archie to get more detail and would then write to the Highland Council to try and engage with them over possible solutions.</p> <p>It was noted that this crossing was not a formal pedestrian crossing as it did not have controlling lights.</p>	Ron.
7.	<p>Brown Tourist Signs on the main roads around Strathpeffer</p> <p>Ron advised that Archie had discovered that there were as many as four different groups within the community all pursuing these signs. It was agreed that this was an initiative that should be driven by one group and that the group best placed to do so, was probably the CC. Ron agreed to talk to Archie and thereafter to contact the four groups to try and pull the matter together into one lead group.</p>	Ron and Archie.
8.	<p>Standard of grass cutting on common areas around the village</p> <p>It was noted that recent cuts of the grass around the village gave the appearance of “someone in a rush” who had not finished the job properly. It was agreed that Ron would write to the Highland Council asking that the job be done properly going forward.</p>	Ron.
9.	<p>Condition of the roads and road drains around the village</p> <p>Following the sewer upgrade works in the main street of the village earlier in the year when the traffic had been diverted round some of the back roads, it was noted that the condition of some of the roads was very poor with significant potholes in places. Once again it was agreed that Ron would write to Highland Council asking them to address this concern before damage to pedestrians and vehicles occurred.</p>	Ron.
10.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>a) A request was received from Sandra Fleming asking for funds to print off more copies of a leaflet entitled, “A Walk Around Strathpeffer”. All agreed that this leaflet was a very professional and useful leaflet to have circulated around the hotels, B&B’s, etc. however the CC did not have any funds available to contribute at this time. A discussion followed which covered potential sources of funding such as the owners of the hotels, B&B’s, businesses, etc. It was suggested that Sandra may try to seek funding from these sources. There may also be an opportunity to apply for funding through Foundation Scotland for funds from the Corriemoillie scheme. Ron offered to speak to Archie to ask about funding sources and to get back to Sandra.</p> <p>b) The idea of “Walking tours of Strathpeffer” was raised and seen as a potential business opportunity for someone.</p> <p>c) The overgrown condition of the entrance sign to Strathpeffer from Dingwall was raised. The discussion on this matter moved onto the gardening group and Ron agreed to speak to Alison and Karen to get an update on the gardening group.</p> <p>d) Gail agreed to speak to Dingwall Academy who have a gardening group that may be willing to contribute flowers that could be planted to improve the appearance of the entrance sign.</p> <p>e) At the previous meeting the issue of the hedge and pavement between Nutwood</p>	<p>Sandra.</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>-</p> <p>.</p> <p>Ron.</p> <p>Gail.</p> <p>-</p>

	House access road and Castle Leod was raised. It was noted that this hedge had been trimmed recently and the pavement cleared of old decaying leaves.	
12.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 1 August 2018 at 7:30pm.	All
Date: 5/7/18		