

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
6 January 2021 at 7:30 pm by
Zoom video call

Date:	Wednesday 6 January 2021
Time:	19:30
Location:	Zoom video call
Present (members):	Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop, Val Macgregor, Ali Wood and Peter Maclellan
Present (public, officials and HC members):	Cllr Ian Cockburn of HC.
Apologies:	Gail Maclean and Archie Macnab
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	
2.	Appointment of new Community Councillor Ali Wood was welcomed to the meeting. All present confirmed that they were content for Ali to be co-opted onto the Community Council. Ron undertook to advise Dot Ferguson at HC.	Ron.
3.	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. Overgrown hedges Ron still to contact the owners. Christmas Lights Ron confirmed that the Christmas tree had been taken down that day. However, the lights on the lampposts will possibly have to remain in place until the Covid restrictions are lifted. The Lighting teams are only allowing one person in the basket of the cherry picker at a time and	Ron Ron Ron

	<p>removing the lights from the poles requires two. Once restrictions are lifted they will be taken down and put back into store.</p> <p>Otherwise all items were noted as either closed or were covered by items on the agenda.</p>	
4.	<p>Boundary Commission proposals to change ward boundaries</p> <p>All were reminded of the note circulated previously by Ian Cockburn about the proposed ward boundary changes. The deadline for responding to the consultation is the 26 January 2021 and all were encouraged to respond and to encourage others to respond.</p>	All
5.	<p>Strathroy Wind Farm</p> <p>The meeting of all the CC's affected by this proposal has been organised for 28 January 2021. The purpose of the meeting is to determine how the community benefit fund will be shared amongst the agreed beneficiaries. Some of the community councils involved have shared ideas of how this might be done which include issues such as distance from the farm and population numbers. It was clear from the email discussion that there is no clear agreement as yet. Ron confirmed he would 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>Heritage Lottery fund – proposed joint village application</p> <p>An update on progress was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> As an alternative to one of the recently added projects (discussed at the last meeting of the CC), it has been suggested that we should purchase the empty office building known as Peffery House which is located down at the station. This building could then be converted to accommodate the shared workshop facility proposed at the last meeting. The upper floor could also be converted to create either shared office space or a bunk house facility which might generate revenue. Ron has been in early discussions with the Land Trust about funding and has tracked down an address for the owner. He has written to the owner to see if he is willing to sell. He agreed to keep everyone posted on progress at future meetings. Post meeting note: The draft questionnaire/survey about the Strathpeffer Together Initiative for the village has been prepared and issued. It is available on the village website – www.strathpeffer.org. All should encourage as many people as possible to complete the survey. Deadline for responses is 15/1/21. 	
7.	<p>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – Square Project</p> <p>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"> 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. The roof of the gazebo has now been installed however, the rainwater downpipes, handrails and finials have yet to be completed. The flooring has been ordered and will be installed later in January or February depending on the current pandemic restrictions. The new safety cover around the electricity distribution box has still be fabricated and installed but the scaffolding around the gazebo was holding up this work. Otherwise the work covered by the TCF 2020 has largely been completed. The final spend will be very close to the full amount available under the grant. 	
8.	<p>Town Centre Fund (TCF) – 2021</p> <p>It was noted that the committee was due to meet on the 14/1/21 to discuss the allocation of these funds for 2021. It was thought that it would be between ourselves and Ullapool as the only two communities who qualify for this funding located within the ward. It was pointed out</p>	

	<p>that one of the projects proposed was for the erection of “Brown tourist” signs at Contin and refreshing the old ones outside the village. This would address a long standing issue that the CC had been talking about for some time.</p> <p>Ron agreed to send Ali a copy of the list of projects proposed for the TCF fund and also for the Strathpeffer Together Initiative.</p>	Ron.
9.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>As Archie was not present there was no formal update however, it was thought that the bank balance was unlikely to have altered since the last meeting.</p>	Archie
10.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speeding through the village Neil raised the issue of speeding through the village. The Council Roads team had planned on installing the speed sensors that use cables across the road to monitor the current situation. However, due to the pandemic this had not happened. Ron agreed to follow this up and see when the cables might be installed. • Condition of Achterneed road and verges Val highlighted that this problem had not yet been resolved despite emails being sent previously. Ron agreed to follow this up too. 	Ron Ron
11.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 3 February 2021 at 7:30pm by Zoom Video call</p>	All
Date: 7/1/21		