

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13th JUNE 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair) Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Karen Lawrie, Yvonne Birnie, Mark Allan, Cllr Bill Lobban, Tom Ramage (Press), Kirsty Bruce

Apologies: Audrey MacKenzie and Willie McKenna (CNPA)

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on 9th May 2013, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account at the end of May is £6,048.73 with un-presented cheques of £500 to ABA and £48 to Badenoch and Strathspey Herald. The balance on the statue account was £2017.95.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Olympic Plaques** – Alistair Dargie gave an update on the costs within the two quotes which had been received. **It was remitted to Alistair Dargie to obtain a full quoted price and a pro-forma of the artwork for the next meeting.**
- b) **Band Stand Cover at Village Green** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that planning permission had been granted. He suggested that AVCC “roll-up” the project with the re-siting and updating of the Olympic Statue and then look into the funding possibilities.
- c) **Community Fundraising Event** – John Grierson advised that a further meeting had not yet been scheduled.
- d) **Dalfaber Consultation** – John Grierson advised that the AVCC’s letter to the Convenor was still on “hold”.
- e) **Litter Bins and Pavements** – Alistair Dargie stated the he believed that 4 new litter bins had been received and the local depot was waiting on a further 4 to be delivered. It was remitted to Cllr Bill Lobban to ascertain when these would be in place.
- f) **MB Skills Track** – John Grierson said that there was no further update at the moment.
- g) **Team Aviemore** – John Grierson said that Team Aviemore were no further forward.
- h) **Signage at Aviemore Brewery** – John Grierson advised that CNPA are now dealing with this.
- i) **Land at Grampian Road** – John Grierson stated that Audrey MacKenzie had ascertained that the land in question was communal ground and belonged to all occupants of the flats.

- j) **Planning Sub-Group** – John Grierson stated he had been unable to find the original note of the remit of the Planning Sub-Group. Yvonne Birnie questioned what would be considered a “*substantial change*” and further discussion took place with regards to the role of the Planning Sub-Group. John Grierson said that the purpose of the group is to look at planning applications as they are notified to the Community Council. Ray Sefton is the point of contact but any member can register and receive notifications. Ray circulates the notification to the group and if any member objects or wishes to support the application the application is taken to a full meeting. The Highland Council is informed and a request is made for the Community Council to be considered as a consultee and for time to be given so that it can be discussed at a full meeting. Any member can ask for the application to be considered at a full meeting but it should be noted that Community Councils are not automatic consultees and we only have seven days from the notification of the application for the Community Council to reply. This is one of the reasons the group was put in place.
- k) **Overhanging Trees on B970 at Inverdrue** – John Grierson reported that he had sent an email with regards to the overhanging trees.
- l) **Sewage Leaking from Hilton Hotel** – Cllr Bill Lobban said that he had not received a reply. John Grierson asked Yvonne Birnie if she had heard anything further, she replied that SEPA had been in touch and they were still waiting on a reply from Scottish Water.
- m) **Pot Holes on Road to Steam Railway** – John Grierson reported that Reidhaven Estate had advised that the road belongs to the Steam Railway Company and **it was remitted to John Grierson to follow up.**

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **National Planning Framework** – John Grierson stated that document had been circulated to all members of AVCC and asked if anyone had attended any of the meetings or if they had gone through the document. It was agreed by all the document was too lengthy and it was agreed that AVCC would not be making any comment. **Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**
- b) **Consultation on the Management of Obstructions within Adopted Roads** - John Grierson stated that the Highland Council is currently carrying out a consultation exercise on the Management of Obstructions within the Adopted Road. This document was discussed and AVCC’s responses agreed. **It was remitted to John Grierson to reply.**
- c) **Fairtrade** – John Grierson read to AVCC, correspondence received from Cllr Hamish Wood with regards to obtaining a Fairtrade status. This was discussed briefly and it was proposed by Lorna McGibbon that this be passed to ABA. This was seconded by Karen Lawrie and **remitted to Ray Sefton to forward correspondence and to John Grierson to reply to Cllr Hamish Wood.**
- d) **Cairngorm Mountain Closed System** - Ray Sefton advised that he had circulated some documents and with regards to this topic and went on to say that on the 2010 Community Way Forward Plan, one of the priorities was to get rid of the “closed system” on Cairngorm Mountain. He went on to say that this plan suggested that all the Community Council lobby the Section 50 Signatories. He then went on to give a summary of the Section 50 Signatories. It was agreed that in that in the near future AVCC would write to HIE to request/demand that the Section 50 Signatories meet and review the closed system. Ray Sefton proposed that AVCC write to all other area Community Councils to support AVCC in asking HIE for this meeting. This was seconded by Alistair Dargie and **it was remitted to Ray Sefton to write to other area Community Councils.**

- e) **Food Bank** – Kathleen Cameron stated she had received an enquiry about the food bank from a member of the community. Kirsty Bruce advised that the Food Bank would be a Highland Food Bank, supported by Blytheswood and she further added that a Steering Group was in a very early stage and are they are currently working on getting their “governance” in place. Cllr Bill Lobban stated that he believed that it was high time that Aviemore had a credit union. **It was remitted to Ray Sefton to agenda credit union for a future meeting of AVCC.**
- f) **Village Green Bookings** – Ray Sefton suggested that AVCC sit down and discuss the use of the Village Green and charges. Cllr Bill Lobban suggested that a notice should be placed on the community noticeboard advertising that the Village Green can be rented and giving contact details. Yvonne Birnie stated that the gentleman dealing with noticeboard be made aware of charges applicable to community groups and charities. **It was remitted to Ray Sefton to Agenda this item for further discussion at next month’s meeting of AVCC.**
- g) **Police Report** – PC Neil MacIver checked that the local policing report had been received and circulated to AVCC. This had been done and PC Neil MacIver asked whether anyone had any questions for him or wished to make Police aware of any issues. There was nothing to report. PC Neil MacIver left the meeting at 9pm.
- h) **CNPA Proposed Local Development Plan** – Discussion took place with regards to CNPA LDP and the meeting held with CNPA the previous evening. John Grierson summarised the main points and these were discussed by AVCC further. It was agreed that the following comments be made:-
- **An Camus Mor** – To question why it is included within the LDP and reiterate how important An Camus Mor is the area.
 - **Aviemore** - Comment on inaccurate maps. Make comment that old school site should be included on settlement map and be marked as community use. Land on Dalfaber Drive to be zoned as community use. Text referring to Strathspey Lawns should be “must be”. Object to boundary markings. Comment on there not being a mention of the dualling of the A9.
 - **Inverdrue and Rothiemurchus** – Make comment on rationale re settlement boundaries. Boundary through campsite not correct. Boundary at Inverdrue drawn too tightly.
 - **Glenmore** - Make comment on rural housing groups and ask why the Hayfield can’t be protected out with a settlement boundary.
 - **Core Paths** – Object to the path to linking High Burnside to Craigellachie. Comment that the core path over new bridge is a path to nowhere. Make comment on Thieves Road.

5. AOCB

- a) **Four Seasons Hotel** – John Grierson advised that he had received an invitation for G.H. Johnston the agents for MAHR to attend a special meeting with regards to the proposals for the new Four Seasons Hotel on Wednesday 26 June prior to the public consultation. **It was remitted to John Grierson to reply.**
- b) **Bank Signatories** – Lorna McGibbon advised that with the resignation of Ron Whyte from AVCC that an additional signatory was needed in respect of banking. It was unanimously agreed that Ray Sefton should be added. Lorna McGibbon passed to Ray Sefton the appropriate forms and it was **remitted to Ray Sefton to complete and return to Lorna McGibbon.**

- c) **Primary School Play Park** – Kathleen Cameron asked whether there was any update of the start date of this. Cllr Bill Lobban stated he was not aware of a start date but did advise that the funding was in place.
- d) **Primary School Lets** – Kathleen Cameron advised that the new school building would not be available for summer lets.
- e) **Tree Planting at top of Burnside/Skate Board Park** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the tree planting on the land at the top of Burnside had been held up. He also advised that he had still not received a reply from those at the skate park project and this was the reason for the delay in the tree planting.
- f) **New street lights in Burnside** – Kathleen Cameron reported that some of the new street lights in Burnside were coming on very early. Cllr Bill Lobban suspected that this would be due to faulty timers and it was **remitted to Cllr Bill Lobban to contact HC Tec Services.**
- g) **Road and Pavement Repairs** – Yvonne Birnie asked whether there was any update on the email sent to HC, listing road and pavement repairs. John Grierson replied that he had not but he would resend the email.
- h) **AVCC Vacancy** – Karen Lawrie asked whether AVCC were going to replace Ron Whyte on the committee. She suggested that the next successful candidate on the election list be contacted. John Grierson said that anyone can be nominated for the available vacancy and advised that nominations need to be received and notified to members 7-days before the next meeting of AVCC. **It was remitted to those present to forward nominations to Ray Sefton within the 7-day time limit.**
- i) **Volunteers Needed** – Mark Allan advised that Aileen Reid is looking for volunteers to help with a group of local elderly gentlemen in the community café on a Wednesday afternoon. This would involve sitting chatting or taking part in a game of dominoes. Anyone interested in volunteering should contact Aileen Reid at the Community Café. John Grierson suggested that Tom Ramage may be able to help with raising awareness. **Tom Ramage agreed to help.**
- j) **Graveyard paths** - Mark Allan asked for update on the grass cutting and paths maintenance at the graveyard and in particular to the difficulties in using the paths for those who use mobility aids and parents with pushchairs. **It was remitted to John Grierson to write again.**
- k) **Grass site at Robertsons** – Mark Allan asked for an update on this site. He stated that gates were now pushed open but the area was still fenced and unusable. **It was remitted to Cllr Bill Lobban was follow-up.**

6. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thank all those for attending, and the date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 11th July 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.