

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE 3 of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, AVIEMORE on THURSDAY 8th MARCH 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson, Bill Lobban, Alastair Dargie, Audrey MacKenzie, David Fallows (Highland Council), Ian Malcolm AoCC, Dr Boyd Peters (visitor), Tom Ramage (press).

Apologies: Lorna McGibbon, Neil MacNair, Ron Whyte.

John Grierson opened the meeting and welcomed all those present. He proposed that the running order of the meeting be changed to allow Ian Malcolm and Dr Boyd Peters, who had other meetings to attend to speak to the members.

Ian Malcolm - Ian represents the community council on the Association of Cairngorms Communities and had feedback from a meeting held earlier that week. The AoCC proposes that there be bi-annual meetings of Cairngorms Community Councils in conjunction with AoCC meetings. The CNPA will fund and provide the secretariat. It was agreed by those present that this was a step forward and very much in line with our suggestions to CNPA in previous meetings. It was agreed to support the proposal. Ian was asked to pass on our support. JG also pointed out that the community council had not been receiving minutes of the AoCC meetings. Ian is to ensure that they are received. JG thanked Ian for his input. Ian left the meeting.

Dr Boyd Peters - Dr Peters, from the Grantown on Spey practice spoke about a meeting held in Grantown on Spey on 21st February, 2012 regarding Ian Charles Hospital. The meeting had been reported in the press. John pointed out that AVCC had not been invited but that he had received an apology the organiser, Jaci Douglas. Dr Peters outlined the problems being encountered at the Ian Charles Hospital and at St Vincents. Both facilities are struggling to keep up to standard and that the repair bill for both building was around £6 million. He said that repairs and maintenance would continue over the short to medium term, 5 years, but after that it would become challenging to find the level of capital funding required. There is an urgent need to look at how services could be better delivered and what options there were for the future. Local support for an investigation into a single site, along with other options was needed. Members offered their support and agreed that the way forward was for a full options appraisal involving consultation with all the communities in Badenoch and Strathspey was essential and should be carried out without delay. JG thanked Dr Peters for his contribution. Dr Peters left the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of AVCC held on 9th February 2012, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Audrey Mackenzie.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

In Lorna McGibbon's absence on holiday JG informed the meeting that funds stood at £8672.38 of which around £4000 was red circled for projects/grants

3. BUSINESS

a). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) **Olympic Flame** – No update available.
- ii) **Silverglades Road Flooding** – John Grierson advised that there was no further information at present
- iii) **Provision of Child Day Care Services – Dave Fallows to follow up.**
- iv) **Dalfaber Neighbourhood Signage** – JG reported that a new sign had been installed at the shops and it hoped that all temporary signs would be removed shortly.
- v) **Fence at Craigellachie Nature Reserve** - JG reported that he had been in contact with Scottish Water and that a repair will be effected.
- vi) **Flooding at orbital path in Milton Wood** – John Grierson advised that Bruce Loughman has arranged with Tullochs for channels to be dug to alleviate flooding.

At this point Audrey Mackenzie had to leave the meeting. Before doing so she referred to a recent television programme about bees and insects and the need to provide more nectar bearing plants to ensure their survival. She suggested that this was something that could be incorporated in some of the flower beds or grassy areas in the village. It was agreed to approach Richard Porteous to see if there was anything that could be done, if not this year next year. **JG to follow up**

Audrey Mackenzie left the meeting at 2045.

John Grierson observed that the meeting no longer had a quorum and that in the absence of a quorum, any business transacted is null and void and the only action that can be taken is to set time and date of next meeting. Business from this meeting would be carried forward, if still applicable, to that meeting.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 12 April 2012 at 7.30pm to be held in St Andrews Church Hall.