

# STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on  
1 July 2020 at 7:30 pm by Zoom  
video call

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 1 July 2020
<b>Time:</b>	19:30
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom video call
<b>Present (members):</b>	Archie Macnab, Ron McAulay, Duncan Macphail and Neil Moscrop
<b>Present (public, officials and HC members):</b>	Cllr Ian Cockburn
<b>Apologies:</b>	Peter Maclellan, Gail Maclean and Val McGregor
<b>Declaration of interest:</b>	None.
<b>Appointment of Minute Secretary:</b>	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	<b>Minutes of last meeting:</b> Approved.	-
2.	<p><b>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</b></p> <p><b>Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village</b> No change. Almost complete.</p> <p><b>Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC</b> Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend.</p> <p><b>Christmas Lights</b> The work on the old "Seasons Greeting" light will be carried out later this year after the lockdown has been eased.</p> <p><b>Phone Box</b> No action yet taken to buy the paint.</p> <p><b>Overgrown hedges</b> Ron still to contact the owners.</p> <p>Otherwise all items were noted as either closed or were covered by items on the agenda.</p>	<p>Ron</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron/ Archie</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron</p>

3.	<p><b>Kirkan Wind Farm – Proposal for shared ownership - update</b></p> <p>Since the last meeting of the Strathpeffer CC, a further Zoom video call of the joint group made up of various community councils had been held to discuss how this opportunity might be taken forward. The output from that meeting had been a plan, the details of which are set out below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We would take the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) previously provided by the developer (Coriolis) and develop that MoU to include a number of issues of interest to the group.</li> <li>• We would obtain legal advice through CARES to check through the MoU and then submit it to Coriolis for consideration.</li> <li>• This approach would provide the group with more reassurance that the effort involved in applying for a shared ownership scheme was not wasted effort.</li> </ul> <p>It was noted however, that the planning permission for the Kirkan Wind Farm had been refused by the HC. While it was thought that the developer would simply appeal this decision, it was pointed out that a similar proposal on a site adjacent to this one had been refused planning permission some months/years ago. That particular application had been appealed but the appeal was rejected after going through a full enquiry.</p> <p>Ron advised that he would discuss this aspect with the developer to determine if they were likely to appeal and if so, what they thought might be the outcome.</p>	Ron
4.	<p><b>Strathpeffer and District Development Trust (S&amp;DDT)</b></p> <p>Since the last meeting of the Strathpeffer CC, discussions had opened with the Strathpeffer Community Association (SCA) about altering the constitution of the SCA to make it become the Strathpeffer and District Development Trust (S&amp;DDT). The SCA has confirmed that they are willing to go down this road and further discussions are planned for the weeks ahead. Ron undertook to keep all posted on progress.</p>	Ron
5.	<p><b>Heritage Lottery fund – proposed joint village application</b></p> <p>Progress continues on this application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. The MoU mentioned at our previous meeting has now been agreed by all the parties and will be signed up to in the coming weeks. All members of the joint group have been tasked with producing a list of potential funds to which applications may be made for the match funding required. The next meeting of the joint group is scheduled for 21/8/20.</p>	Ron
6.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – Square Project</b></p> <p>A detailed update on progress with the various works in the Square <u>since the last meeting</u> of the CC was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The gardening works have begun and will continue from time to time over the next few weeks.</li> <li>• The pouring of the concrete to form the gazebo slab took place on Monday 22/6/20.</li> <li>• The fabricator of the steel frame for the gazebo is in the process of ordering the steel.</li> <li>• The fountain refurbishment works have progressed well. The pump has been replaced, the nozzles and manifold have been refurbished and the gravel replaced. The fountain is now in operation and is being complimented by many in the community. The search for the pump for the waterfall cascade continues.</li> <li>• Still have no firm date for the start of the works involved in creating a one way system through the Square which includes the extension of the pavement area outside the Deli.</li> </ul> <p>All agreed that good progress was being made but as before, there is still a lot to do.</p>	

	Ron pointed out the works being undertaken by the owners of the Deli in the Square at their own cost. They had removed the harling from the face of their part of the building and had repointed the stonework using lime based mortar. The stonework had been noted and commented on favourably by many people in the community. As a result, Ron was now proposing to speak to the owners of the remaining parts of the building to see if they would be willing to support a variation to the planning permission to remove the harling and repoint the stonework rather than replace the harling. All present supported this proposal.	Ron.
7.	<b>Joint Bus Study with neighbouring Community Councils</b> The consultant has now provided a scoping report along with some suggested dates for further consultation. Some of these dates have now passed and it is not clear whether new dates have been set. Ron agreed to share the scoping report with all and to find out whether new dates have been set.	Ron.
8.	<b>Police Report</b> There was no report this month.	-
9.	<b>Update on the volunteering group during the pandemic</b> Since the last meeting of the CC, there had only been a further two calls for prescriptions to be delivered. Both had been attended to promptly.	-
10.	<b>Connecting Scotland – digital connections</b> This item related to an email received from the HC asking for people to be nominated for help with getting IT assistance and potentially kit or equipment to get connected to the internet. No-one present could think of anyone to nominate.	-
11.	<b>Strath Lunch Club</b> Peter had circulated an email previously requesting support for those who attended the lunch club. Archie explained what the financial implications might be. After some discussion it was agreed that we would apply to the EDF Wind Farm fund for a contribution to the cost of the trips. Archie to progress.	Archie
12.	<b>Pavilion Request to the EDF Wind Farm fund for lawn tractor equipment</b> The opportunity was taken to discuss this application to get clarity on what exactly was being proposed. After this discussion, all present were supportive and all members of the panel were asked to confirm to Marion what their views on the application were.	Val, Peter and Gail
13.	<b>Financial Position of the CC</b> Archie confirmed that the bank account was in good shape. He had one invoice to pay which he will pass to Ron who is currently holding the cheque book.  Archie will draw down the annual funding from HC.	Archie /Ron  Archie
14.	<b>Any other business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Duncan reported that the potholes at the Achterneed railway crossing had been filled but he noted that they had not been sealed and would therefore be likely to open up again in the winter.</li> <li>Duncan also raised the same issue with the recent pothole filling works at the start of Golf Course Road. Ron advised that the works in Golf Course Road were temporary and the road would be subject to a full plane and resurface later this year. The works in Golf Course Road had been done as part of a trial of a new piece of kit that the HC had been given to try for free.</li> <li>The issue of speeding through Strathpeffer was also raised again. Ron advised that prior to the pandemic, the Roads team had proposed to install monitoring points at two or three locations to measure the speed of vehicles passing through</li> </ul>	

	<p>the village but this work had been delayed by the restrictions. Given the restrictions are now being lifted, Ron undertook to chase this work on.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neil asked about introducing a 20mph speed limit in the village similar to what seems to have been proposed for Dingwall. Cllr Cockburn advised that the 20mph limit in Dingwall was only a temporary measure due to the Covid 19 pandemic. He also confirmed that introducing such a limit in any town or village is not a simple process.</li> <li>• Neil also raised the issue of making the speed limit on the A834 between Blairninich and Strathpeffer a 40mph speed instead of 60mph. This has been suggested before but has not moved forward. Ron agreed to write to the Roads team at HC.</li> </ul>	<p>Ron.</p> <p>Ron.</p>
15.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 5 August 2020 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call</p>	<p>All</p>
<p><b>Date: 03/07/20</b></p>		