

Strathdearn Community
Developments

NEWS

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Broadband.

The Moy section of this project is nearing fruition. Openreach engineers have installed the main fibre cable through the area and are now connecting individual premises to it. Any day now the the first groups of premises will be given the go ahead to ask Zen or BT to supply them with superfast broadband. A handy guide to this process can be found on the front page of the Community website.

We continue to work with Openreach to explore broadband options for households around Clune and up to Glenmazeran and beyond. The wilder terrain and longer distances between premises make this a more challenging project. We have some ballpark figures which give us an idea of the scale of the task. It will be difficult to achieve but not impossible if we can bring together contributions from all the potential sources we are aware of, including landowners, SCD, the Trust, Openreach, Highland Council and others. We hope to have firm figures soon.

Paths Project

Section 8 of the Paths Project is still on hold due to onerous conditions imposed by Highland Council. While the Planning Dept supports our plans, the Roads Dept insist the path must incorporate drainage capable of withstanding Biblical floods at an estimated cost of £132,000. This is eight times our original estimate and plainly unjustifiable for our community. We were considering some fairly drastic options to break the logjam but meetings with Councillor Ken Gowans have offered a glimmer of hope. He has offered to seek additional funding through Safer Route Scotland and other council funds in an attempt to bridge the gap between our resources and the Council's demands. We will therefore dig deep into our reserves of patience and await developments again!

The next SCD meeting is on 12th December in Strathdearn Hall at 7.30pm.

SCD Membership forms are available from the Company Secretary, Strathdearn Hall, IV13 7YN, or you can apply online through the community website : www.strathdearn.org.

Membership entitles you to attend our meetings, stand for election as a company director, vote in elections, and receive special updates.



Meet the Board



Steve Cormack Frank Roden Jimmy Duncan Helen Bailey Duncan Bryden
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