## Statement from Aberfeldy Community Putting Green

For use and discussion at the next Common Good Committee Meeting, I am attaching our Annual report for 2017 which gives a detailed account of visitors, events and work with volunteers etc. This year our visitors' numbers have increased again. From end March to end October we have received approx. 3800 visitors to the Putting Green. This is 14% up on our final figure for last year (3282) and an almost 25% increase since 2015 (3000).

All our volunteers are a wonderful asset and without them we could not run the facility. Those who need extra support are given assistance, training and encouragement to play as big a part as they feel they can. We are a social group and meet weekly out of season for coffee and a chat and to continue to plan events, fundraising, and essential maintenance work for the putting green. All our volunteers have contact with each other and support each other as and when needed. Having a central focus such as the putting green has greatly benefited our volunteers, especially those with long term and enduring mental health issues.

Year on year we have received many wonderful comments from locals and visitors about our facility. How it enhances the town offering a very cheap, fun activity for all the family. We have a number of visitors who return year on year, and we have made many friends. We have also received donations from visitors.

I hope this is of help, and that the Common Good Committee will see fit to grant us a further concession to run the Putting Green. If there is any further information yourself, or the Councilors need, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best regards,

Alison Steele Administrator Aberfeldy Community Putting Green