

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
15 May 2019 at 7:30 pm in
Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 15 May 2019
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Archie Macnab, Val McGregor and William Deas
Present (public):	Walter and Sandra Fleming, Andy and Val Moffat and Cllr Ian Cockburn
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan and Brian Mackenzie
Declaration of interest:	None
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	None.
2.	<p>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</p> <p>Proposed Housing Development on Land to the west of Kinellan Drive, Strathpeffer Ron confirmed that he had written to the developers asking when the liaison group would be set up. They had responded but as yet no dates had been set to meet. It was agreed that both Ron and Gail would represent the CC on this group. Ron also reported that the developer was in discussion with the Residents' Association about how they would provide assistance to the Residents' Association. This assistance would either be in the form of actual work or perhaps a contribution towards the cost of doing an aspect of the project. Ron was not aware whether a final agreement had been reached. Ron also confirmed that he had written to HC planners asking why the developer had to make a contribution to Dingwall Academy but not Strathpeffer Primary given that the primary school appears to be struggling for space. The response received suggested that any increase in the roll at the primary would be short lived and therefore a contribution was not necessary. Cllr Ian Cockburn agreed to follow up on this matter.</p> <p>New Christmas Lights Archie confirmed that the New York Villa Trust had donated £2800 towards the cost of new lights. Ron advised that he had written to the NYVT thanking them for the donation.</p>	<p>Ron and Gail</p> <p>-</p> <p>Cllr Ian Cockburn</p> <p>-</p>

	<p>Golf Course Road – bad pothole outside the White House Ron confirmed that he had written to the Roads team at HC about this pothole but had not received a response. Cllr Ian Cockburn agreed to follow up on this matter.</p>	Cllr Ian Cockburn
3.	<p>Village Community Plan The meeting was joined by Hazel Allen and Richard Heggie to discuss the latest draft of the Village Community Plan. There are three parts to this plan as follows: The main document, a summary of the plan and the action list which is referred to in both of the former documents. Following a comprehensive discussion, it was agreed that the main document and the summary plan were both good, sound documents which provide: a factual, accurate picture of the consultation process followed during the preparation of the plan; the findings of that consultation and the current issues within the community that should be addressed. As such it was agreed that both these documents were effectively in their final form although some minor revisions were noted that would be taken on board by Hazel. This leaves the action plan which it was agreed should be shared in a draft form with the community in a final consultation meeting. At that meeting, the community would be given the opportunity to discuss the actions and agree what actions should be added or deleted. This final consultation meeting will be arranged for an evening at 7:30pm during the week commencing Monday 3/6/19. The venue will be either the Community Centre or the Pavilion. Ron will discuss the arrangements with Hazel including how the event will be advertised around the community.</p>	Hazel Ron/ Hazel
4.	<p>Strathpeffer.org website A brief update was given on progress with finding someone to assist with upgrading the Strathpeffer.org website. Discussions have begun with someone who has all the necessary skills and further updates will be provided at future meetings.</p>	Ron
5.	<p>Windfarm Fund Application for our micro grant fund Archie confirmed that our application for a micro grant fund had been approved and paid. Application for a contribution towards the cost of the Christmas lights Archie asked Val to provide an estimate of the total cost of providing twelve new Christmas lights for the village including the cost of providing power supply points. Once he has this information he will complete the necessary paperwork for this application.</p>	Val/ Archie
6.	<p>Financial Position of the CC Archie gave an update on the current status of the CC's finances. It is looking healthy. The only outstanding commitments relate to the room hire at the community centre but as these room hires are fairly recent, no invoice has yet been received.</p>	-
7.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron reported that he had obtained some geotextile material for use at the Strathpeffer village sign at the east end of the village and would need some help rolling it out. Once in place, we will require wood chippings to cover it. Val Moffat agreed to speak to a local tree feller about getting surplus wood chippings. A consultation letter has been received from HC on proposed changes to the terms of the various Community Councils across HC. Ron agreed to review the proposals and send in a response. Sandra Fleming reported that the toilets were now open again. A discussion followed on why they had been padlocked closed during the winter. Cllr Ian Cockburn advised that some remedial works were planned for the toilets by HC during this year. 	Ron Val Moffat Ron

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Val MacG noted that an application for a new windfarm at Kirkan had been made. All agreed that we should write to them to make clear our position so that we did not miss out on any benefits arising if they are successful. • Archie commented on the recent works carried out by the Roads team on the main A834 road to “improve” surface water drainage. It was suggested that some of the works might worsen the situation rather than improve it. Cllr Ian Cockburn agreed to speak to the Roads team about this matter. • Sandra Fleming asked about getting the fountain fixed. As Peter Maclellan was not present it was agreed that he should be asked at the next meeting. • Gail reported that the hedge behind the church that had been commented on in previous meetings had now been cut back. Matter closed. 	<p>Ron</p> <p>Cllr Ian Cockburn</p>
10.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 5 June 2019 at 7:30pm.</p>	All
<p>Date: 15/5/19</p>		