

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on 3 July 2019 at 7:30 pm in Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 3 July 2019
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Archie Macnab, Val McGregor and William Deas
Present (public):	None.
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan and Brian Mackenzie
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	<p>Minutes of last meeting and the minutes of the AGM: Both approved.</p>	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 It was noted that a planning application had been submitted by the developer to site a temporary compound on the grassed area between Kinellan Drive and the main A834 road. This site compound will be temporary for two years and will be surrounded by Heras security fencing. After much discussion it was agreed that Ron would write to the Planners and object on behalf of the Community Council. This compound should be located within the ground of the main site. The disruption to residents and the unsightly nature of the compound in such a prominent location will not be in the interests of the village and the community as a whole.</p> <p>Strathpeffer sign at east end of village Ron confirmed that the first load of wood chippings had now been placed at this location to very good effect. Half the area is now covered. These wood chippings had been provided and placed by Ian Stennett of Red Squirrel tree surgeons. More chippings had been identified and Walter and Sandra Fleming had offered assistance with transporting them to the site.</p> <p>Completion of form providing contact details of CC members to HC Ron confirmed that he had sent this form in to Robbie Bain at the HC.</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Ron and Walter</p>

	<p>Core Path Plan review – Inner Moray Firth Area Ron confirmed that he had written to HC proposing that the eastern half of the Peffery Way be included within this core path review.</p> <p>Speeding through the village Ron advised that he had not progressed this matter yet.</p>	Ron.
3.	<p>Village Community Plan An update was provided as follows: Hazel Allen has now updated the plan to include the various actions and take on board various comments. Both Ron and Archie have read through it and are pleased with the document. However, Ron has one concern that he has raised with Hazel which can be addressed and resolved very quickly. Ron undertook to circulate copies of the (near) final draft to members for final comment. If no comments were received within five days, he would consider the plan to be finalised and would make arrangements for Hazel to be paid. A discussion followed on the next steps for implementing the plan.</p>	Ron then All.
4.	<p>Strathpeffer.org website Bruce Messer has now begun rebuilding the website and has been making very good progress. Ron agreed to circulate a link to the latest version of the website for members to view. As the site is being rebuilt it is running under a slightly different website address. Once Bruce has the website at a “ready to go” stage, it will be linked back to the original website address of www.strathpeffer.org.</p>	Ron
5.	<p>Application for a new windfarm at Kirkan, east of Corriemoille In response to the earlier note of interest lodged by the CC in this proposed windfarm, Ron had received an email inviting us to sign up to a memorandum of understanding (MoU) which would allow the CC to invest in the windfarm and thereafter benefit from the returns that may be available from that investment. Given that the CC has no funds available to invest in such matters, Ron had taken advice from Robbie Bain on the matter. He will now write back to the promoters of the windfarm advising that we do not wish to invest as suggested but do wish to benefit from any community benefit scheme that is put in place.</p>	Ron
6.	<p>Town Centre Fund Archie confirmed that an application had been made on behalf of the CC to carry out various works in the Square. This was welcomed with these proposals potentially making a significant difference to the appearance of the Square. After much discussion it was agreed that we should continue to develop our proposals for the Square with a view to seeking further funding over and above that currently applied for, that may allow us to carry out more extensive improvements. With that in mind, Ron reported that he had spoken with a person in the village who would be able and willing to prepare CAD plans and images of the Square as it is now and how it might look with improvements. These images would then allow the CC to develop further ideas and submit proposals for consideration. It was noted that any improvements to the buildings would require the permission and approval of the owners. The development of these CAD images was supported and approved by the CC. It was noted that the Community Park team had also submitted an application for monies from this fund. The CC confirmed that they supported this application. Ron also advised that a letter had been received asking if the CC would support the erection of a permanent Gazebo in the Square to provide weather protection for the Highland Dancers. Given that extensive upgrading plans for the Square are being pursued, it was agreed that Ron should respond to the letter advising that this idea may clash with other proposals at this time. However, the idea would be fed into the greater plans.</p>	Ron Ron.

7.	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>Val confirmed that the new lights had been ordered and Archie advised that he would send a cheque to the supplier that evening. Ron had not yet heard from Cllr Cockburn who was to provide a contact within the street lighting team to advise on how we would secure new light connection points for the additional six lights. Ron agreed to find a contact and get in touch with them.</p>	Archie Ron
8.	<p>Gardening Group</p> <p>This group had been in contact to seek their annual funding for works around the village. Archie asked that they be advised to make formal application so that the funds can be processed.</p>	Ron.
9.	<p>Telephone Box in the Square</p> <p>It was noted that this box appears to be owned (or at least adopted) by the CC. Various options for what might be done with it were discussed with no clear decision made. It was not clear whether or not the phone was still operational. This discussion to be continued.</p>	All.
10.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie confirmed that the financial position had not changed since the last meeting.</p>	
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The recent activity by the Police at the office block beside the Station was mentioned. No official reports were available. • It was noted that the hedges at the Ben Wyvis hotel were beginning to encroach on the available width of the public pavement. • Some flagstones on the road up to Ardival were mentioned as being in a precarious condition with the potential to damage a car tyre. 	
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Tuesday 6 August 2019 at 7:30pm. Please note the change of date <u>from</u> the Wednesday.</p>	All
Date: 03/07/19		