

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
4 March 2020 at 7:30 pm in
Strathpeffer Community Centre

Date:	Wednesday 4 March 2020
Time:	19:30
Location:	Community Centre
Present (members):	Val McGregor, Archie Macnab, Ron McAulay and Neil Moscrop
Present (public, officials and HC members):	Bruce Messer, Walter and Sandra Fleming and Val Moffat
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan, Gail Maclean, Duncan MacPhail and Cllr Ian Cockburn
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	-
2.	<p>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</p> <p>Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village Still to be completed.</p> <p>Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend.</p> <p>Christmas Lights The work on the old "Seasons Greeting" light will be carried out later this year when the weather is warmer.</p> <p>Phone Box No action yet taken to buy the paint.</p> <p>Overgrown hedges 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 and Walter</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron/ Archie</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron</p>

3.	<p>Kirkan Wind Farm – Proposal for shared ownership - update</p> <p>Ron advised that a further meeting of the various community councils that may benefit from this initiative has been organised for Monday 23/3/20 at 7pm in Garve. Ron will attend and asked the other members of the CC to advise if they wished to come along too. Further updates will be given after that meeting has been held.</p>	Ron.
4.	<p>Village Community Plan – Strathpeffer and District Development Trust (S&DDT)</p> <p>Following the discussion at the last meeting, Ron had discussed the way forward with Archie and they had agreed to withdraw the application to OSCR to create a SCIO. The way forward will now be to set up a limited company. Once the company has been established and our method of operation is clear, we will then consider applying for charitable status. The application to set up a limited company will be made once Ron has cleared his feet with regards to the works in the Square – see below.</p>	Ron
5.	<p>Heritage Lottery fund – proposed joint village application</p> <p>A proposal to make a joint application to this fund was discussed and supported. Initially the groups that will be invited to discuss what the application might fund will be those listed below:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Council • Community Centre • Pavilion Group • The Park group (Residents’ Association) • Shinty Club • Museum of Childhood <p>Ron will contact the relevant people and set up a meeting to discuss the matter further. He will keep the CC advised of progress.</p>	Ron
6.	<p>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – Square Project</p> <p>A detailed update on progress with the various works in the Square was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning permission – the three conditions contained with the planning decision notice have now been discharged and works can begin on those elements of the works that do not require a building warrant. • The building control team have requested one further piece of information that has now been provided to them. It is hoped the building warrant will be issued shortly. This warrant will cover the gazebo and the canopy. • The pressure washing of the pavements and walls within the Square will commence on Monday 9/3/20 and last for three or four days. • The works involved in creating a one way system through the Square which includes the extension of the pavement area outside the Deli will commence on site on Monday 6/4/20. • A gardening contractor has been appointed. It is a local gardener. • The works involved in excavating and forming a foundation slab for the gazebo will commence on site on Monday 23/3/20 and will make use of volunteer labour. • Tenders have been issued for the fabrication and erection of the gazebo frame. • Tenders have also been issued for the provision of a timber pitched roof to the gazebo and the slating of that roof. • We still have to issue tenders for the fountain refurbishment works and for the white lining works in the car park beside Square Wheels but further investigation works are required first. <p>All agreed that good progress was being made but as before, there is still a lot to do.</p>	Ron.

7.	<p>Bus Service – proposed changes</p> <p>Ron reported that a joint meeting of the various Community Councils had been arranged for Monday 10/3/20 at 7pm in Strathpeffer Community Centre to discuss this matter further. Ron will attend but any other members of the CC would also be welcome. He will update the rest of the CC on the matters discussed.</p>	Ron.
8.	<p>Police Report – recent ASBO issues</p> <p>The regular Police report had been circulated previously. There were no major issues to note. However, Sandra advised that the local community Police officer had visited her to check if there had been any further incidents. Give the recent weather it was not surprising that there had not been any more incidents. This matter will be monitored going forward.</p>	-
9.	<p>Strath Times – Reintroduction - update</p> <p>Archie updated all present on his application to the Correimoille wind farm fund for funds to pay for the software required to produce the Strath Times and to pay for the first two print runs. It is hoped that after the first two print runs, the paper will become self-financing with firms paying for advertising space.</p> <p>Ron agreed to meet with Bruce to discuss a range of stories that could be used.</p> <p>The paper will be used to remind people of the existence of the website. Bruce reported that there had been an upturn in the number of hits on the website which was welcomed. All were reminded of the need to register on the website so that they would receive updates, etc. Trish has been providing Bruce with updates on events in the Community Centre and Bruce is putting these on the website.</p> <p>The issue of a shared calendar was mentioned and discussed. Once we have the Strath Times out, we will look at trying to get the common calendar set up.</p>	Ron/ Bruce All
10.	<p>Christmas Lights fund – update</p> <p>Another £103.65 has been collected in the jar at the RS McColl's shop. This money has been deposited in the bank account. Hopefully we will be able to buy another light later this year.</p>	-
11.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie confirmed that the balance had not changed since the last meeting.</p>	Archie
12.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pavilion Update Archie provided an update on progress with the purchase of the Pavilion by the community. All is now in place for the transfer to take place on the 31/3/20. Discussions have been going on with the managing agent (High Life Highland) and it is anticipated that they will continue in that role for a number of years. This news was welcomed by all present. • Local Community Hydro Schemes Neil advised of a scheme that appears to offer a good investment opportunity. He agreed to share a link to the relevant website. 	- Neil
13.	<p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 8 April 2020 at 7:30pm.</p>	All
Date: 05/03/20		