

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
5 December 2018 at 7:30 pm in
Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 5 December 2018
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Archie Macnab, William Deas, Gail Maclean, Val McGregor and Peter Maclellan
Present (public):	Several members of the community
Apologies:	Ron McAulay and Brian Mackenzie
Declaration of interest:	None
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	None.
2.	Matters arising: All actions covered by agenda items.	-
3.	Proposed Housing development at Kinellan Drive Ron has written to the planners and lodged an objection on behalf of the CC. The initial letter was submitted as representations but the HC would not include these comments from the CC in the information issued to the public unless it was registered as a formal objection. On this basis Ron agreed that the representation from the CC be considered as an objection. They have acknowledged receipt. He also wrote to the developers' representatives enclosing a copy of his letter to the planners. They responded advising that they would get the HC flood expert to contact him. No contact as yet and continues to be monitored	Ron
5.	Police Report No report	-

6.	<p>Village Community Plan</p> <p>Archie reported that he and Ron met Hazel and she reported that the work was progressing as planned and both workshops had been very successful and along with the results of the survey provided sufficient information for her to start drafting a plan. It was agreed that while the village plan was important but had no end date to meet she and her team would be concentrating on the Feasibility Study and Business Plan for the Pavilion which must be completed by end of December to meet the 25 January dead line to make the application to the Scottish Land fund.</p> <p>Ron and Archie had a telephone discussion with Catriona Knot the Local Energy Scotland Project officer with responsibility for this project and she was satisfied with progress. She asked that we have the work be completed and the funds drawn down by end of March 2019. Catriona was invited to come along to our January meeting to meet members.</p>	-
7.	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>Val reported that the lights selected for purchase were out of stock and there were no alternatives available this season. It was agreed that we would use the existing lights this year and order new ones for next year in the first quarter of the year. Val went on to say that the preferred lights were in 6 styles and currently priced at £440 each. It was decided that we would look to purchase 2 of each style so that Christmas lighting could extend through the village. Val to pass details to Archie who will explore funding sources for the purchase of these new lights.</p> <p>William reported that he had contacted the Council in Dingwall to ask if they had any spare lights that could be borrowed. They stated that there were no spare lights for hanging on the poles but may have some smaller lights that they could offer. William to get back to them to establish what is available.</p> <p>New fairy lights were purchased for the Christmas tree which had been erected on the Previous Sunday. The lights on the Cherry trees were removed for trimming which is still to be completed. Some of the old lights were no longer serviceable but those that were would be refitted along with new ones still to be purchased</p> <p>Gail produced a very welcome further £81.00 in cash collected at the local shop towards the cost of new Christmas lights. It was agreed this cash would be used to purchase new fairy lights for the cherry trees</p> <p>Kevin Ross, Electrician, inspected the fixtures and fittings in the electrical boxes in the Square and gave a clean bill of health. He added one new socket.</p>	<p>Archie</p> <p>William</p> <p>Val & Peter</p> <p>Val</p>
7.	<p>Public Toilets</p> <p>Cllr Ian Cockburn was to raise the matter at a meeting he was due to attend with HC, and Ron wrote to Ian Cockburn providing him with the information he needed. He has not yet reported back on the outcome of that meeting. Ron to drop Ian a reminder.</p>	Ron Ian
8.	<p>Scottish Water</p> <p>Peter was sure that all the work promised by Scottish Water had been completed, but would take up any outstanding elements if details were put to him. He went on to say that 2 of the</p>	All

	<p>benches had been repaired by Scottish Water and some infill placed at the slide in the school playground. The two benches in the square had the iron work painted and now only need wood and labour to complete their refurbishment he was hoping the Pay Back group could do this work</p> <p>He went on to say that he was hopeful of using Scottish Water volunteer days to carry out the repairs to the fountain in the Square, as the pump etc had been serviced and was waiting to be fitted. He went on to say that some of the copper piping in the fountain had been removed and will need replacing, he was to look into finding a source for the copper pipes</p>	Peter
9.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>The bank account was reported as standing at £606.00 and restricted ERDF funds £184 It was agreed that Mrs Ritchie, Head teacher at the school be asked to sign off this year's accounts. Archie to pass the annual accounts to Mrs Ritchie for signing off.</p>	Gail Archie
10.	<p>Strathpeffer Web site</p> <p>Ron has met with an IT expert who lives in the village and is beginning to draw together his thinking on the matter and the way forward. Should be able to give a more comprehensive update with recommendations at the next meeting but initial thinking is that we keep the current website but fix the fragility issues, jazz it up a bit, get all the information on it brought up to date, update sections on food, etc which are empty, change the diary section to something more tourist friendly and have lots of easy links to individual groups' and businesses' Facebook pages/websites, etc. We should also create a more user friendly shared diary system for the groups and clubs to share.</p> <p>All agreed that this was the way forward and await the a-full report</p>	Ron
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <p>It was mentioned to a member that some hedges in the neighbourhood of the Highland Hotel are in need of pruning back as in some areas they were obstructing use of the pavement. It was agreed that members remind householders of the need to trim back hedges where necessary.</p>	All
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9 January 2019 at 7:30pm.</p>	All.
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