

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on TUESDAY 9th SEPTEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Kathleen Cameron, Yvonne Birnie, Beth Hay, Cllr Bill Lobban, , Shona MacLachlan, Willie McKenna (public)

Apologies: Audrey MacKenzie, Steven Wilson, Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair), Karen Lawrie, Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) ,Tom Ramage (Press)

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 14th August 2014 were circulated and agreed.
Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

John Grierson advised in the absence of Lorna McGibbon that the balance of the account was £6654.56. Business Reserve Account is presently £2031.80. £470 paid in from two recent craft fairs.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Sound System - John Grierson reported that an application has been made to the Discretionary Fund for £1854.

b) Seats at Burnside - Bill Lobban reported that a meeting would take place with Sean Finnie from local community services who wanted to meet him. Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up. Youth workers had been out, but Kathleen Cameron advised that the seats still needed to be removed as that was what was keeping the youths there. It is getting worse as other youths are now joining the original ones.

c) Water Pumps at Waterfall - Cllr Bill Lobban reported that community services are investigating as to how this could be returned to a working condition.

d) A9 Dualling - John Grierson said that he had not yet contacted Transport Scotland and suggested that he arrange a meeting for November. It could be an Special Community Council meeting and the public could attend if they wished. It would be advertised. Yvonne Birnie advised that she had attended the Carrbridge meeting, and found this very informative.

e) Olympian Statue - John Grierson advised that Alistair Dargie was to meet with Dudley Evans, but no update as of yet.

f) Wild Camping and Motor Homes - John Grierson had contacted MAHR but had no response as of yet. John Grierson will chase MAHR for update.

g) Verges on Dalfaber Road - Cllr Bill Lobban stated that he had now been informed that as it is an adopted road the verge is Highland Council's responsibility to maintain. The Council are to arrange to tidy it up and keep it maintained.

h) Tents and Craft Fairs - Kathleen Cameron reported that the Paypal account is now up and running.

i) Playpark and Grass Kick Pitch at Dalfaber - Cllr Bill Lobban believes this does not belong to Highland Council. With regards to the swing park, Bill Lobban has confirmed that a new swing is being erected.

j) Association of Cairngorm Communities - Yvonne Birnie said that she had attended. She gave a report and said that there are lots of new changes within the CNPA. A new 'family tree' can be found on their website. There is also training money available to apply for. CNPA staff have until October to decide whether or not to make the move from Ballater to Grantown. Hill tracks are being reviewed. The Local development Plan is due to be published by December 2014. Next meeting of AofCC is scheduled for 30th October 2013 at 10.30am. The meeting subject will be based on Cairngorm Learning Partnership, Squirrels and Capercaillies.

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

a) Primary School ground maintenance - John Grierson had received complaint from local resident about the state of the grounds. Cllr Bill Lobban reported that Highland Council and Highland Highlife are fighting about who should pay for the work which has now been done.

b) The Highland Council Quality Awards 2014 - Ray Sefton had sent an email to see if there were any people who could be nominated. There were suggestions

c) Major variation to the Premises Licence - 1097 - Formerly the Ptarmigan - John Grierson reported that the size of the off-sales area would be changing. John Grierson's only comment would be about litter and this should be considered. Kathleen Cameron doesn't think this would be a problem and that the mountain staff would need to take care of their own litter. After discussion it was decided to make no comment. Ray Sefton to write and advise.

d) Major Variation to the Premises Licence - The Storehouse - Formerly the Day Lodge - Ray Sefton reported that the bar the bottom storehouse to the top. After discussion it was decided to make no comment. Ray Sefton to write and advise

e) 14/03300/FUL-Erection of 6 houses including infrastructure and access roads - Old sawmill site Inverdrue - John Grierson reported that the houses were on road to Black Park and were on the site of the old sawmill. It is a 'brownfield site'. Although it is outside the Inverdrue Settlement Boundary he felt it complied with the Local Plan in respect of housing developments outside settlements and developments on brownfield land. The environmental impact assessment said that the development would improve the biodiversity of the area. Willie McKenna gave a short background to the development and said he felt it ticked all the boxes. It was unanimously agreed

to support the application. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Ray Sefton. NB: It is noted that Cllr Bill Lobban took no part the discussion.**

4. AOCB

a) John Grierson reported that he had been in touch with Sean Finnie and the Forestry Officer in regards to the tree on the village green to look at the multi stem Sycamore causing significant overhangs. The tree is in sheltered location, but the roots are only going to get worse as time gets on and maybe this should be taken down and replaced. Yvonne Birnie expressed that she was talking about another tree with hanging branches which are very dangerous and these could easily fall. John will get back in touch with the Forestry Officer and get him to look at the other tree. John also said that if another tree was needed he still had the Queen's Jubilee oak tree, which we were unable to plant at the rear of the old school, and suggested it could be used.

b) Cllr Bill Lobban reported that he was at the CRAGG Meeting yesterday; they would ask that any time in the future if anyone would like to re-join CRAGG then to get in touch. Meetings will be targeted on specific subjects; next meeting will be about Cycling in the Cairngorms.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting has been agreed for Thursday 9th October 2014 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.