

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
2 June 2021 at 7:30 pm by Zoom
video call

Date:	Wednesday 2 June 2021
Time:	19:30
Location:	Zoom video call
Present (members):	Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop, Val Macgregor, and Archie Macnab
Present (public, officials and HC members):	Cllr Ian Cockburn
Apologies:	Gail Maclean, Ali Wood and Peter Maclellan
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	
2.	Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda: Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend. Phone Box No action yet taken to buy the paint. Otherwise, all items were noted as either closed or were covered by items on the agenda.	Ron Ron
3.	Scottish Opera – Pop up concert in Strathpeffer on 17/7/21 It was confirmed that Scottish opera had been in contact with Lindsay Rock from the Pavilion group and this concert was now confirmed.	
4.	Strathroy Wind Farm – update from joint CC meetings A brief update was given by Ron on the discussions that had been taking place to determine how the community benefit fund would be distributed. Of the eight CC's involved, three were now in agreement with one expressing no clear view. Strathpeffer CC is one of the three.	

	<p>The other four CC's all had different views on the way to distribute it. If consensus cannot be obtained then the developer of the wind farm has indicated they will determine how to distribute the fund.</p>	
5.	<p>Heritage Lottery fund and the Development Trust – proposed joint village application update</p> <p>An update was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work continues to prepare the Expression of Interest. • The first AGM of the new Strathpeffer Community Development Trust has now been held and four new board members appointed to join those already on the board of the old Strathpeffer Community Association. The four new members are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Archie Macnab – representing the Pavilion group ○ Neil Moscrop – representing the Museum of Childhood ○ Dave Genney representing the Residents' Association, and ○ Ron McAulay representing the CC. 	
6.	<p>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – 2021</p> <p>Ron reported on <u>progress since the last meeting</u> with this fund as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All orders had been placed prior to the last meeting and we are simply waiting on the remaining items to be delivered – i.e. finger posts and road signs. • Once these items arrive, we will either organise volunteers to erect them or arrange for contractors to do so. If we are able to do the work ourselves, it is hoped we can use the funding available for other things. This will be the subject of discussion with the Town Centre Fund team at HC. <p>Ron will continue to progress these works as quickly as possible.</p>	Ron.
7.	<p>Recent flooding issues along with the condition of the roads in Strathpeffer</p> <p>Cllr Cockburn had recently organised a site meeting with representatives from the Roads team at HC. Various items of work had been identified that would help to alleviate the impact of these flooding events and the HC team had already started work on some of these items. A list of these items is shown as Appendix 1 to these minutes.</p> <p>While it is hoped that these items of work will help the situation, it is recognised that a proper study of the drainage system in Strathpeffer is required to produce a suitable long term solution to the problem. The CC will continue to push for this long term solution.</p> <p>During the discussion on this matter, the following additional points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the Square there are two trees that are causing issues with roots raising steel gratings which in turn are causing tripping hazards. These two trees are located beside the new ice cream shop and opposite the RS McColls shop. It was agreed that these two trees should be removed and replaced with trees of a more suitable type that will not cause problems in the future. It is hoped this work will be progressed by the HC Roads team shortly. • While the work proposed above is very welcome, there are issues with flooding at Achterneed with the gullies needing cleaned out. The same applies to the Blairninich and Fodderty area. Ron will advise the Roads team. • In Ardival Road there are a number of bad potholes needing attention. Ron will also advise the Roads team of these issues. <p>Ian Cockburn also agreed to raise these points with the Roads team.</p>	Ron Ron Ian Cockburn
	<p>Transfer of Gazebo to Strathpeffer Community Development Trust</p> <p>A proposal to have the land upon which the gazebo sits transferred to the new Development Trust was discussed. The proposal initially involved only the land immediately below and</p>	

8.	adjacent to the gazebo but the HC had suggested the Trust may wish to take on the entire Square. After much discussion, it was agreed that the CC had no issue with transferring any ownership of the gazebo itself from the CC to the new Trust however, as regards the extent of the land involved in any transfer, there should be more of a formal assessment of the pros and cons of doing so to check that the Trust was not taking on a liability it could not fund. Clearly this will have to be discussed by the Trust board itself. Ron agreed to take this to the Trust board for discussion once further information from the HC was available.	Ron.
9.	Inner Moray Firth Active Travel Master Plan – Consultation As not everybody had had the chance to read this consultation before the meeting, it was agreed that Ron would discuss the matter with Ali and prepare a suitable response. In general, the CC is in favour of active travel proposals.	Ron and Ali.
10.	Financial Position of the CC Archie provided a verbal update on the accounts of the CC. The bank balance remains healthy.	
11.	Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Scottish Water proposing to return to carry out further work on the A834 Scottish Water had been in touch with Peter to advise of further works required on the main sewer coming down the A834. The location of these works is at the bottom of Garden House Brae. They will be significantly disruptive preventing traffic passing through the village. After much discussion, it was agreed that Ron would speak to them about planning the works for around late October/November to avoid the busier tourist season and minimising the disruption. 	Ron
12.	Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 7 July 2021 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call	All
Date: 5/6/21		

APPENDIX 1

NOTE OF ACTIONS AGREED WITH THE ROADS TEAM OF HC FOLLOWING THEIR SITE VISIT TO STRATHPEFFER ON WEDNESDAY 19/5/21

(NB. Text in black is the note of the action. The text in red is the response from the Roads team.)

1. The section of Golf Course Road from the A834 up to the junction where the Care Home is located will be completely resurfaced. Some interim repairs were organised for later on on the day of the visit. – I have spoken again with Pat Munro's (surfacing contractor) to arrange a firm date for Golf course Road, as soon as I have a firm date, you will have it.
2. From the old car servicing garage, down Kinettas Square past the White House (owned by Walter and Sandra Fleming) and onwards to and within the Square, there were a number of gullies that are blocked. These will need the gully sucker to clear them out. – the lads agreed to work Friday (yesterday) to attend to this, I will get an update from them and forward it to you early next week.
3. Near the garage on Kinettas Square, there are two points where the main storm drain is partially blocked (probably by tree roots). These two points will either need a root cutter to clear them out or will need excavated and replaced. – I have ordered the root cutter and gully sucker to see if it makes a difference, I hope to do this next Friday if the lads play ball.
4. In the Square, there are two trees where the roots have dislodged the gratings around the trees and created tripping hazards. Both these trees should be replaced with more suitable varieties of trees that will not create problems in the future. I agreed to discuss the replacement of these trees with the Community

Council and you agreed to discuss this with the appropriate people within the HC to get the necessary approvals. - Agreed

5. On the A834, more resurfacing is planned which is very welcome. – Pat Munro's reckon they can attend to this before Golf Course Road, so should be on the cards for the next few weeks – I will confirm and let you know.
6. Finally, we met with Bruce and Mandy Messer who live at the east end of the A834, in the second house on the left as you drive into the village from Dingwall. It was agreed that you would organise for the kerb on the corner at the junction of the A834 and the road to the Station, to be raised to divert flood water away from their house/garden. You also suggested forming a cement/concrete chamfer along the base of the old stone wall on the road side to divert water away from the wall. – Agreed, this will go some way to diverting the water, I will programme it as soon as I can spare the men from the capital overlay works.

End.