

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, AVIEMORE on THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> JULY 2012 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** John Grierson, Audrey MacKenzie, Lorna McGibbon Kirsty Bruce (minuter), Tom Ramage (press)

**In Attendance:** Jo Kirby

**Apologies:** Bill Lobban, Alastair Dargie, Ron Whyte, Willie McKenna (CPNA)

## 1. OPENING REMARKS

John Grierson thanked all those present for attending. He said that as the quorum had not been reached for the meeting, any decisions made would need to be ratified at the next meeting of AVCC.

## 2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of AVCC held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2012, which had been previously circulated would need to be presented again at the next meeting of AVCC.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon stated that the RBS system was not completely back to normal after recent technical difficulties. She advised that the balance was £5,285.28 with an un-presented cheque of £80 and that the reconciled balance was £5,205.28 and the balance of the statue account is £2002.58.

## 4. BUSINESS

### a). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- i) **Achintoul Pond** – John Grierson advised those present of comments being made with regards to the planning application for Achintoul Pond by Highland Council and Scottish Natural Heritage. He read to the members an email from Highland Council's Andrew McIver with regards to the road crossing and the orbital path. After some discussion, it was remitted to John Grierson to write to Andrew McIver's Manager, detailing the disbelief of the conditions being asked of AVCC when it is clearly HC's responsibility for the orbital pathway and crossing at the south end of the village and also stating the number of times the conditions of the pathway have been raised with HC. It was agreed to also copy this communication to Andrew McIver.
- ii) **Village Green Request: Big Dance 2012** – John Grierson advised that he had received an email from the organisers, thanking AVCC for the use of the village green and stating that the event was a success and out of the three events the group had organised, Aviemore was the most well attended.

- iii) **Existing School Hall** – John Grierson advised that existing school has now all been boarded up and made secure, therefore the old school hall would not be available for use.

**b). NEW BUSINESS**

- i) **Community Council Elections** – John Grierson advised that Community Council Elections were set for 16<sup>th</sup> August with close being 4pm. He was in email correspondence with HC with regards to the date and time of the count. It had previously been intimated that the count would take place on the evening of 16<sup>th</sup> August to allow all candidates to be present, however at the moment the date being offered by HC was Friday 17<sup>th</sup> between 11am and 2.30pm.
- ii) **Website** – John Grierson advised that the newly designed website was up and running and that a small number of enquires have been received.
- iii) **Countryside Park** – John Grierson informed those present that the planning application had been submitted and accepted, this was a two fold application; one for the park and the other for the signage. He also said that the design for the pond was currently being done and that an otter survey would need to be carried out.
- iv) **Sue Palmer** – It was agreed that John Grierson should write a letter of thank you to Sue Palmer for all her attention to AVCC over the years.
- v) **CRAGG** – John Grierson advised that CRAGG had been asked to take part in a consultation with regards to the Local Development Plan. This was scheduled to take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2012 at Glenmore Lodge. A meeting of CRAGG was planned for after this workshop. John Grierson advised that he would be attending and asked other members whether they wish to.
- vi) **Skate Park** - John Grierson advised that a petition has been received from Mr Ian Turner on behalf of some residents of Burnside with regards to the proposed skate park.
- vii) **CNPA Local Development Plan Settlement Maps** - John Grierson circulated to those present copies of the CNPA Local Development Plan, Settlement Maps. After some brief discussion it was agreed that John Grierson should write requesting that the land on Dalfaber Drive, by the Bowling Club be designated as land for community use and it was further agreed that all land currently marked as “Safeguarded – Recreational/Green Space” land should remain so.
- viii) **Cairngorm National Park Design Awards 2012** – It was agreed to nominate the new Aviemore Primary School and Community building for the new building category.
- ix) **Planning Application – 12/02467/FUL 16 Morlich Place** – The members present discussed this planning application and it was agreed to take a neutral position with regards to this application.
- x) **Planning Application – 12/02412/FUL Erection of house, Hame, Dalfaber Road** – The members present discussed this planning application and it was agreed to take a neutral position with regards to this application
- xi) **Planning Application – 12/02353/FUL Change of Use, Glenmore Shop** – The members present discussed this planning application and it was agreed to take a neutral position with regards to this application

- xii) **Planning Application – 12/02275/FUL Racing Kart Track etc Knockgranish** – The members present discussed this planning application and it was agreed to support this application.
- xiii) **Planning Application - 12/02275/FUL Corriegorm, Aviemore** – The members present discussed this planning application and it was agreed to take a neutral position with regards to this application

## **6. AOCB**

- a). **SPEYSOUND RADIO** – John Grierson read out a letter received from Shirley Bateman of Speysound Radio with regards to the financial difficulties being faced by the organisation. AVCC have been invited by Speysound Radio to attend a meeting on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July at the Cairngorm Hotel at 8pm to discuss this further. It was agreed that John Grierson and Audrey MacKenzie would attend.
- b). **SCOTTISH WATER** – It was agreed that John Grierson write to Scottish Water on behalf of the Community for the lack of apology to the community for the recent fiasco with regards to the change of water supply.
- c). **DALNABAY GRASS CUTTING** – Lorna McGibbon stated that the “kick about area” opposite the play park in Dalnabay was being neglected to be cut and that the grass was now waist high. It was remitted to John Grierson to write to HC with regards to this.
- d). **JUNCTION OF MacDOUGAL DRIVE AND B9152** - Kirsty Bruce reported that the vegetation at the junction of Dougal Drive and the B9152 had now grown to a height that was blocking the view of drivers leaving the junction. John Grierson to contact Richard Porteous.

## **7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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