

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE 5 of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, AVIEMORE on THURSDAY 10th MAY 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson, Bill Lobban, Alasdair Dargie, Neil McNair, Audrey MacKenzie, Willie McKenna (CPNA) Mark Duncan, Sgt Scott Dawson (Northern Constabulary), Kirsty Bruce (minuter)

Apologies: Lorna McGibbon, Ron Whyte, Dave Fallows

1. OPENING REMARKS

John Grierson congratulated Bill Lobban on being successful in election as a local councillor.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of AVCC held on 12th April 2012, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Alistair Dargie** and **seconded by Neil McNair**.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Grierson advised that the balance in the main RBS account was £5600. John Grierson further stated that both Bank of Scotland Accounts were now closed.

With Bill Lobban's departure a new signatory to the accounts was needed. It was agreed that Ron Whyte should become a signatory.

4. BADENOCH AND STRATHSPEY POLICING REPORT

Sgt Scott Dawson stated there was nothing further to add other than that which had been included in the previously circulated the Badenoch and Strathspey Policing Report, other than that of the post of Traffic Warden was again to be re-advertised.

He did ask AVCC whether they had any issued they were aware of, to which Willie McKenna advised that since the introduction of car parking charges by Forestry Commission, there was an issue with cars being park on the road verges in Glenmore. This issue was discussed and John Grierson asked Northern Constabulary to look at this road hazard issue.

The issue of children and bike safety was also raised and it was agreed that Northern Constabulary would ask Aviemore Primary School to raise awareness of bike and road safety and it was **remitted to John Grierson to write to Rona Smith at Aviemore Primary School with regards to this issue.**

5. BUSINESS

a). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) **Forestry Commission Car Parking Charges** – John Grierson reported he had received a reply from Jack Mackay basically stating that although parking meters were new, parking charges have in place in the Glenmore area for a considerable time. This issue was again discussed and

it was **remitted to JG to reply detailing the concerns of road hazards and safety since parking charges implemented.**

- ii) **Scottish Water** – John Grierson stated he as wrote to Scottish Water and he informed the AVCC that official opening of the new water treatment centre had been postponed.
- iii) **Road Maintenance** – John Grierson advised that he had passed the list to Richard Evans to which he had replied that they would be looking at this list and putting it into the budget for next year. John Grierson also advised that he had received a reply from BEAR with regards to the road marking as the Granish junction and that these were in the budget for this year and that they would try and accelerate the marking.
- iv) **Dog Fouling** – No reply as yet received.
- v) **Allt Dunie Windfarm** – John Grierson advised members that he had attended the last meeting of the Kinraig Community Council where there was a presentation from Jennifer Gascoigne of RWE npower outlining the state of the application. The application is going to a public enquiry.

b). NEW BUSINESS

- i) **Community Council Election** – John Grierson stated that since Bill Lobban’s election as a Councillor to Highland Council there was now a vacancy on AVCC and with only 4-elected members AVCC was below now below the required number. He advised that he has spoken with Sue Palmer, HC Ward Manager who will put in place the required notifications for election of further Community Councillors.
- ii) **Community Council Planning Implementation Committee** – John Grierson advised that the CNPA were looking how the Park could work better with Community Councils with regards to planning issues. The first meeting of this Committee was set for Wednesday 30th May at the Lecht Ski Centre. John Grierson stated he would be unable to attend however any future meetings would likely be set for evening time.
- iii) **Planning Achantoul Pond** - John Grierson reported that he had received a request from CNPA for an extension of the time allowed for hearing a planning application. Apparently a statutory consultee had not yet replied. After a brief discussion it was agreed unanimously that the request for an extension of time be agreed to. **Remitted to JG to reply.**
- iv) **A9 Advertising** - John Grierson advised that the signage at High Burnside had lost its appeal and that the offending sign was to be removed.
- v) **Badaguish Outdoor Centre (Wigwams)** – After a brief discussion it was unanimously agreed not to object to the application to amend a condition of the original planning permission. **Remitted to JG to reply.**
- vi) **Glenmore Notice Board** – John Grierson updated the Community Council with regards to the planned notice board and that he had received a letter from Jack Mackay of Forestry Commission saying that the Forestry Commission are reviewing their signage at Glenmore and are intending putting up new interpretive signs. There will be an opportunity on the signs for community use. Jack MacKay suggested that the Community could utilise the “information” section on the new signs. **Remitted to JG to reply.**
- vii) **Allt Duine Wind Farm** – John Grierson advised that Bill Lobban and Ian Malcolm had been attending the meetings to represent AVCC with regards to this proposal. As Bill Lobban would no longer be able to do this, another representative was needed. It was agreed that John Grierson would attend any future meetings.
- viii) **Aviemore Brownies** - John Grierson informed the Community Council that Aviemore Brownies had requested some financial assistance for a planned overnight trip to Edinburgh. **It was unanimously agreed to support this with a contribution of £100. Remitted to JG to reply.**

- ix) **Grantown Rural Transport Corridor Project** – John Grierson circulated information on this project.
- x) **Village Green Request** – John Grierson advised that a request had been received from Eden Court to host “Big Dance 2012” on the village green on Sunday 8th July. This would consist of Salsa and Latin Dance Fiesta Feel between 3pm and 8pm. **There were no objection and it was remitted to JG to reply.** John Grierson advised that he would be responsible for a diary for use of the village green.
- xi) **New School Visit** – John Grierson advised that he attended an invitation to tour the new primary school. He stated he was impressed with the new school, however a lot of work was still required to be carried out and that the contractors had stated they were committed to a July 9th handover.
- xii) **Aviemore Medical Equipment Trust** – John Grierson advised that he had received an email from Iain Gray with regards to a fundraising event. **It was remitted to JG to reply to advising Mr Gray to contact the Aviemore Community Company.**
- xiii) **Scottish Community Foundation** – John Grierson circulated details of this event scheduled for Wednesday 30th May at the Strathpeffer Pavilion.
- xiv) **100 Years of Health Service in the Highland** – John Grierson circulated details of this event scheduled for Saturday 19th May at Inverness.

6. AOCB

- a). **FIRE SERVICE** – Alistair Dargie advised that the Highland & Island Fire & Rescue Service was holding a public meeting looking at the future of the service on Monday 14th May at the Aviemore Village Hall. He also added that there would be a planned recruitment drive for retained Fire & Rescue crew.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is the Annual General Meeting which will be held on Thursday 14th June 2012 at 7.00pm in St. Andrews Church Hall. The monthly Community Council meeting will be held immediately thereafter.