

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Date:	Wednesday 7 October 2020
Time:	19:30
Location:	Zoom video call
Present (members):	Archie Macnab, Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop, Val Macgregor and Duncan Macphail.
Present (public, officials and HC members):	Cllr Ian Cockburn of HC present for whole meeting. Murdo Maclellan of Forestry and Land Scotland present for the early items.
Apologies:	Peter Maclellan and Gail Maclean
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	
2.	<p>Guest – Murdo Maclellan – Forestry and Land Scotland</p> <p>Murdo was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that he was responsible for the planning, managing and general stewardship of the forestry in our area. He was not responsible for the harvesting of forestry. The key forests in our area are Ord, Blackmuir and Torrachilty. He was interested to know of any issues and suggested that he become the key point of contact for enquiries and issues. A discussion followed, the key points of which were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The CC welcomed the work of keeping paths clear of overgrown vegetation that had been carried out in recent years. It was hoped this would be continued. - Ron asked if Forest and Land Scotland had maps available setting out the walks in the forests in our area that could be adapted by the CC for use by visitors and tourists. - Murdo confirmed that both Ord and Blackmuir had been replanted and the growth should become evident in the next couple of years. - Murdo asked all to advise him of any ASBO issues with motor bikes and quads using the roads illegally. He pointed out that forestry roads are classed as public roads and 	<p>Murdo</p> <p>All</p>

	<p>therefore vehicles have to be insured, taxed and to MOT standard. Murdo was thanked for joining the meeting. It was agreed that Ron would share his email address with the other members of the CC.</p>	Ron
3.	<p>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda: Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village A source for further free chippings has been found and more chippings will be delivered in the coming weeks. Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend. The old “Seasons Greetings” Christmas Lights The old “Seasons Greetings” light is still at Archie’s croft and arrangements will be made to get it fixed in the coming weeks. Ron to speak to Peter and Archie.</p> <p>Phone Box No action yet taken to buy the paint. Overgrown hedges Ron still to contact the owners. 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 & Peter</p> <p>Ron</p> <p>Ron</p>
4.	<p>Next AGM of the CC After a brief discussion, it was agreed that the next AGM of the CC would be held at the start of the next meeting of the CC which is due to be held on Wednesday 4/11/20.</p>	All
5.	<p>Transfer of the ownership of the Pavilion to the Community Archie updated all on the transfer of ownership of the Pavilion. The Pavilion was transferred some months ago but the gardens have only recently been transferred (15/9/20). The group are now considering various plans for what they will do with the different parts of the Pavilion and gardens. At this time, general maintenance works are being carried out by volunteers and the gardens are being tidied up for the winter. If anyone wants to assist with this volunteering work they should contact Archie or the group. On the pump room, it is currently being used to store equipment for the gardens but will require alterations to install toilets, etc. before any firm long term decisions are made about it. Archie also advised that they had appointed Felix Spittel as their Development Officer. He will be based in the Pavilion building once the office has been refurbished and will work two days per week – Monday and Friday.</p>	
6.	<p>Next Edition of the Strath Times Ron confirmed that the latest edition of the Strath times had been published. Thanks were expressed to both Miranda and Bruce for their hard work. All were asked to feed through any ideas for stories for the next edition.</p>	All
7.	<p>Kirkan Wind Farm – Proposed Shared Ownership It was noted this was a long term issue and that there had been no progress since the last meeting.</p>	Ron
8.	<p>Strathroy Wind Farm Ron checked that all had received the latest presentation slides from Energie Kontor (the developer of this wind farm). A meeting of the various CCs that surround this wind farm will be held virtually on a date towards the end of October/beginning of November. Ron confirmed that he would attend and asked if anyone else wanted to attend too.</p>	Ron
9.	<p>Heritage Lottery fund – proposed joint village application This group continues to make steady progress and a special meeting which will be open to as</p>	

	<p>disabled/delivery parking space so that both vans delivering and disabled badge holders could use it. Ron agreed to investigate how this might be achieved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Request from a member of the community A request from a member of the community to erect a small plaque near to the gazebo in the Square was discussed and a way forward suggested. Ron will discuss this with the person. 	Ron
15.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 4 November 2020 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call</p>	All
Date: 9/10/20		