

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on 4 December 2019 at 7:30 pm in Strathpeffer Community Centre

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| Date: | Wednesday 4 December 2019 |
| Time: | 19:30 |
| Location: | Community Centre |
| Present (members): | Gail Maclean, Ron McAulay, Val McGregor and Duncan MacPhail |
| Present (public, officials and HC members): | Bruce and Mandy Messer, Val and Andy Moffat and Walter Fleming |
| Apologies: | Archie Macnab, Peter Maclellan, Neil Moscrop and Cllr Ian Cockburn |
| Declaration of interest: | None. |
| Appointment of Minute Secretary: | Ron McAulay |

| Agenda items | | Actions |
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| 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>Contact details for Colin Howell and Alan Fraser at Highland Council Ron had passed on the contact details. Matter closed.</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 It was noted that the lights had now been installed and were lit. Lots of positive comments had been received and those involved were thanked for their input. It was noted that the old "Seasons Greeting" light is currently hanging in Archie's barn as it is faulty. It is hoped that we might be able to fix it with assistance from Dingwall CC who have the spare parts needed.</p> | <p>Ron and Walter</p> <p>-</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron/ Archie</p> |

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| | <p>Phone Box It had been agreed that we would re-paint this phone box post office red. 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> | Ron Ron |
| 3. | <p>Village Community Plan – Strathpeffer and District Development Trust (S&DDT) Ron updated all on progress with setting up this trust which will be a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). He had made contact with the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) and they had confirmed that our application had passed through the preliminary stages without any issues. They aim to determine the application within 90 days of applying. At this stage our application had been in for approx. 45 days.</p> <p>Once the S&DDT is created we will be asking for members of the community to become members of the S&DDT. We will also be seeking additional trustees to serve on the board.</p> | - |
| 4. | <p>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – Square Project Ron updated all present on progress with this project. The planning application was submitted back on the 30 October 2019 and the application is now winding its way through the process. The proposal has been advertised. All contributions from the private shop owners had been paid into the CC bank account. The cost of the share of the planning application which has been met from CC funds is £81 which is considered to be very good value.</p> <p>The TCF grant award letter had not yet arrived but contact with the TCF team at Highland Council indicated that it was due to be posted out in the next few days.</p> <p>Ron is in the process of splitting the work into packages that will be tendered out to suitable contractors for delivering the work. He is also trying to make contact with the Building Control team to determine if a building warrant will be required.</p> <p>Ron had also been in contact with the Roads team at HC about the proposals and so far had not had any concerns raised.</p> <p>Ron agreed to send Bruce Messer a copy of the submitted drawings so that they could be made available on the website.</p> | Ron Ron. |
| 5. | <p>Speeding through the village – speed warning lights As a result of contact with Sustrans about this issue, further contact had been made with Ross Bartlett at Highland Council. He had expressed an interest in setting out three speed monitoring points on the A834 as it passes through the village. Details of these three points were shared with the CC and all present. It was hoped this data gathering might lend some wait to the HC supporting the introduction of two speed warning lights.</p> <p>The subject moved on to the possibility of introducing a 20mph speed limit within the village. Ron agreed to speak to Sustrans for advice on such a proposal. It was also suggested that the speed limit between Fodderty/Blairninch and the Village should be reduced to 40mph rather than have a 40mph limit followed by a short section of 60mph limit then a 30mph limit.</p> | Ron. |
| 6. | <p>Police Report – recent ASBO issues Following the discussion at the last meeting about some ASBO issues in the village, Ron had contacted PC Ross Perry. He had advised that the meeting of all the parents concerned had not taken place however, PC Perry was hopeful that the message had got across to those concerned as there had not been any further complaints.</p> | |

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| | The regular Police report was shared with all present. | |
| 7. | <p>Tanker Road Accident on the A834 at Jamestown</p> <p>Ron noted that this accident had taken place a number of weeks previously and as yet the damage to the wall had not been repaired. This meant that temporary traffic lights were still in operation causing disruption to motorists. Ron has written to HC roads team asking when the matter will be resolved.</p> | - |
| 8. | <p>Electric Vehicle Charging Points in the Village Square</p> <p>It was noted that two electric vehicle charging points will be installed by HC in the area to the west of the main Square outside the roundel buildings. These two units will be able to charge four vehicles and will take up the equivalent of six parking spaces. All welcomed this proposal which is due for installation in the Spring of 2020.</p> | - |
| 9. | <p>Strath Times – Reintroduction</p> <p>It was noted that Bruce Messer had agreed to take on the role of editor for the Strath Times. All were advised to send Bruce stories for inclusion in the first edition. Bruce can be contacted through the website – info@strathpeffer.org.</p> <p>Various ideas for sources for articles were suggested one of which was Carolyn Ritchie at the school for stories and updates from the school. It was also noted that Mark Monaghan at Cromartie Buildings would probably have the original template for the paper.</p> <p>A discussion followed on whether or not the free paper would be delivered to all households. This discussion did not come to any firm conclusions and Ron agreed to discuss the matter with Trish who was involved in the distribution of the paper previously. He will keep Bruce advised.</p> | All Ron. |
| 10. | <p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie had provided an updated spreadsheet showing the current financial status of the CC bank account. With all bills paid the account is looking healthy.</p> | Archie |
| 11. | <p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ron reported that he had had further contact from the developers of the Kirkan Wind Farm asking if we wanted to invest in it. Such an investment should provide a good regular return for the CC. As the CC did not have funds to invest, Ron had been advised to contact Local Energy Scotland who may offer grants for such matters. Ron advised that he was in the process of contacting LES to determine if there were such grants available. Gulley Sucker/street sweeper – it was noted that the gulley sucker had been in the village recently however, it was thought it was only sucking up leaves from the roadside rather than clearing out gulleys. It was pointed out that the silver birch tree beside the roundel building in the Square close to Golf Course Road was in need of felling. The tree is threatening the building and the root system is lifting the grating causing a tripping hazard. It was hoped this may be addressed by the TCF Square project. | Ron. |
| 12. | <p>Date of Next Meeting:</p> <p>Wednesday 8 January 2020 at 7:30pm.</p> | - |
| Date: 06/12/19 | | |