

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson, Ray Sefton, Alistair Dargie, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Cllr Bill Lobban, Karen Lawrie, Yvonne Birnie, Audrey MacKenzie, Rev. Ron Whyte, Kathleen Cameron, Lorna McGibbon, Tom Ramage (Press)

Apologies: None given

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) The Minutes of AVCC held on 10th January 2013, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Ron Whyte**, with two agreed changes; 4.b. Old Primary School Site – *the petition could be heard at the December meeting, should read at the January meeting* and 4.e. Bus Shelters – it was to be minuted that Yvonne Birnie had asked that this item be postponed for discussion. The new minute at 4e - '*John Grierson stated he had received a communication from Yvonne Birnie, giving her apologies and requesting that the subject of bus shelters be postponed until the next meeting to allow her to take part in the discussion. John Grierson gave a brief summary of a discussion he had had with Ray Sefton with regards to bus shelters and to the fact that AVCC could at this point, only request that Highland Council mount bus shelters at these locations. It was unanimously agreed by all that there was no need to postpone this item until a future meeting. Ray Sefton then gave a fuller report and advised that he had circulated photos of wooden bus shelters. After discussion it was remitted to Ray Sefton to write to Highland Council to request that bus shelters be sited on the Glenmore Road at Rothiemurchus, Coylumbridge and Glenmore. Proposed by Ray Sefton, Seconded by Mark Allan.*' was agreed.

2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Dog Bins** – John Grierson stated that he had spoken to Callum MacKenzie of Highland Council who had informed him that Highland Council was only responsible for emptying dog litter bins placed on ground that Highland Council had responsibility for maintaining. John Grierson advised that the emptying of other dog bins would be the responsibility of a contracted maintenance company.
- b) **Developing Access (Aviemore Leaflets)** – John Grierson advised that a meeting was arranged for the following week.
- c) **Olympic Plaques** – Audrey MacKenzie advised that there was no further update available at present.
- d) **Old School Site** – John Grierson advised that he had contacted Highland Council with regards the old school site and that a meeting with Highland Council, CNPA and AVCC was to be held in the very near future when a mutually agreeable date could be decided.

- e) **Community Policing Plan** – John Grierson advised that he had attended the meeting and that it was no surprise that many other community council's had agreed upon the same priorities. These were now being taken forward.
- f) **Bus Shelters**– Ray Sefton confirmed that he had written to Highland Council requesting that bus stops be sited on the Glenmore Road. Yvonne Birnie stated she was concerned with regards to design of bus stops and strongly believed that AVCC should have input into the design style of any bus stops to be sited. Further discussion took place with regards to this and Ray Sefton and John Grierson both stated that at this point all that AVCC could do was to make a request to Highland Council to site bus stops. John Grierson added that should Highland Council agree to bus stops, then a planning application would have to be made and AVCC would then have an opportunity to have input into design.
- g) **White Lining Glenmore Road** – Ray Sefton stated that white lining works would be done when HC's contracted company was next in the area. Yvonne Birnie asked was it worth re-doing a list of areas that require road maintenance for submission to Highland Council. This was agreed and John Grierson asked that members of AVCC email him with items they wished added to this list.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account was £6269.86 and balance on the statue account was £2013.92

4. NEW BUSINESS

- b) **Community Council Scheme Evaluation** – John Grierson stated that he had circulated to all members of AVCC a copy of Highland Council's Community Council Scheme Evaluation. John Grierson proposed that his item be heard at the March meeting, to allow for all members carefully consider this document and the comments that AVCC should make. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Ray Sefton. Remitted to Ray Sefton to add as an Agenda item for March 2013.
- c) **Planning Application 13/00151/Ful 1.8 Metre Fence at 16 Lodge Lane, High Burnside** – This application was discussed briefly and it was unanimously agreed to support this application. Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron. Remitted to John Grierson to reply. It was duly noted that Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKeena did not take part in this discussion.
- d) **Planning Application 13/00286/Ful New ACF/ATC HQ** – Before this item was discussed Ron Whyte declared an interest. This application was discussed and John Grierson questioned the need for the high fence around the building. It was unanimously agreed to support this application with the only comment being made that the high fence would look out of character within the surrounding area. Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded Kathleen Cameron. Remitted to John Grierson to reply. Ron Whyte, thanked AVCC for their support with this project. It was duly noted that Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKeena did not take part in this discussion.
- e) **Planning Application 13/00311/Ful 2013/0035/DET Stone Dyke and Timber Totem** – John Grierson circulated copies of drawings with regards to this application and discussion followed. Karen Lawrie suggested that AVCC object in the strongest possible terms as she felt that astonishing that one company would label more than half the village as theirs. After further discussion, it was unanimously agreed to object to this application, making comment that the structure was too large, not descriptive enough as many other businesses and aspects of village life are contained within this area, that the golf course was approximately three quarters of mile away from this proposed signage and no

consideration was given to future planned round-about at Dalfaber Drive. Proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Karen Lawrie. Remitted to John Grierson to reply. It was duly noted that Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKeena did not take part in this discussion.

- f) **Robertson's Kick About Area** – John Grierson advised that this item was added to the agenda at the request of Mark Allan and as he was not present it was not clear what he wished discussed. Cllr Bill Lobban said he believed that it would be summer before the area of ground that was re-graded and re-seeded would be suitable for active use.
- g) **Agenda Items** – John Grierson asked that when members of AVCC wish an item to be added to the Agenda, that they supply Ray Sefton with some background to the subject matter. This will allow for the item to be considered, should the member who added it not be able to attend the meeting of AVCC.
- h) **Bulk Uplift Service Review** – John Grierson advised that he had received from Highland Council a form in respect to HC's Bulk Uplift Service. Alastair Dargie summarised that prior to the £15 charge being implemented that there was approximately 45 a week to be uplifted but since the charge has been introduced the requests for this service has significantly been reduced to approximately 5 per week. It was remitted to Ray Sefton to complete and return to Highland Council.

5. AOCB

- a) **Aviemore Primary School** – John Grierson circulated a thank you card from Rhona Smith of Aviemore Primary School for the recent donation of £50 from AVCC.
- b) **Wall at Call Centre** – It was noted that the wall at the Call Centre was damaged and it was remitted to John Grierson to ascertain as to who would be responsible for instructing repairs.
- c) **Roberstons: Purchase of Heating** – Yvonne Birnie as whether there was any update with regards to the purchase of heating for residents of Robertsons. Kirsty Bruce advised that at a recent meeting between the Housing Association and residents that Albyn Housing would consider a possible move to Paypoint.
- d) **Band Stand Cover** – John Grierson asked Cllr Bill Lobban whether there was any update. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he was not aware of any progress. Discussion took place and it was agreed that AVCC should start making some plans for this project. Willie McKenna said that he could approach Grieg Munro, Architect with the possibility of him supplying some design ideas. It was remitted to Willie McKeena to contact Grieg Munro.
- e) **Annual Community Fund Raising Event** – Cllr Bill Lobban suggested that AVCC give some thought to an annual community fund raising event. John Grierson asked whether anyone who would be interested in getting together to discuss this further. Kathleen Cameron, Alistair Dargie, Willie McKenna, Kirsty Bruce and John Grierson volunteered. It was remitted to John Grierson to schedule a meeting for next week.
- f) **Girl Guiding Strathspey** – John Grierson advised that he had received a request from Girl Guiding Strathspey for some financial assistance towards rental costs for the newly formed Aviemore Rainbows. It was agreed unanimously that a donation of £50 be made and it was remitted to John Grierson to reply.
- g) **Dalfaber Timeshare** – It was noted that the second planning application had been withdrawn and Lorna McGibbon asked AVCC members to look out an anticipated third planning application.

h) Street Lighting at Silverglade – It was remitted to Ray Sefton to pass on email details of Sean Beaton of Highland Council to Lorna McGibbon.

6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 14th March 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.