

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 8th AUGUST 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Karen Lawrie, Audrey MacKenzie, Yvonne Birnie, Cllr Bill Lobban, PS Kevin MacLeod, Kirsty Bruce, Lisa Whittlestone (public)

Apologies: Willie McKenna (CNPA)

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on 11th July 2013, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account at the end of July is £5462.85. Lorna McGibbon added the drop in the balance was due to ABA presenting their cheque for £500. The balance on the statue account was £2022.22.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Olympic Plaques** – Alistair Dargie updated the Community Council on the quotes and design specifications for the replacement Olympic plaque. After discussion, it was agreed to ask Brunel Engraving to supply a pro-forma invoice for this work. **Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Yvonne Birnie.**
- b) **Dalfaber Consultation** – John Grierson advised that the AVCC's letter to the Convenor was still on "hold".
- c) **Litter Bins and Pavements** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the 8 new litter bins were still to be sighted and it was likely this would happen after the busy summer season.
- d) **MBT Skills Track** – John Grierson said that there was no further update at the moment.
- e) **Team Aviemore** – John Grierson said that there was no further update with regards to Team Aviemore.
- f) **Sewage Leaking from Hilton Hotel** – It was reported that the householder had agreed with Scottish Water that the problem lay with the Hilton Hotel.
- g) **Pot Holes on Road to Steam Railway** – Remitted to John Grierson to follow up with Scotrail.
- h) **Grass Site at Robertsons** – Cllr Bill Lobban reported that the reinstated grass had had its first cut and was due to have 2 further cuts after which the area would be available for use.
- i) **Cadet Hall** – John Grierson reported that due to a mistake on the planning application it had been necessary to re-submit AVCC's support for this project. The mistake was insignificant so there were no changes to our submission.

- j) **Post Box at Dalfaber Neighbourhood Centre** – John Grierson reported this was still to be actioned.
- k) **A9 Dualling** – Ray Sefton reported that to-date there had been no response from Jacobs with regards to possible meeting dates.
- l) **Footpath at the Dell of Spey** – Cllr Bill Lobban reported that any work to be carried out on this pathway would be dependent on current budgets.

4. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Police Report** – PC Kevin MacLeod discussed briefly with AVCC the recently issued policing report. PC Kevin MacLeod advised that there would be a review of local policing priorities and it was anticipated that this would happen sometime around September.
2. **Parking Problems within Aviemore** – John Grierson stated that the parking problems in Aviemore were a perennial problem. He highlighted in particular the problem of vehicles parking on the pavements and added that this was particularly bad on the road at the Royal Bank of Scotland and the Police Station. Much discussion took place with regards to this subject and PC Kevin MacLeod stated that although there were no “enforceables” for parking other than obstruction he would highlight AVCC concerns to his colleagues.

Alistair Dargie made comment on the lack of marked disabled parking spaces and the blocking of the dipped kerb at The Green. Cllr Bill Lobban stated he would discuss this with HC TEC Services.

Some discussion took place with regards to problems that snow and ice clearing services experienced with poor parking and the Dalfaber area was highlighted as a particularly difficult area during the snowy weather. PC Kevin MacLeod suggested that this was possibly something the Local Police Station and AVCC could work together on with regards to highlighting the problems of poor parking and having a local campaign to improve the situation. It was agreed that this would be something to progress at a date before the beginning of Winter.

3. **Motion – Election of Co-Opted Member** - John Grierson reported that he had taken advice on whether the nominator needed to be present for Co-Opting of a new member and he added that it was not necessary. After some brief discussion and a vote (6 votes of yes, 2 abstentions, no objections) it was agreed to Co-Opt Steven Wilson as a member of Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council. **Proposed by Karen Lawrie and seconded by Alistair Dargie. Remitted to Ray Sefton to advise.**
4. **Floodline** – Ray Sefton read to AVCC a letter from SEPA with regards to Floodline. **It was remitted to Ray Sefton to reply that AVCC did not wish to take up the offer of a representative of Floodline attending a future meeting of AVCC.**
5. **Village Green and Market Licence** – John Grierson advised that the Community Fundraising Group had met to discuss the use of the Village Green and the conditions of the Market Licence and the dates that needed to be specified on AVCC’s market licence. These issues were discussed and it was agreed that AVCC should apply to use their market licence on the following dates; Harley weekend, Christmas Carol Service, Christmas Eve Parade, every Public Holiday and every Saturday and Sunday from May through to September. It was agreed that there would be a maximum of 8 stalls on the green during any one market, with a suggested donation of £10 per stall from local individuals and groups. Local charities would be allowed two uses per year free of charge thereafter as for local individuals and groups. There will be a charge of £25 for other groups and organisations. **This was proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

6. **Lighting and Sound System** - The lack of any stage lighting and sound system at the Community/School hall was discussed and it was agreed that this should be brought up at the next Community Centre Service Group Review Meeting.

5. AOCB

- a) **Correspondence from Mr McWiggan** – John Grierson read to AVCC correspondence from Mr McWiggan on concerns with regards to recreational facilities in the Frank Spaven area of Aviemore. John Grierson advised that he had spoken to Mr McWiggan and Cllr Bill Lobban had replied to him.
- b) **Community Rail Partnership** – John Grierson stated that he had circulated by email to all correspondence received with regards to Community Rail Partnership, after a brief discussion it was agreed to invite to attend a future meeting of AVCC. **Proposed by Lorna McGibbon and seconded by John Grierson. Remitted to John Grierson to reply.**
- c) **Sister Twinning** – John Grierson reported that he had circulated by email correspondence received with regards to considering a sister city twinning. After discussion it was unanimously agreed that this would be an idea better considered and progressed by ABA. **It was remitted to John Grierson to reply and to pass to ABA.**
- d) **Air Conditioning at Community Centre** – Lorna McGibbon asked for an update on the problems with the ventilation system. John Grierson advised that a contractor was onsite today to look at the system.
- e) **Grass Cutting Dalfaber** – Lorna McGibbon stated that the grass cutting services in the Dalfaber/Dalnabay area had been fantastic this year and added it is a big improvement than that of other years.
- f) **Flooding in the Dalnabay** – Lorna McGibbon reported that works had been carried out to the drains in the Dalfaber/Dalnabay area and due to the lack of rainfall she could not tell how successful these works had been.
- g) **Dell of Spey Underpass Lighting** – Audrey MacKenzie reported problems with the lighting and cyclists failing to dismount in the underpass at the Dell of Spey. **Remitted to Cllr Bill Lobban to raise the issue of lighting with HC Tec Services and also to investigate the possibility of a larger sign advising cyclists to dismount.**
- h) **Royal British Legion Grounds** – The reinstatement of grounds at the British Legion was discussed and Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he would bring this up a site meeting planned in the very near future. **It was also remitted to John Grierson to bring this up at the Community Centre Service Review Group meeting.**
- i) **Aviemore Paths Leaflet** - Yvonne Birnie asked for an update to which John Grierson replied that the leaflets were now at the Printers and would soon be available.
- j) **AGM of AofCC** – John Grierson advised that the AGM of the Association of Cairngorm Communities was set for 10.30am on 27th August 2013 to be held at the Lecht Centre.
- k) **Minutes** – John Grierson advised that Kirsty Bruce was stepping down as minute taker and introduced Lisa Whittlestone to AVCC who had agreed to be the new minute taker.

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 12th September 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.