

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE 1 of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, AVIEMORE on THURSDAY 12th JANUARY 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson, Bill Lobban, Lorna MacGibbon, Ron Whyte, Alastiar Dargie, Willie McKenna, Mark Duncan, Neil McNair, Peter Duncan (SNH Reserve Manager), Julian Orsi (Visitor), Donna Shaw (ACCG) Tom Ramage (Press), Kirsty Bruce (Minuter)

Apologies: Audrey MacKenzie

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of AVCC held on 8th December 2011, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Bill Lobban and seconded by Ron Whyte.**

2. CRAIGELLACHIE NATURE RESERVE

Mr Peter Duncan, SNH Reserve Manager informed AVCC of a planned consultation process with regards to the Craigellachie Nature Reserve. The start date of this process would be 23rd January 2012. SNH are putting in place a 6-year management plan, which would include management of natural heritage and management of people. Mr Duncan also advised that there would be a drop session on Tuesday 20th March, at St. Andrews Church Hall between 5pm and 8pm. This would include a PowerPoint presentation and asking the local community for ideas and thoughts on a "local hub" such as local access points and information signs.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr Neil McNair advised that the balance of funds was £9406.

4. BUSINESS

a). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) **Water Feature and Information Sign** – John Grierson still to meet with Richard Porteous to discuss available options with regards to the blocked view and information sign. **Remitted to JG.**
- ii) **Synthetic Pitch** – Cancelled meeting was not rescheduled however a briefing note of a discussion held on 18th December had been received.
- iii) **Christmas Carol Service** – Bill Lobban advised that event was a success and needed some cheques to be written in respect of expenses.
- iv) **Pavements** – John Grierson advised that Richard Porteous was aware of the situation with regards to state of local pavements and would be carrying out an audit of pavements.
- v) **Olympic Flame** – No update available.
- vi) **Silverglades Road Flooding** – John Grierson advised that he had requested that repairs be made to the soak away.
- vii) **Aviemore Youth Club** - John Grierson advised that he had not written to Keith Bootles superiors, as AVCC had been invited to meet with Keith Bootle. Bill Lobban gave an update of the progress of this project. Much discussion took place with regards to the delay of opening and the change of ownership of the building from Aviemore Youth Group to Highland Council.

Aviemore Youth Group has been asked to keep AVCC update to date and to be invited to attend any future meetings.

viii) **RBS Account** - John Grierson advised that this was in hand.

b). NEW BUSINESS

- i) **Co-Option of Members** – Mr Neil McNair was duly co-opted, proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Bill Lobban. Mr Alastair Dargie was duly co-opted, proposed by John Grierson and Ron Whyte.
- ii) **Provision of Child Day Care at new Aviemore Community School** - Donna Shaw gave a very detailed summary of the difficulties and AVCCG have faced since being dropped as the preferred leader for child care provision at the new Aviemore Community School. She advised that the only competitor for the service was Highland Council. Donna Shaw stated should AVCCG fail to win the contract they would be unable to offer childcare in the village, as the village hall is due for demolition on completion of the new school. She advised the Community Council that AVCCG had not been invited to stakeholder meetings and was not even sure who the stakeholders were, she further added that Highland Council had held closed door meetings and that the group had been unable to gain any information with regards to these meetings through the Freedom of Information Act as they were “pink slipped”. She explained how stressful the whole situation has been on the staff at AVCCG. Mr Willie MacKenna said that he felt Highland Council had taken their eye off the project and were now only looking at this from an educational point. Much Discussion took place with regards to this situation faced by AVCCG and the Community Council agreed to write to Highland Council to seek clarification on the selection process for the provision of child day care services. **Remitted to JG.**
- iii) **Flooding on Speyside Way** – John Grierson advised that there was to be a meeting between CNPA, Allan Munro and Andrew Norval. Adam Street Smith was to update on the agreed way forward.

5. AOCB

- a). **STREET LIGHTING** – Bill Lobban advised that there was a problem with street lighting on Grampian Road. **It was remitted to JG to contact TEC Services.**
- b). **ROAD FLOODING ON GRAMPIAN ROAD** - Bill Lobban advised that the problem with flooding on Grampian Road was not improving. **It was remitted to JG to contact TEC Services.**
- c). **DISABLED PARKING** – John Grierson advised that he had received correspondence from a Mr William Blue with regards to misuse of disabled parking spaces. He advised the Community Council that the two disabled parking spaces at the railway station was a matter for the Transport Police and the space at the Myrtlefield Shopping Centre was not technically a public area. **Remitted to JG to write to the local Police with regards to these concerns.**
- d). **DALFABER NEIGHBOURHOOD SIGNAGE** – Lorna MacGibbon expressed concern at the number of plastic banner signage at the new Dalfaber Neighbourhood retail park. **It was remitted to JG to write to planning department with regards to the Aviemore design guidelines.**
- e). **NEW BUS TIMETABLE** – Lorna MacGibbon advised the Community Council that the new local bus time-table was in place. However it has been very difficult to locate a copy of the new time-table, she added that the local Tourist Information point had a very limited supply of printed time-tables and that the

new time-table was not yet displayed at bus stops. She also advised that there was a change to the last bus from Cairngorm Mountain to the Village. **It was remitted to JG to write to Stagecoach.**

f). FENCE AT CRAIGELLACHIE NATURE RESERVE – Alastair Dargie raised concern over the fence between the pathway into the nature reserve and the embankment up to the A9. **It was remitted to JG to contact Scottish Water with regards to the reinstatement of the fence.**

g). ARCHIVAL MATERIAL – John Grierson advised that he had contacted Sue Palmer with regards to the procedures for disposing of archival material, as he had recently received 6 large boxes of old correspondence. **Remitted to JG to go through boxes and scan any documents of local historical interest and dispose of remainder.**

g). FLOODING ON ORBITAL PATH – John Grierson advised of a flooding problem on the pathway in Milton woods. **Remitted to JG to follow up with Bruce Loughman of CNPA.**

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 9th February 2012 at 7.30pm to be held in St. Andrews Church Hall.