

Chair's Annual Report

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Welcome everyone to our 2021 Annual General Meeting.

It has been a busy year for us as Directors and staff at SFCT. We have welcomed new staff members: Tony our Manager, Caroline our Project Co-Ordinator, Carlene our Finance Officer and Mark our Facilities Manager. Our team also includes Laura and Steven who we wish to pass on our thanks to. We now have a fantastic team working together to get things done, manage and distribute the community benefit monies across lots of projects within our community.

We continue to collaborate with and support many different organisations in Stratherrick and Foyers, including our Community Council, BCC and Knockie Trust - who also do wonderful work. But this also includes smaller social groups, associations, and projects that you might be part of. We are really proud to be a part of a community which is thriving with active and growing groups, where there is hopefully something everyone can take part in. If you have a new idea for a group or project that you think would benefit the people of Stratherrick and Foyers then why not give it a go and we will be there to support you along the way.

A major part of our commitments over the last 12 months has been commissioning our <u>Community Action Plan</u>, which is now finalised and published for you all to read. We have worked hard alongside Nick Wright and his team to deliver your plan in a way which gives you ownership and opportunity to take any of the projects forward. It is an exciting plan which will help to bring health, happiness and prosperity to our community.

Our Directors and staff continue to drive forward each of our <u>Legacy Projects</u>, including The Wildside Centre, Riverside Field, Foyers Bay, Errogie Church, Communications and Broadband. You will shortly hear from each of the project leaders, who will give you a brief update and highlights from the last year. You will also hear from our Finance Director, who will give a run down of our <u>accounts</u>, after which there will be time for a quick question and answer session.

I would like to thank all of our Members and wider community for their input and support over the last 12 months – I know you will welcoming and supportive of the new Board as we go forward. The next 12 look to be very exciting, full of action and progress for current and future projects. Our Board would like to encourage you to volunteer some of your time, knowledge and skills in taking our Community Action Plan forward so please sign up to one of the Action Groups.

Thank you, Kirsty Balfour