

# STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

<b>Date:</b>	Wednesday 2 December 2020
<b>Time:</b>	19:30
<b>Location:</b>	Zoom video call
<b>Present (members):</b>	Archie Macnab, Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop and Val Macgregor.
<b>Present (public, officials and HC members):</b>	Cllr Ian Cockburn of HC.
<b>Apologies:</b>	Peter Maclellan, 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.	<b>Resignation:</b> Ron advised all present that Duncan Macphail had informed him earlier that day that he had decided to resign as a community councillor. All asked Ron to pass on their thanks to Duncan for his contribution and to wish him well for the future. In the subsequent discussion, it was agreed that we should try and opt another member onto the community council. Ron suggested the name of a person who had expressed an interest in joining and all agreed that he should speak to that person to see if they would be interested. Ron undertook to advise Dot Ferguson of Duncan's decision.	Ron.
3.	<b>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</b> <b>Strathpeffer Sign at east end of village</b> Since the last meeting another load of chippings had been delivered to the site of this sign and had been spread by Ron and Alison Munro. This work is now finished. <b>Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC</b> Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend.	-  Ron

	<p><b>The old “Seasons Greetings” Christmas Lights</b> An update on this item was given under the relevant item on the agenda. More detail given below.</p> <p><b>Phone Box</b> No action yet taken to buy the paint.</p> <p><b>Overgrown hedges</b> 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
4.	<p><b>Winter Edition of the Strath Times</b> Ron advised that the winter edition of the Strath times had now been published and was available in hard copy at the RS McColls, Hairdressers, Deli, Community Centre, Museum café and Museum shop. It is also available on line on the www.strathpeffer.org website. Thanks were expressed to both Miranda and Bruce for their hard work.</p>	-
5.	<p><b>Strathroy Wind Farm</b> There had been no further discussions on this windfarm since the last meeting of the Community Council. However, all were reminded that another meeting of all the CC’s affected by this proposal will be held in January 2021. The purpose of that meeting will be to discuss how the Community Benefit Fund will be distributed amongst the beneficiaries. Ron will attend this meeting and keep all posted on progress. However, if anyone else wants to join him at the meeting they would be welcome.</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>Two additional projects had been added to the proposed list. These include a large shed to house the rowing club skiffs which would also be a community asset used by the CC to house the christmas lights, the Peffery Way Association to house electric trishaws and the Museum of Childhood to use for maintaining and building items for the gardens at the station. This shed would become a form of “Men’s shed” facility and could prove very worthwhile. The second project was the potential refurbishment of the old Hallie on the Heights which is an important community asset. An inspection of the Hallie will be carried out in the following days to try and estimate how much it may cost to refurbish it.</li> <li>The draft questionnaire for the village survey has been prepared and will be issued once a press release has been issued and published.</li> <li>The application to the Heritage Lottery Fund will be made by the Development Trust for Strathpeffer. The next steps have been taken to establish that Development Trust. At a special general meeting of the Strathpeffer Community Association (SCA) which owns the Community Centre, it was agreed that the SCA would take on the role of a development trust. Revised memorandum of association have now been drafted and submitted to both Companies House and the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator (OSCR) for approval.</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>Still no response to the formal application to vary the planning permission to allow us to remove the harling from the façade of the buildings and repoint the stonework instead of replacing the harling.</li> <li>The trusses for the roof of the gazebo have been delivered to site.</li> <li>The scaffolding has also been erected and Heras fencing erected around the site to</li> </ul>	

	<p>keep it safe.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Still no firm date for when the roof will be installed.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – 2021</b>  Ron updated all present on progress with the process of applying for more funding under the TCF for 2021. A list of potential projects has been prepared and submitted to the team at Highland Council. The committee are due to meet and make decisions on which projects will be approved in mid-January. Ron agreed to circulate the list of projects.</p>	Ron.
9.	<p><b>Christmas Lights – including the “Strathpeffer” and “Seasons Greetings” signs</b>  The Christmas lights were erected on Tuesday 17/11/20. All agreed that they were looking very good. One light (on Golf Course Road) is not working but the lighting team are coming back to fix the problem.  Ron advised that a local person had volunteered to look at and fix the old “Strathpeffer” and “Seasons Greetings” signs for us. So far he has completely replaced the lights that form the word “Strathpeffer” on that sign. He has some last bits and pieces to do on that sign before it is ready to erect but we are hopeful that it will be ready in the next week or two to go up. If all goes to plan, he will fix the other sign too but it may not be done in time for this Christmas. The materials required to fix these signs have so far been very generously donated by Dingwall CC. However, some other bits and pieces will be required. Ron and Archie will order these parts once we know what is required.</p>	Ron and Archie
10.	<p><b>Financial Position of the CC</b>  Archie advised that we had received the EDF funding for the additional Christmas lights and that some payments would be made shortly. Overall the bank balance remains reasonably positive.</p>	Archie
11.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed Ward changes in HC by the Boundary Commission</b>  Ian Cockburn outlined the proposed ward boundary changes being suggested by the Boundary Commission. The key concern about these proposals was that Strathpeffer along with Contin and Garve would find themselves falling into the Dingwall and Seaforth ward. All agreed that this was not something that would be beneficial to Strathpeffer and District and it was agreed that we would write to object. Others within the community would also be encouraged to express their views.</li> <li>• <b>Request for funds from the micro grant scheme</b>  The same group who organised the Halloween event in the Pavilion Gardens earlier in the year had requested a similar amount (£300) to support a Christmas event in the village for local kids. All agreed to this contribution to support this event.</li> </ul>	All  Archie
12.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting:</b>  Wednesday 6 January 2020 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call</p>	All
<b>Date: 3/12/20</b>		