

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on 3 October 2018 at 7:30 pm in Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 3 October 2018
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Brian Mackenzie, William Deas, Archie Macnab, Gail Maclean and Ron McAulay
Present (public):	Walter and Sandra Fleming, Val Moffat and Maureen
Apologies:	Val McGregor, Peter Maclellan
Declaration of interest:	None
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	<p>Minutes of last meeting:</p> <p>Approved.</p>	None.
2.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>Improving the Strathpeffer.org website This item has been continued forward to future meetings to allow time for the relevant information on options and costs to be gathered.</p> <p>Pedestrian Crossing at entrance to Community Centre Ron confirmed that he had written to the HC confirming that we would accept the proposals to paint the new markings on the pavement and remove the markings on the existing crossing directing people to cross the road at a point further into the car park. He had also asked for the barriers to be extended.</p> <p>Condition of the roads and drainage It was noted that the HC had carried out a patching job as they had promised. They had also improved the drainage but there was still a section of this drain that was not functioning properly. Ron had written to them thanking them for their work and advising them about the</p>	- - -

	<p>blocked section of drain.</p> <p>All other actions covered by agenda items.</p>	
3.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>A copy of the latest Police report was circulated. Unfortunately PC Chalmers was not present to speak to the report however, there was nothing of concern requiring any action by the CC.</p>	-
4.	<p>Village Community Plan</p> <p>Ron and Archie provided an update as follows:</p> <p>Consultants – Athena Solutions – had been appointed to assist with the preparation of the plan. The first community engagement event had been held on the previous day (Tues 2/10/18) with a good turnout (c. 40 people) and lots of ideas/comments being made by those who attended.</p> <p>The next stage involves the consultants carrying out a postal survey of all households in the community. All the information obtained from the event yesterday and the survey will then be collated and fed back to the community along with some initial ideas and thoughts on how we might move forward. The second community engagement event is currently planned to be held during week commencing 19/11/18. Once a firm date is known, emails will be sent out.</p> <p>The overall programme for the Village Community Plan includes a third community engagement event in January with the plan being produced/finalised by the end of January.</p> <p>Ron asked that when he sends out emails advising of the engagement events that people who receive them, pass copies onto their email groups so that we get as many folk as possible coming along to the events. Val Moffat advised that they could send emails on to the 160 plus members of the Residents' Association.</p>	Ron/ Archie
5.	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>Archie provided an update on the current position with regard to the Christmas lights for the village. It was noted that there are four street lamp posts with plug in facilities for Christmas lights. It was therefore proposed that we should buy four new lights at a cost of £200 to £300 each.</p> <p>Archie agreed to gather together accurate costs for the new lights and other works such as getting an electrician to check the power supply facilities for the tree lights. He will contact a local electrician to obtain costs. Once we have those costs, Archie will apply to an appropriate body for funding.</p>	Archie
6.	<p>Sign at the entrance to Strathpeffer from Dingwall</p> <p>Ron raised the issue of the condition of the ground in front of the entrance sign on the Dingwall side of Strathpeffer. It did not give a good impression of the village. It was suggested that a group of volunteers might be able to tidy it up with topsoil and make it easier for future maintenance purposes. Val Moffat suggested using wood chippings instead of topsoil to avoid the need for any maintenance going forward. This was agreed as being a very good suggestion and it was agreed that Val would speak to a local tree feller who was chipping some trees that he had recently cut down. She agreed to speak to Ron once she knew if the person would be willing to drop the chippings on the ground in front of the sign. The area would be treated first to kill off weeds.</p>	Val/Ron

