

COMMUNITY BODIES IN STRATHDEARN – Summary as of September 2015

NAME	Strathdearn Community Council (SCC)	Strathdearn Charitable Community Trust (SCCT)	Strathdearn Community Developments Ltd (SCD)
What is their role?	To act as a voice for Strathdearn by gathering and expressing community views to Highland Council and other bodies and to take action in the interest of the community	To administer community benefit funds on behalf of the community. Can hold assets and employ or contract staff	To achieve sustainable regeneration through overseeing delivery of Strathdearn Community Development Plan. Can hold assets and employ or contract staff and contractors
Set up date?	1973	2006	2013
What do they own?	CCs cannot own assets	Raigbeg Green	Strathdearn Hall plus contents and grounds (including Sports Area and playground)
How are decisions made?	Makes representations on planning and other matters. Makes recommendations to SCCT and SCD	Receives recommendations from SCC – decisions made by Trustees have to be compliant with Deed and charitable purposes	Board decisions have to be compliant with Company law and charitable purposes. Some important decisions are voted on by company members as Special Resolutions
What is their legal structure?	CCs set up under the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 CCs are Statutory Consultee on planning applications and drinks licences	Trust Deed	Company Limited by Guarantee with memorandum and articles - owned and managed by the community. Incorporated under the Companies Act 2006
Charitable status?	No	Yes	Yes (2005 Act)
How am I represented?	Representative of everyone within Strathdearn (defined by post code area)	No members but acting on behalf of community in Strathdearn	Company membership free and open to everyone resident in Strathdearn
Councillors, Directors & Trustees	8 Councillors	10 Trustees	Board of 10 - 6 elected Directors, 2 nominated Directors and up to 2 Co-opted Directors
What are their duties? Can only serve on 2 of 3	Defined by CC Code of Conduct and constitution	Charity Trustee duties Open liability	Charity Trustee duties and Company Director duties. Limited liability
How are people appointed as Councillors Directors & Trustees?	Election- every 4 years People with right skills can be co-opted	Appointed by other Trustees	Annual elections from members One appointment each by SCC and SCCT People with right skills can be co-opted
Do they have any staff?	Secretary (Honorary)	Administrator	Dev. Officer, Company Secretary, Hall Administrator & Keeper (all self-employed)
AGM	Yes	Yes	Yes
Meetings	Monthly – open to public	Closed meetings	Mostly monthly – open to members
How do I get financial support?	Applications for support submitted on form – need to meet charitable purpose and be for benefit of Strathdearn people	Trustees give final approval – generally based on SCC recommendation	Funding mainly allocated for major charitable projects like new paths, hall and healthcare – includes some smaller projects