

STRATHPEFFER COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Notes of meeting held on
1 September 2021 at 7:30 pm by
Zoom video call

Date:	Wednesday 1 September 2021
Time:	19:30
Location:	Zoom video call
Present (members):	Ron McAulay, Neil Moscrop, Val Macgregor (part), Alison Wood, Peter Maclellan and Archie Macnab
Present (public, officials and HC members):	Cllr Ian Cockburn
Apologies:	Gail Maclean
Declaration of interest:	None.
Appointment of Minute Secretary:	Ron McAulay

Agenda items		Actions
1.	Minutes of last meeting: Approved.	
2.	<p>Matters arising if not covered elsewhere on agenda:</p> <p>Representative from HC Community Services team to attend a meeting of the CC Ron had yet to organise for someone to attend.</p> <p>Strathroy Wind Farm Ron confirmed that he had lodged a supporting comment with the DPEA about the Strathroy planning appeal. Item closed.</p> <p>Strathpeffer.org Ron confirmed that he had spoken with Bruce about the website and Bruce had advised that he was coping with the issue and did not see any need to make changes at this time. Item closed.</p> <p>Otherwise, all items were noted as either closed or were covered by items on the agenda.</p>	Ron
3.	<p>Fin Graham – Silver medallist at the Tokyo Paralympics – Celebrating his achievement All agreed we should do something to mark this wonderful achievement by Fin. The following</p>	

	<p>actions were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alison will order a proper decent size of banner and will decide on suitable wording. Alison will speak to Clancy about baking a celebration cake. Alison will speak to her neighbour who is a piper to see if he could play for the event. Ron will draft a written piece for the website asking folk to meet in the Square to welcome Fin back on an agreed date. Ron will check with Drew and Dee what date would be best for this event. All will spread the word about meeting in the Square to congratulate Fin. 	<p>Alison Alison Alison Ron</p> <p>Ron ALL</p>
4.	<p>Laying a wreath on Remembrance Sunday</p> <p>Ron raised this issue and all agreed that we should purchase a wreath and arrange for someone to lay it on the appropriate day. Suggestions for the person to lay it included Archie and Bob Irvine (the former chair of the CC). Ron will speak to both.</p>	Ron.
5.	<p>Next Edition of the Strath Times</p> <p>The next edition of the Strath Times is ready to go to print and soft copies are available on the website. All agreed we should go for 250 printed copies this time. Ron to organise.</p>	Ron.
6.	<p>Heritage Lottery fund (HLF) – proposed joint village application update</p> <p>An update was given as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The HLF had rejected our Expression of Interest and suggested that given the amount being requested, we needed to do more to prove we had the experience to deliver the projects. We can resubmit in three months' time and one option may be to bid for the projects separately. A further meeting of the Strathpeffer Together group is scheduled for a couple of weeks from this date and we will discuss options then. Archie agreed to contact HIE, DTAS and other organisations that may be able to support our application. Ian confirmed that HC would be able to provide letters of support. <p>While disappointing, the team do not view this as being the end of the bid.</p>	Archie
7.	<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"> Three of the eight new fingerposts have been erected. These were erected by Compass free of charge. Ron is in discussion with volunteers to erect the other five. The drainage works being carried out by the Residents' Association on the play park are now finished. The funding saved by having Transport Scotland erect Brown Tourist signs at Contin on the A835 for free will allow for further finger signs and the replacement of the existing fingers on the existing poles in the Square. It will also allow for the purchase of a new Brown Tourist sign for the west end of the village – similar to the new one at the east end. The proposal to buy a Trishaw for use on the Peffery Way will cost a lot more than is available and would not fit with the work for which the grant was awarded. The trishaw proposal will also require a lot more planning. The option to put any saved funds towards an electronic noticeboard was mentioned. While the saved funds would not be enough to pay for the noticeboard, Ron agreed to talk to Fraser Mackenzie to see if it was worth trying to secure any savings so that they could be put towards such a noticeboard. 	Ron.
8.	<p>Boundary Commission – update on position</p> <p>Ron had shared the response received from Maree Todd MSP to his email about the Boundary Commission (BC). The proposals from the BC had to be approved by the Scottish</p>	

	Parliament. They can either approve or reject the proposals. They cannot make changes. Archie suggested that Ron should send similar emails to other MSPs. Ian agreed to send out contact details for all the local MSPs.	Ron and Ian.
9.	<p>Wild Camping – Erection of “No Overnight Parking” signs at both Kinellan and Blackmuir Wood access roads</p> <p>Ron gave an update on his discussions with the Forestry and Land Scotland about their pilot exercise to allow overnight camping at some of their sites. The outcome of this pilot will be known next year.</p> <p>Ron had not yet found out who had erected the signs at Kinellan and Alison offered to enquire on behalf of the CC. Ron will send her contact details for the Roads team at HC.</p>	Alison and Ron
10.	<p>Financial Position of the CC</p> <p>Archie confirmed that there remains a good healthy balance in the bank account however, part of the funds available is allocated towards the HLF bid.</p>	
11.	<p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference call with Police re Cyber Crime Ron had advised that he was due to join a call hosted by the Police on Monday evening at 7pm to discuss the threat of Cyber Crime. He was now unable to take that call and Peter volunteered to do it for him. Ron will send Peter the details. • Blocked Drain Gulleys on the A834 at Fodderty/Blairninich Archie raised this issue and Ian agreed to speak to the HC Roads team about it. • Traffic calming measures Neil had shared a short video of the traffic calming measures introduced in Farr. It was suggested that something similar in Strathpeffer would be useful. After some discussion it was agreed that Ron would write to Ian Moncreiff in HC roads team to get Strathpeffer on to his radar for measures such as these. It was noted that measures such as these required Traffic Orders which can be very time consuming. 	Peter and Ron Ian Ron
12.	<p>Date of Next Meeting: Wednesday 6 October 2021 at 7:30pm</p>	All
Date: 1/9/21		