

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Present: Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) ,Kathleen Cameron, Yvonne Birnie, Willie McKenna (public), Cllr Bill Lobban, Audrey MacKenzie, Beth Hay, Shona MacLachlan

Apologies: John Grierson (Chair), Steven Wilson, Karen Lawrie

Opening Remarks: Alastair Dargie welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 were circulated. **Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Yvonne Birnie**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance of the account was £6585.22. Business Reserve Account is presently £2101.54.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Sound System - There was no update due to the absence of John Grierson in regards to the sound system.

b) Seats at Burnside - Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up, as there has still been no meeting with Shaun Finney. Ray expressed that this had now been going on for some time now.

c) Water Pumps at Waterfall - Cllr Bill Lobban reported that the water pump is to be repaired and vegetation removed.

d) A9 Dualling - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there was not much news in regards to this apart from the 2 junctions which were discussed and that Macdonald's Resort had shown interest in having an entry.

e) Olympian Statue - Alistair Dargie advised that he would move the plaque and weld new bolts to this. Audrey MacKenzie showed concern over staining from the old plaque being moved. Alistair Dargie advised that the 2nd plaque would cover any stains.

f) Verges on Dalfaber Road - Audrey MacKenzie stated that the verges had still not been cut. Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up.

g) Playpark and Grass Kick Pitch at Dalfaber - Cllr Bill Lobban believes the grass kick pitch does not belong to Highland Council, Lorna McGibbon will follow up. With regards to the swing park Lorna confirmed that the new swing is now in place.

h) Association of Cairngorm Communities - Next meeting of AofCC is scheduled for 30th October 2013 at 10.30am. Yvonne Birnie commented that she would be unable to attend and hoped that John Grierson would stand in.

i) Primary School ground maintenance - Highland Council and Highland Highlife promised to sort out. Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up.

j) Village Green Tree - John Grierson mentioned to Kathleen Cameron that the tree would just need to be trimmed during a previous discussion out with the meeting.

3.2 MATTERS ARISING

a) Glenmore Masterplan - Ray Sefton, Lorna McGibbon and Willie McKenna had attended the drop in session at Glenmore. Yvonne expressed that she had no issues with a new hostel, visitor centre etc. Alistair Dargie commented that they were testing the water for future plans. Cllr Bill Lobban reported that it would be a lengthy consultation process, but could quickly fix items such as car parking and signage. He also advised that another consultation would be held in Aviemore. Willie McKenna suggested it might be a good idea for the community council to visit Glenmore and see how visitors interact etc.

b) Carols Event - Will take place on Saturday 13th December. Cllr Bill Lobban, Lorna McGibbon expressed that they would help, and Ray Sefton offered admin support. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it would be best to contact Liz Cowie in regards to the Discrepancy Fund, so that we could have the sound system for this event. It was agreed that the community council would pay 25% towards the £1854 needed for the sound system. Alastair Dargie to follow up. **Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton**

Ray Sefton to email Shaun Finney in regards to the tree mounting which is broken. Kathleen Cameron advised that the front of the bandstand also needs looked at, and needs to be sorted for safety reasons.

c) Christmas Lights - Alastair Dargie advised that we needed to find out if John Grierson had spoken with Donnie.

d) Old Gazebo - Kathleen Cameron expressed that volunteers were welcome in the morning of the next craft fair which is to take place on the 19th October. Alistair Dargie and Ray Sefton are to look at the missing pieces of the gazebo.

e) Remembrance Sunday - Ray Sefton advised this is on 9th November and he has already ordered the wreath and will lay. Ray Sefton is to email Shaun Finney to advise Charlie (Gardener) not to dig the flowers until after Remembrance Day. Audrey MacKenzie will plant flowers and will produce receipts for reimbursement. **Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Alistair Dargie**

f) Highland Communities Panel - Alastair Dargie advised that this was an email circular group, from both public sector and committee members. It was agreed it would be a good way for expressing views and giving feedback. Ray Sefton to complete online survey to join the panel.

g) Old School Site - It was agreed to show interest in the old school site and then look into how this could be managed. It was suggested that perhaps planting trees could help soak up some of the water in the area. Alastair Dargie to email Matthew Johnstone. **Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

h) Winter Resilience Community Aid - Ray Sefton attended meeting recently to look at the new structure of Highland Council Community Services. He was given a questionnaire to complete, which all committee members answered. Questions such as cleaning public toilets and gritting priority roads were answered. It was agreed that this does not work for Aviemore and vicinity as cannot be easily managed.

4. AOCB

a) Vodafone 3G - The Highland Council is highlighting a mobile phone access programme to allow people in more rural areas to access 3G. Small businesses and community councils can apply for installation of the equipment which was suggested for Aviemore Primary School and Glenmore in particular. Alistair Dargie to respond with the above suggestion.

b) Flooding - Lorna McGibbon advised that the 4 year ongoing saga at Dafaber with flooding was now okay. Kathleen Cameron commented that Burnside has also been fine, whilst Alistair Dargie mentioned that there was still a fair bit of water at the square.

c) Planning Permission - Yvonne Birnie asked about the planning permission for the house at Coylumbridge, to which Cllr Bill Lobban explained that although the 2nd set of planning permissions were refused, they could still use the first set which were granted.

d) Registering Deaths - Beth Hay mentioned that she had called to make an appointment on behalf of a patient to register a death but had found this to be very difficult, taking over 1hr 30 minutes to get through to Aviemore to speak with someone. Lorna McGibbon mentioned she had also had a few problems in the past. Cllr Bill Lobban to look into.

e) Walls - Willie McKenna mentioned that the wall beside Highland Hospice/Grants Garage is needing repaired, and that corner stones have come off. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that David Cameron owned this plot. Kathleen Cameron also noted that the wall of the Technology Park is also needing repaired. Alistair Dargie to provide Ray Sefton with contact details.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Alistair Dargie thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting has been agreed for Thursday 13th November 2014 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.