

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13th FEBRUARY 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary) Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) Kathleen Cameron, Audrey MacKenzie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna (Public/CNPA) Tom Ramage (Press), Lisa Whittlestone(Minutes)

Apologies: Steve Wilson, Karen Lawrie

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC. He reminded everyone that the meeting was being recorded for dictation purposes only.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on Thursday 9th January 2014 which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Alistair Dargie.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account was £6216.64 but the figure would change to £5,795.62 as there were two cheques outstanding. She further added that balance on the statue account £1326.22.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Gazebos and Collection Buckets** – Kathleen Cameron reported that the collection buckets had been purchased and it was discussed that a rental price for gazebos should be arranged.
- b) **Commonwealth Games Baton Relay** – Cllr Bill Loban advised that there was no further update since his last email.
- c) **Large Flower Tubs** – Alistair 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 and there was no further update yet.
- d) **Items reported to TEC services** – John Grierson reported that he had asked HC Techs to look at the path. Kathleen Cameron advised that path had been fixed and was looking great; however the fly tipping is still an issue. John informed the AVCC he has spoken with the agents to arrange removal. John to chase up as it has still not been removed.
- e) **Tesco new site fence** – Kathleen Cameron advised AVCC that the fence had, yet again fallen down after its most recent repair. John Grierson advised he would chase the relevant sources to get it fixed again.

- f) **Dog Fouling** – John Grierson reported that he had been in touch with Angela Taylor of Highland Council who is newly appointed Dog Warden and after meeting with her to discuss dog fouling in the area of the new school. Callum Mackenzie from Highland Council was also at the meeting and agreed to a new waste bin the road leading to the school. The dual purpose bin is now in place.
- g) **Childrens Xmas Party** – Alistair advised that he was still addressing this matter and its on-going issues with getting help with the kids' activities and he would update the AVCC at the next meeting.
- h) **Old Primary School Site** – John Grierson asked Cllr Bill Lobban if there was any update. Bill said that there had been no change and that the site is earmarked for housing and community use.
- i) **New Projects for the coming year** – Alistair informed the AVCC that the Community Council sub-group had met and had discussed some possible projects for this year. John Grierson advised that he had spoken with Wendy Holton, the temporary head at the primary school about the sponsored tree planting and that it was to go ahead with the children seeking sponsorship to plant trees at the new park by the river. He also advised that they had 1400 trees to plant in March, most likely over the second and third weekends. The money raised will be split between the school and the Community Council.
- j) **Old School Crossing Patrol and lights and Huts** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the lights had been removed.
- k) **Domain Name** – John Grierson reported that there were still on-going issues with regards the AVCC website and that he was continuing in his endeavours to rectify it. John advised that the problem lay with the webmaster (Mark Duncan) for the old site. John is waiting for authorisation codes so that the domain name can be transferred.
- l) **Speeding at New School** – Cllr Bill Lobban informed AVCC that 20mph speed signs are to be painted on the road (weather permitting). Cllr Bill Lobban to update AVCC at the next meeting.
- m) **National Spring Clean Date** – Ray Sefton informed the AVCC that a proposed dates of the 11th May for the National Spring Clean.

5. AOCB

- A) **Cairngorms Local Development Strategy** – John Grierson advised he had received a consultation document the day before from the Cairngorm National Park regarding the new LEADER 2014 - 2020 welcoming views from the AVCC. John Grierson also added that it was a consultation period from the 10th February to the 10th March. John said that, in view of the fact that we only meet once a month and there had been insufficient time to look at the document before this meeting, he had been in contact with CNPA to see if there could be an extension. He was told it was not possible to extend the period but that we should still respond after our next meeting. John informed that it would be discussed further in more detail at AVCC's next meeting date.
- B) **Stone Circle Monument** – John informed the group he had received an email from Reidhaven Estate via Boat of Garten Community Council regarding the cairn and stone circle at Loch nan Cairraigean. The Stone Circle had a history of being damaged.. It was suggested that an option might be to place an information board on the path so that people would know what was there and its historical significance. Willie McKenna also remind the meeting that we had in the past discussed seeking an upgrade to the path that runs along past the stone circle and into Aviemore. It was agreed by all

that John should follow up on the suggestions for the information board and the path. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Ray Sefton.

C) **Standing Charges at the Village Green** – John Grierson informed the AVCC that as a result of changes made by OFGEN we were being charged £89.00 per year standing charge the electric usage at the Village Green.

D) **Mountain Trails Bike** – John Grierson informed the AVCC that he had attended a meeting with Nash Masson regarding Mountain Trails Bike course at Aviemore Dalfaber Industrial Estate. John said he had given advice to Nash on who needs to be contacted what else needs to be done, eg planning.

E) **Alain Baxter** – John Grierson asked AVCC that if there is anything the AVCC can do to help the petition to have Alain's medal reinstated. Willie McKenna advised the AVCC that he had been investigating the best procedure to follow to obtain some leverage on the problem. John suggested that AVCC could write to various politicians such as Alex Salmond and Danny Alexander. Cllr Bill Lobban agreed with this and also suggested AVCC also write to Lord Coe. This and would be a perfect time to do this to generate some interest to aid the situation as it has now been brought to the public attention. It was agreed by all that John Grierson should write to Lord Coe, Alex Salmond and Danny Alexander. A copy of the letter to Alex Salmond should also be sent to Davie Thompson MSP. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie.

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 13th March 2014 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.