

# STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on  
4 November 2020 at 7:30 pm by  
Zoom video call

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 4 November 2020
<b>Time:</b>	19:30
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom video call
<b>Present (members):</b>	Archie Macnab, Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop, Val Macgregor and Peter Maclellan.
<b>Present (public, officials and HC members):</b>	Cllr Ian Cockburn of HC.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Duncan Macphail and Gail Maclean
<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> Thanks to Ian Stennet of Red Squirrel Tree Surgeons another trailer load of chippings has been made available for the area in advance of this sign. Peter and Ron have now transported these chippings to the site and spread them and this work is now considered finished. Item closed.</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>The old “Seasons Greetings” Christmas Lights</b> The old “Seasons Greetings” light is still at Archie’s croft. Due to issues with Covid 19, this sign has not yet been repaired. It is now likely that the repairs will not be done until next year.</p> <p><b>Phone Box</b> No action yet taken to buy the paint.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron/ Archie &amp; Peter</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ron</p>

	<p><b>Overgrown hedges</b> Ron still to contact the owners. Otherwise all items were noted as either closed or were covered by items on the agenda.</p>	Ron
3.	<p><b>Next Edition of the Strath Times</b> Ron confirmed that the next edition of the Strath times was being prepared. Thanks were expressed to both Miranda and Bruce for their hard work. All were reminded that there was still time to feed through any ideas for stories for this next edition.</p>	All
4.	<p><b>Kirkan Wind Farm – Proposed Shared Ownership</b> All were reminded that this was a long term issue and unsurprisingly there has been no progress since the last meeting.</p>	Ron
5.	<p><b>Strathroy Wind Farm</b> A video conference meeting of the various CCs that surround this wind farm was held immediately prior to this meeting. Ron had joined that meeting. The key points agreed at the meeting were as follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The funding available to communities under the proposed community benefit scheme (CBF) will be £5,000 per MW produced. This equates to approx. £190,000 per annum <b>if</b> the development is granted planning permission at the capacity proposed at present. The various communities have advised that they think this sum should be index linked. The developer has yet to agree to the index linking.</li> <li>• The beneficiaries of this CBF will be the seven CCs that have contiguous boundaries with the host CC, along with the host CC which is Ardross CC.</li> </ul> <p>Another meeting will be held in January 2021 to discuss how the CBF will be distributed amongst the beneficiaries. Ron will attend this meeting and keep all posted on progress.</p>	Ron
6.	<p><b>Heritage Lottery fund – proposed joint village application</b> An update on progress was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A successful video meeting was held with a number of representatives of different groups from around the village. A copy of the presentation used in the meeting is available on the village website – <a href="http://www.strathpeffer.org">www.strathpeffer.org</a>.</li> <li>• The next steps will involve: issuing a press release to publicise the group and its proposals; and a survey of the community to gauge the level of support from within the community for what is proposed. This will help support the application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.</li> </ul>	
7.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – Square Project</b> 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>• A <u>formal</u> variation request to amend the planning permission has been submitted. This variation seeks approval to remove the harling on the main buildings in the Square and repoint the exposed stonework as opposed to replacing the harling.</li> <li>• The steel frame of the gazebo has been erected.</li> <li>• The contractor who will construct the roof of the gazebo has ordered the trusses.</li> <li>• A new safer secure cover box for the electrics controlling the waterfall cascade and the lights around the gazebo is to be ordered.</li> <li>• The floor for the gazebo will be ordered after the roof has been installed.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Joint Bus Study with neighbouring Community Councils</b> Contin CC has confirmed that they are seeking funding for additional bus services at key times of the day to serve Contin. As they are a CC, they need assistance with being able to enter into long term contracts and were in touch with us about using the new Development</p>	

	Trust we are setting up as a vehicle for doing so. While we were happy to help, our Trust is not yet in place and so they will ask the trust at Garve in the meantime.	
9.	<b>Christmas Lights – additional ones</b> Ron confirmed that the sockets for the new lights were due to be installed very soon on the allocated lampposts. The HC team has also confirmed that they will install all the lights this year at a cost of £90 plus VAT. <b>(Post meeting note: The lights will be put up on Monday 16/11/20.)</b>	
10.	<b>Financial Position of the CC</b> Archie confirmed that he had prepared and shared an updated financial statement for the bank account. This statement is attached to the notes of the AGM which followed this meeting. In summary, the bank account remains in good shape. Archie will now submit these accounts to HC so that we can receive the regular annual support grant.	Archie
11.	<b>Any other business</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Trimming trees around the Gazebo</b> It was noted that some of the branches on some of the trees around the gazebo will need trimmed. Ron and Peter agreed to look at what was needed.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Tree and Christmas lights in the trees</b> Peter and Val will organise this work.</li> <li>• <b>Christmas Events in the Square</b> Archie advised that he had been contacted by the group of mums and dads who had organised the Halloween night in the Square. They are planning something similar to celebrate Christmas. It was suggested that Archie should advise them to contact Trish at the Community Centre as there appear to be similar plans there. It was also noted that the Deli was planning something similar.</li> </ul>	Ron and Peter  Peter and Val  Archie
12.	<b>Date of Next Meeting:</b> Wednesday 2 December 2020 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call	All
<b>Date: 7/11/20</b>		