

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Date:	Tuesday 6 August 2019
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Archie Macnab, Val McGregor and William Deas
Present (public):	Rory Stariski and James Thompson
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: Approved.</p>	None.
2.	<p>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</p> <p>Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village There had been no further progress on spreading wood chippings since the last meeting however, Ron advised that he had found another source for chippings.</p> <p>Otherwise all items were noted as either closed or covered by items on the agenda.</p>	Ron and Walter
3.	<p>Police Report Ron had shared the monthly report prior to the meeting. The lack of any representative from the Police, despite a specific request for someone to attend, was noted. The latest report advised of progress with the investigations into the Cannabis farm and the two recent thefts from properties in the village. It was also noted that some sheep had been stolen from a local farm. This represented quite an unwelcome change in the level of activity in the village however, it appears that progress is being made in identifying the possible perpetrators.</p>	-

6.	<p>Speeding through the Village</p> <p>Ron reported back on discussions he had had with a supplier of the type of “speeding” signs that are used around the area. The costs are less than first thought coming in at around £3,200 each which includes a data logging facility to record the number of vehicles passing the sign along with the speed they are travelling at. All agreed that it would be good to purchase two of these signs and Archie and Ron were tasked with finding a suitable funding source and thereafter applying for funding.</p>	Archie and Ron
7.	<p>Village Community Plan</p> <p>Ron confirmed that he had shared some very minor comments/revisions to the plan with Hazel Allen the consultant. She had been on holiday but was now back and he expected to discuss and close out the plan in the next few days. All agreed that the plan was now finalised and that the payment for the work could be made. The next steps will be to deliver the actions. This will be the subject of further discussion at the CC in the coming months.</p>	Ron then Archie to organise payment.
8.	<p>Strathpeffer.org website</p> <p>The new website is now up and running. Ron reported very positively on the way it was being updated and maintained by Bruce Messer with news stories and articles of interest. It was also pleasing to note that the minutes of the CC were now available on the website. All were asked to take a minute to look at the website and to provide comments/feedback.</p>	All.
9.	<p>Christmas Lights</p> <p>Archie confirmed that the new lights had been paid for and Val confirmed that they were due for delivery by the end of September/beginning of October. Ron advised that he had still to contact someone in the street lighting part of HC about additional plug in points for the additional six lights.</p>	Ron
10.	<p>New windfarm at Kirkan, east of Corriemoille</p> <p>Ron provided an update on his discussions with this windfarm developer. While we are not in a position to participate in the shared ownership scheme, it was noted that the developer had confirmed that there would also be a Community Benefit Scheme from which we would be able to benefit. The developer is aware that we are interested in the Community Benefit Scheme and that we wish to participate in it.</p>	-
11.	<p>Gardening Group</p> <p>It was confirmed that the Gardening Group had made a formal application for their annual funding and that it had been paid.</p>	-
12.	<p>Telephone Box in the Square</p> <p>As this box is adopted by the CC, we have been seeking ideas on how it might be improved. While there are still no ideas, it was agreed that it should be re-painted and that this work should be included within the package of works planned for the Square.</p>	-
13.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie confirmed that the bank account was looking healthy with the only debts due being room hire bills from the Community Centre. These bills have not yet been received.</p>	-
14.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that the Strathpeffer Highland Games was due to be held on Saturday 10 August, 2019. It was suggested that it would be good to get the HC to clear the pavement between the Red House and the entrance to Castle Leod. Ron agreed to write to Robbie Bain. Val advised that there were various trees along the road to Achterneed that needed attention. It was suggested that the HC should do a tree survey to see what needs done. Ron to raise this with Robbie Bain. 	Ron Ron

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron advised that he now received notification of all planning applications made across the Highlands on a weekly basis. Reviewing the list was very straightforward taking a matter of minutes. He offered to share the link with the other members but all seemed content to let him carry on reviewing the lists. 	
15.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 September 2019 at 7:30pm.	All
Date: 06/08/19		