


Mr Fraser Mackenzie  
Joint Chairperson  
Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Steering Group



Date: 18 January 2019



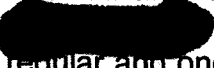
Dear Fraser

### **LETTER OF SUPPORT**

I write with regard to the Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Steering Group's funding application to take the venue into community ownership.

As you will be aware, High Life Highland (HLH) has been operating the Spa Pavilion in Strathpeffer on an interim basis while the building owners, Scottish Historic Buildings Trust (SHBT) offered the community a window opportunity to raise the funds to purchase the building.

The Spa Pavilion was commissioned by the Countess of Cromartie in the 19<sup>th</sup> century to serve as a social and entertainment centre for the many visitors to the Strathpeffer area. Since then ongoing developments have meant that the venue has become more versatile and able to welcome larger-scale entertainment, conferencing, weddings and events as well as smaller functions and meetings for community groups, organisations and local businesses.

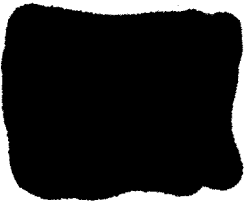
You will also be aware that HLH has been pleased to commit a Senior Manager,  to liaise directly with steering group since its inception to ensure regular and ongoing communication between our organisations; through this link the group will have the knowledge that HLH has worked to develop all aspects of the venue in terms of building the business; created a business plan up to 2020 and beyond (supported and funded by Highlands and Islands Enterprise) as well as working proactively to ensure events or activities taking place in other village locations are not displaced.

Taking all of the above into account, it has become clear during HLH's tenure and development of the business that the Pavilion is a vital part of both the local and wider Highland communities that it serves and it is therefore important that the historic venue is retained within the Strathpeffer community offering inter-generational opportunities across the various event types outlined above.

Although HLH, as the delivery organisation for culture, arts and facility management in the Highlands does not have capital or revenue funding for this project, it is well placed to support and assist the steering group in the future should it be successful in its funding application.

High Life Highland has welcomed the opportunity to work with the Strathpeffer Pavilion Community Steering Group since the group's inception and is very pleased to support its funding application to purchase the Pavilion from SHBT in order to see the venue taken back into community ownership.

Yours Sincerely



Ian Murray  
Chief Executive



Fraser Mackenzie  
Strathpeffer Pavilion Steering Group

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Date 17/01/19

**Letter of support for the Strathpeffer Pavilion Steering Group**

Dear Mr Mackenzie,

The Strathpeffer Community Association would like to offer support for the Strathpeffer Pavilion Steering Group in its application to become a community asset.

The Pavilion plays an important role historically, socially and economically within the village. The services it offers does not create any displacement of business at the Community Centre. It instead compliments the space we have available as we are able to offer additional space for clients when overspill is required. We are positive that we can continue to build on our business partnership in a way that benefits our community and local economy.

The steering groups work towards retaining the Pavilions status in the village and improving services will only benefit the community and visitors to the area.

Kind regards

  
Peter Walling  
Chairman of the Board  
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**The Chairman of S.P.C.S.G  
Fraser McKenzie,**



Dear Fraser,

Just a note to thank you and your committee for involving the B & B's in our Village.

Through our meetings it is apparent we can all work towards similar goals.

Your suggestion of quarterly meetings with all local businesses to implement ideas and partnerships for the whole of the community is a positive step forward.

The pavillion, being the main link within the community can only be beneficial for our village and we are delighted to be involved with it.

As indicated at our last meeting, the feasibility of a form of partnership from all businesses to support the pavillion would be a massive input to boost our footprint in the village.

We wish you every success and support for this project.

Regards



**Mrs Sandra Fleming**

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23 January 2019

# Holly *Lodge*

Dear Sir/Madam

As owner and operator of a B&B and self-catering unit in Strathpeffer, we are writing to emphasize what an import asset the Strathpeffer Pavilion is to the local business community. Holly Lodge B&B and Cottage rely heavily on trade generated by functions at the Pavilion, particularly weddings.

These events serve not just to increase custom during the summer months, but to extend bookings at either end of the season when trade is traditionally quiet.

The continuation of the custom provided by Strathpeffer Pavilion is essential to our business. For this reason, and for the fact that the best way to preserve this local landmark for the benefit of future generations is to ensure that it is managed sustainably, we support the work of the Strathpeffer Pavilion Steering Group to keep the Pavilion operating as a viable and successful business.

Yours faithfully



Andrew and Fiona Denovan

Holly Lodge

Strathpeffer 

**To whom it may concern**

**Re, Strathpeffer Pavilion buyout application Scottish Land Fund.**

**For Strathpeffer Community Steering Group.**

I am writing to confirm my full support for the Strathpeffer group in its application to the Scottish Land Fund to enable it to secure the funding to secure the Strathpeffer Pavilion and gardens. This would enable the community to develop this icon of a historical building and let them pursue the viability and sustainability of the site.

This building is the historical heart of the community and its loss to the community would have not only ramifications for the community itself but for the whole of Ross and Cromarty and beyond.

I consider that there are huge benefits that the buyout of the building would bring to the community of Strathpeffer and surrounds and its future generations, particularly in promoting the area, community capacity in building employment, training, educational opportunities, volunteering and participation. It would also preserve and enhance the unique natural and historical built heritage in Strathpeffer.

Strathpeffer is a small highland village with a fragile economy and is often by passed by the bulk of tourists that come to the Highlands, yet has many historical attractions a museum and castle.

**Dr Ian Cockburn Councillor  
(SNP)**

**Ward 6: Wester Ross, Strathpeffer & Lochalsh**

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**The pavilion is a centre piece of the attractions to the area's landscape, scenery, nature, wildlife, heritage, culture and identity, which would be greatly enhanced by many aspects of the Pavilion project if it was to reach its fruition.**

**Yours sincerely**

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**Dr Ian Cockburn**

**Cllr for Wester- Ross, Strathpeffer and Lochalsh.**