

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
6 March 2019 at 7:30 pm in
Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 6 March 2019
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Gail Maclean, Val McGregor, and Ron McAulay
Present (public):	Walter and Sandra Fleming, Andy and Val Moffat, Ryan, Hazel Allen and Richard Heggie representing Athena Solutions and Cllr Ian Cockburn
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan, Brian Mackenzie, William Deas and Archie Macnab
Declaration of interest:	None
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	None.
	Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda: Proposed Housing Development on Land to the west of Kinellan Drive, Strathpeffer It was noted that the planning permission for this development had now been granted subject to a number of conditions. These conditions appear to include the need to create a liaison group with HC and the CC. As the HC committee only met to decide this proposal the day prior to the meeting, the detail of these conditions was not available. Ron agreed to find out more for a future meeting.	Ron.
2.	Letter of thanks to Dingwall CC Ron confirmed that he had sent this letter to Dingwall CC. Funding for new Christmas lights Archie had confirmed to Ron that he had made an application for funding for new Christmas lights. Fabricated Christmas Tree Ron advised that he had not yet contacted Nigg Skills Academy as he was not sure if the	

	provision of one of these trees was something we would really want. It was also noted that we may struggle to find somewhere to store it. This matter should be subject to further discussion at a future CC meeting.	All
3.	<p>Village Community Plan</p> <p>Hazel Allen supported by Richard Heggie, gave a presentation on their findings to date with regards to the consultation work they had done within the village for the Community Plan. A copy of this presentation is available electronically and will be circulated to all CC members once Hazel sends it through. The presentation includes a number of recommendations or priorities as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve community linkages including setting up a development trust and sorting the Strathpeffer.org website • Improve value tourism – how do we attract a higher value tourism trade to the village • Improve accessibility – make sure we give visitors and residents plenty to do when here • Improve physical connectivity – make it easier for tourists to enjoy/access the facilities Strathpeffer has to offer • What’s missing? – do we need a community pub, another restaurant? <p>After much discussion, it was agreed that Hazel and Richard should prepare the first draft of the plan by Wednesday 13 March 2019 which will be shared with CC members for comment. Ron agreed to get back to Hazel with suggested dates for a final consultation event with the community.</p>	Hazel/ Ron Hazel/ Richard. Ron.
4.	<p>Speeding through the village</p> <p>A complaint had been received about the speed of vehicles passing through the village. It was suggested that a pair of speed indicator lights which would flash at drivers advising them of their speed would be useful. Cllr Ian Cockburn advised that the various villages that had such lights had purchased them themselves. While it may be possible to borrow a set, it seems that the only solution is to buy a set or pair. The cost of a pair of such indicator lights is thought to be in the region of £12k. After much discussion, it was generally agreed that it would be helpful to purchase a pair of these lights and it was suggested that Archie be asked to pursue funding for a pair.</p>	Archie
5.	<p>Police Report</p> <p>The Police report for this month had been circulated earlier to the other members of the CC. There was very little by way of incidents to report.</p>	-
6.	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>The Christmas lights for the trees in the Square have now been taken down by Peter but have yet to be stored away. Val and Peter will organise.</p>	Val and Peter
7.	<p>Strathpeffer.org website</p> <p>Ron updated all on progress. Rob Elliot had provided a “proof of concept” for the proposed revamp of the website using the WIX platform. Ron showed the examples of pages that Rob had prepared to those present.</p> <p>Ron went on to advise that Rob would be leaving the village due to increasing work commitments and would not therefore be available to manage the revamp of the website. However, he had advised that he would be happy to show someone from within the village how to do this work. All agreed that we should proceed on this basis. Ron asked for suggestions as to who we should ask to take on this role. Suggestions were given and Ron agreed to discuss the matter with Rob and hopefully move the matter forward.</p>	Ron.
8.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie had advised Ron that the balance within the bank account for the CC had not changed</p>	

	since the previous meeting. However, Archie had not advised whether or not he had arranged for the last year's accounts to be signed off and submitted to the HC which will then allow the release of the annual allocation of funds for the present year. Archie to advise.	Archie
9.	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None 	
10.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 April 2019 at 7:30pm.	All
Date: 7/3/19		