

# STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on  
5 June 2019 at 8:00 pm in  
Strathpeffer Community Centre

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 5 June 2019
<b>Time:</b>	20:00
<b>Location:</b>	Community Centre
<b>Present (members):</b>	Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Archie Macnab, Val McGregor, Brian Mackenzie and William Deas
<b>Present (public):</b>	Walter and Sandra Fleming, Ann Sant and Cllr Ian Cockburn
<b>Apologies:</b>	Peter Maclellan
<b>Declaration of interest:</b>	Ron - In relation to the item raised under AOB relating to the Core Path plan review in the Inner Moray Firth area.
<b>Appointment of Minute Secretary:</b>	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	<p><b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> Approved.</p>	None.
2.	<p><b>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</b></p> <p><b>Proposed Housing Development on Land to the west of Kinellan Drive, Strathpeffer</b> Ron advised that there had as yet been no further contact with the developers regarding the liaison group. Cllr Ian Cockburn advised the meeting that he had spoken to the planners about the developer contributions from this site towards the Academy and not to the Primary school. It would appear that the correct allocations have been made although the logic behind the allocations seemed odd.</p> <p><b>Golf Course Road – bad pothole outside the White House</b> It was noted that this pothole had been filled in. Thanks were expressed to Cllr Cockburn for his intervention.</p> <p><b>Strathpeffer sign at east end of village</b> Ron confirmed that he had placed the first of two lines of geotextile and would need some assistance with moving quantities of wood chippings down the location. A free source for wood chippings had been found. Walter Fleming offered to assist.</p> <p><b>Review of Community Council scheme by Highland Council</b> Ron confirmed that he had responded to this consultation exercise on behalf of the CC.</p>	Ron and Walter

	<p><b>Application for a new windfarm at Kirkan, east of Corriemoille</b></p> <p>Ron also confirmed that he had written setting out the views of the CC on this proposal and making it clear that if the proposal were to proceed then Strathpeffer would wish to be included in the community benefit schemes set up.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Village Community Plan</b></p> <p>The final consultation meeting on the Village Community plan had been held on the previous evening and all agreed that there had been a good attendance with lots of useful contributions. It was agreed that the plan could now be finalised with some minor tweaks to the main document. Ron advised that he had arranged to meet with Hazel on the following day to agree the tweaks and to discuss the actions that should be included within the plan. Once the plan had been updated as suggested above, it would be shared around the CC members for one last chance to comment. It would then be signed off and arrangements made for the consultants to be paid.</p>	Ron then All.
4.	<p><b>Strathpeffer.org website</b></p> <p>The current website has been suspended due to the version of the software used by the site having become corrupted. As a result, the way forward will involve retaining the website address but rebuilding the website itself from scratch. There are some issues to be addressed around whether we stay with Calico or move to a different host. It was agreed that Ron and Archie would meet with Bruce Messer (who has agreed to take on building and managing the website) and Calico and they were authorised to resolve the matters and get the site re-established as soon as possible.</p>	Ron and Archie
5.	<p><b>Christmas Lights</b></p> <p>Val provided details of the cost of the new Christmas lights. She was authorised to order the 12 new lights as soon as possible. It was agreed that we would <b>not</b> go forward with an additional suggestion of buying a Christmas tree equipped with lights. Cllr Cockburn agreed to pass details of a contact within the street lighting team to Ron that he could speak to to get new light connection points fitted for the additional six lights.</p>	Val Cllr Cockburn then Ron
6.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund</b></p> <p>Cllr Cockburn explained about a fund provided by the Government through Highland Council to improve town centres. It would appear that within the Wester Ross area only two locations may qualify for this funding – these are Ullapool and Strathpeffer due to population sizes. It was suggested that if we could develop a scheme to improve the Square, we may be able to secure funding from this fund. Timescales are very tight given that the fund is only available for schemes that are carried out or committed to during this financial year. Initial thoughts were that we should find someone who might be able to develop an outline plan for what might be done. Brian agreed to speak to Raymond Houston who may be able to advise.</p>	Brian.
7.	<p><b>Phil Baarda – Gaelic in the landscape workshop – 7/9/19</b></p> <p>Ron advised of a “Gaelic in the landscape” workshop being organised by Phil Baarda of Contin and Roddy Maclean for Saturday 7/9/19. It will be held in the Community Centre in Strathpeffer and then on the island in Contin. All agreed this sounded like a good idea and were very supportive.</p>	-
8.	<p><b>Completion of form providing contact details of CC members to HC</b></p> <p>Given the recent selection/reselection of office bearers, Ron advised that he had to complete an update form for the Highland Council providing contact details for each of the members. All were happy for these details to be provided to the HC.</p>	Ron
9.	<p><b>Financial Position of the CC</b></p> <p>Archie confirmed the current status of the bank balance. Given the recent donation from the</p>	

	New York Villa Trust for the Christmas lights which had not yet been purchased, the balance was looking very healthy.	-
10.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li> <p><b>Core Path Plan review – Inner Moray Firth Area</b>  Ron noted a potential conflict of interest with his role as chair of the Peffery Way Association and then went on to explain that the Core Path plan review of the Inner Moray Firth area was now being prepared by the Highland Council. He proposed that the section of the Peffery Way which was covered by this area should be included in the review and after much discussion it was agreed that he should write to HC and propose that it be included. The section of path involved runs from Knockbain wood towards Dingwall. It was noted that the western half of the path has already been proposed for Core Path status and has been included within the separate review which covers Wester Ross and which is ongoing.</p> </li> <li> <p><b>Speeding through the village</b>  This issue was raised by Ann. The discussions held earlier in the year were revisited and the following actions agreed:  Ron to speak to the developers of the new housing site at Kinellan to see how they planned to control the speed of traffic during the construction phase and whether that might serve a dual purpose of controlling both construction and other traffic. Ron to also speak to the local Police about carrying out spot checks.</p> </li> </ul>	Ron  Ron Ron
11.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  Wednesday 3 July 2019 at 7:30pm.</p>	All
<b>Date: 06/06/19</b>		