

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary) Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) Kathleen Cameron, Audrey MacKenzie, Steve Wilson, Karen Lawrie, Cllr Jacqui Douglas, Tom Ramage (Press), Kirsty Bruce (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Willie McKenna (Public/CNPA) Lisa Whittlestone, Cllr Bill Lobban

**Opening Remarks:** John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC. He also reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes.

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2013 which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account was £6,356.64, she added that the refund of discretionary funds to Highland Council had still to be taken and with other expenditure the balance would be £5,766.64. She further added that balance on the statue account £1326.22.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **School Play Park** – John Grierson advised that this work was in progress and Cllr Jacqui Douglas said she would double check on the status of all outstanding/snagging works at the next Ward Meeting.
- b) **Gazebos and Collection Buckets** – Kathleen Cameron reported that the collection buckets had been purchased and there was nothing to report on the Gazebos until after the next meeting of Aviemore PTA.
- c) **Commonwealth Games Baton Relay** – John Grierson advised that Cllr Bill Lobban will update at the next meeting of AVCC
- d) **Community School Lights and Sound System** - John Grierson advised that the had not received a reply but would raise the issue again at the next Service Review Group Meeting.
- e) **Christmas Carol and Tree Lighting** – Ray Sefton stated that the Christmas Carol and Tree Lighting service had been cancelled due to adverse weather conditions.
- f) **Large Flower Tubs** – Alastair Dargie reported that no repairs had been carried out as yet but did say that he and Steve Wilson would be working together to make the repairs.
- g) **Dog Fouling** – John Grierson reported that he had been in touch with Angela Taylor of Highland Council who is newly appointed Dog Warden and would be meeting with her early next week to

discuss the placement of dog waste bins. He also made comment that from the Highland Council website it was difficult to find out how or who to contact with regards to Dog Control Services.

- h) **Old Primary School Site** – John Grierson advised that Cllr Bill Lobban will give an update, if any, at the next meeting of AVCC.
- i) **Cyclists without Lights** – John Grierson reported that he had emailed Inspector Kevin McLeod with the comments raised at last month’s meeting of AVCC and he had received a reply back advising that the local police had had other complaints from elsewhere in the valley and would be highlighting the issue in the local paper and would be carrying out an enforcement operation.
- j) **Items reported to TEC Services** - John Grierson advised that he had passed on AVCC’s comments to Sean Finnie of Highland Council with regards to the path between Burnside and the Call Centre, the fly tipping at the Call Centre and poor state of the road at Dalfaber Road.
- k) **Tesco New Site Fence** – John Grierson advised that he had contacted Tesco and the repairs to the fence had now been carried out.

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Public Entertainment Licensing** - John Grierson stated that Highland Council was carrying out a consultation in relation to activities which it licenses as Public Entertainment Licences. John Grierson advised that this document had been previously circulated to all. John Grierson commented on the written statement within each category “to ensure that the relevant Health and Safety requirements are being complied with” and he questioned “what is the Health and Safety Executive doing” and also questioned how are Highland Council are going to enforce these. Steve Wilson had to leave the meeting at this point due to his fire service pager being activated. Kathleen Cameron asked how much the fees were for a licence and Cllr Jacqui Douglas stated that from the Highland Council website these range from £160 to £8854. ***This document was discussed in full and AVCC unanimously agreed the responses and it was remitted to John Grierson to complete and return.***
- b) **Bandstand on Village Green** – Ray Sefton advised that when they were making the preparation of the Christmas Carol Service it was noticed that the stage had a “wonky” edge. He added that all that had been required was a minor repair that had been carried out by Donnie Ross for the cost of £84. ***Ray Sefton proposed that this repair and cost be accepted by AVCC and this was seconded by Lorna McGibbon.*** Ray Sefton went on to say that ABA were asking about AVCC plans for the bandstand and John Grierson replied that Cllr Bill Lobban was the one who might be able to update on this. Funding the project is the main problem. Planning permission is in place. Cllr Jacqui Douglas advised that Iona Malcolm was the newly appointed Community Development Officer and that it would be a good idea to update her with regards to this project.
- c) **Planning Sub-Group** – John Grierson reported that Karen Lawrie had decided to step down from the Planning Sub-Group and ***Alastair Dargie was proposed by John Grierson to join the Planning Sub-Group and this was seconded by Yvonne Birnie.***
- d) **Furniture in and around Bus Shelters in Aviemore** – Audrey MacKenzie commented on the poor state of the varnish on the seating in the bus shelters at the Interchange. Cllr Jacqui Douglas said she would speak to Neil Young at TEC services with regards to this and the electronic timetable.
- e) **Children’s Christmas Party** - Alistair Dargie stated that it was a shame that for one reason or another children’s Christmas party did not happen in December past. He suggested that perhaps that AVCC should be checking the individuals involved whether they need more support with this. ***It was***

***remitted to Alistair Dargie to contact the appropriate people. It was noted that Yvonne Birnie gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8.20pm.***

- f) **New Project for Coming Year** – Kathleen Cameron said that comments had been made to her that Aviemore does not host anything for Hogmanay and that some thought should be given to making a gathering point for the “bells”. She also went on say she would be continuing to work on the AVCC markets and suggested another meeting of the group who were to discuss fundraising events. ***It was remitted to Alistair Dargie to organise a meeting of those involved.*** It was noted that Lorna McGibbon gave her apologies and left the meeting at 8.30pm

## **5. AOCB**

- a) **Building Site at Cost Cutters** – Kathleen Cameron reported on the poor state of the fencing around the area that was still to be developed. ***It was remitted to John Grierson to contact Cameron Munro.***
- b) **Aviemore Website** – Ray Sefton advised that the new [www.visitaviemore.com](http://www.visitaviemore.com) website was due to go “live” very soon and it would have a link to AVCC’s website.
- c) **Lighting at Dell of Spey** – It was noted that the lighting at the Dell of Spey is not as good as it could be. ***Cllr Jacqui Douglas said she would speak to Highland Council TEC Services with regards to all of AVCC’s concerns with regards to lighting of this area.***
- d) **Old School Crossing Patrol Lights and Hut** – John Grierson advised Cllr Jacqui Douglas that the old school crossing patrol light was still in place as was the Hut. ***Cllr Douglas is to ask Highland Council to have these removed.***
- e) **Domain Name** – John Grierson reported on some issues with regards to the old AVCC website and domain name issues.
- f) **Consultation of Local Fire and Rescue Plan 2014** – This was discussed and it was unanimously agreed that no response was necessary.
- g) **Speeding at New School/Community Centre** – Cllr Jacqui Douglas said she had been asked by a member of the community to look into speeding at the new school/community centre. John Grierson stated he felt that the 20mph speed limit was “too fast”. Some further discussion took place with regards to this issue and that of old signage. ***It was remitted to Cllr Jacqui Douglas to look into and to report back to AVCC.***

## **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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.