

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 11th DECEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Steven Wilson, Kathleen Cameron, Yvonne Birnie, Audrey MacKenzie, Beth Hay, Cllr Bill Lobban, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Willie McKenna ( CNPA Board member), Joe Kirby

**Opening Remarks:** John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC. John advised that, regretfully, Karen Lawrie has tendered her resignation as of 24th November 2014. Everyone would like to wish Karen well for the future and would like to thank her for past attendance and contribution.

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 13th November 2014 were circulated and adopted. **Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron**

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

John advised that the balance of the account was £4178.85.  
The statue account is now £2236.82 d 7p interest.  
£450 was received from Seafield Estate which is still to go in.

### 3. BUSINESS

#### 3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

**a) Sound System** - John Grierson has written letter of thanks.

**b) Seats at Burnside** - Seats have now been removed.

**c) A9 Dualling** - John Grierson received email from Jacobs, who have spoken with the company who are taking over. They have requested to attend the AVCC February meeting rather than January which was originally proposed.

**d) Walls** - John Grierson advised that he had emailed Graham and Sibbald about the technology park wall. Kathleen Cameron confirmed that it had now been fixed.

**e) Public Access Defibrillator** - John Grierson has completed applications and is currently awaiting response.

**f) Tesco's Land** - John Grierson advised that CNPA have no knowledge of any recent progress with the development. Progress has been made on the re-location of the Damsellies in late August/September. CNPA has been waiting to hear since.

**g) Trucks Parking** - John Grierson has obtained a few registration numbers and will pass these over to Cllr Bill Lobban.

**h) Community Cafe** - Beth Hay advised that no money is needed to help over the festive period and it was agreed that the cheque would be handed back to Lorna McGibbon and cancelled.

### **3.2 BUSINESS**

**a) Motion - Proposal to adopt Joe Kirby as a co-opted member. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Ray Selfton.** 5 voted for and 1 abstention, meaning Joe Kirby has been duly adopted as a co-opted member.

**b) Stakeholder Survey 2014 - Communities - Centre for Youth and Criminal Justice** - John Grierson circulated the survey and asked questions such as what issues were facing the youth. The feeling in the group was that there is a lot of activities/interests out there, but do not feel that the clubs are reaching out to the teens. There needs to be more engagement with the youngsters. There was an overall opinion that youth crime was not a problem in our community. The responses to the survey were agreed. John Grierson to submit it.

**c) Planning Matters Survey** - Members considered questions from the Highland Council Community Council Planning Survey. The consensus was that the Community Council was satisfied with the service. The responses to the questionnaire were agreed. John Grierson to submit.

**d) Planning Application 14/03625/FUL - Change of use of former waste water treatment works - NB: Cllr Bill Lobban is not contributing to this part of the discussion.**

**Planning Application information was circulated for members**

Ray Selfton mentioned it was a vast improvement to the area, but no allowance was given for parking. Alastair Dargie commented that there is a stretch alongside the road, it would be logical for the road to be upgraded and perhaps a pavement. John Grierson also mentioned that the CNP website and Highland Council website do not coincide with one another. It was agreed that AVCC would support with comment that parking should be required and consideration be given to the road safety issues on Dalfaber Road, i.e. narrow road, no footway, use by coaches. John Grierson to submit comments and also write regarding the differences in planning websites.

**Proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

**e) Speyside Way Extension** - John Grierson circulated letters previously to meeting. Ray showed photographs of the barriers out at Ault na caber showing that cyclist were ignoring the half barriers. John Grierson has already sent email to CNPA with photographs and is awaiting reply. The walkway will be away from the road, meaning trees will be cut but these will be replanted elsewhere. Road signs will be in place and also rumble strips. John Grierson to write and express the Community Council's concerns. He is hoping to attend the planning meeting in Ballater.

**Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Alastair Dargie.**

**f) Financial Issues** - The hiring and responsibility procedures for the storage of the sound system were discussed. Ray Sefton has spoken with the Colin McKenzie of Highland Council, who advised that the storage was fine, the insurance however would not cover once the equipment was out of

our hands. Suggestions were discussed including using a higher deposit and lower rental, using a signed agreement for liability and perhaps training on the equipment before given out. John Grierson also commented that Lorna McGibbon should have a check-in/check-out system in place for the inventory. John Grierson to speak to VABS for advice on how to word the liability form. In terms of charges for the equipment it was agreed that nursery/school or youth group cannot be charged, outside organisations such as British Legion etc should be charged. Cllr Bill Lobban suggested contacting third parties to see how much PA equipment is being hired out at. **Alastair Dargie to look into.**

**g) Community Grants Scheme** - Ray Sefton circulated email from Keep Scotland Beautiful. The grant would be used to help maintain the village green. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the youth group are also going to help. John Grierson commented that it needs to involve and benefit the community and is voluntary lead. Alastair Dargie advised that a rough maintenance plan for the spring would be set up, noting what our responsibilities will be and what the council will be doing. It was decided to apply for a £250 grant advising that it would be used for maintenance of the Village Green.

**Proposed By Alastair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.  
Ray Sefton to apply**

**h) Craft Fair - Xmas and New Year** - Kathleen Cameron advised that there was an issue with the December craft fairs as more tents were having to be put up. It was suggested changing the price to £15 for a tent or £10 if the public are bringing their own. Overall response is that the locals are really enjoying as it's the only local regular craft fair. John Grierson mentioned that Lorna McGibbon was worried about payments coming in and out. Kathleen Cameron advised all cash receipts in book, however was not sure about PayPal, had to look into the past invoices individually where the 52p is taken off. It was suggested a sheet be given to Lorna McGibbon every month with the breakdown of everything put in. Kathleen Cameron advised the craft fairs will take place 2nd last Sunday of each month, April - October. Hiring of tents was agreed at £20 each (4 x 3m) which we have 4 of them in inventory. **Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Alastair Dargie**

**i) Sign at the bottom of Burnside** - Kathleen Cameron commented that the Sign at bottom of Burnside states that it is Burnside Avenue, completely wrong place. Kathleen Cameron has reported this previously. Alastair Dargie commented that the Dalnabay signs also used to have the street numbers on all the cul-de-sacs, and wondered why this had been changed. **Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up.**

**j) Butchers Burn uprights** - Audrey MacKenzie commented that there was no lights on for 3 days, however these are now back in working order.

**k) Christmas Eve Parade** - Ray Sefton said that any helpers would be appreciated on the 24th December at 5.30pm at the Aviemore Medical Centre Carpark. Kathleen Cameron advised she will be helping Donna at the nursery with the security door.

**l) Aviemore and Cambusmore Community Company** - John Grierson read out an email he had received from Karen Derrick of VABS asking if any AVCC members would like to volunteer to be directors for ACE. John said that it was up to each member, as an individual, to decide as they would not be representing the Community Council.

## **AOCB**

**a) Willie McKenna** - John Grierson had again asked Willie McKenna if he was interested in becoming an associated member. After a short discussion he is now keen to become and associated

member. John proposed that Willie become an associate member during his tenure as an elected CNP Board member. Alastair Dargie seconded the motion. The proposal will be voted on at the January meeting.

**b) Letter - Aviemore Countryside Park** - John Grierson received a letter from Liz Henderson, project manager for the Aviemore Countryside Park. There has been some remedial works on pathways etc due to weather and cattle. Works still to be completed comes in at £4170. Liz has spoken with Doug (access officer) and prioritised tasks, with the essential and highly desirable costing £2458. CNPA donated £2180, remaining £278.80 is still to be paid. She was asking if the Community Council could contribute. Cllr Bill Lobban suggested forwarding the request over to ACE. **John Grierson will contact the chair of ACE.**

**c) Broken Wall** - Audrey MacKenzie noted that the wall outside the old Mountain Spirit building is damaged, **Audrey will pursue.** Yvonne Birnie suggested talking to Graham and Sibbald.

**d) BT Manhole** - Yvonne Birnie advised that there is a manhole outside 8-9 Dellmhor which is bubbling with water all the time. It has been cleared out, but reoccurs after a few days. Both Yvonne Birnie and neighbours have reported to BT. Highland Council Lynn Johnson has written advising it is a BT issue, but nothing has happened so far. **Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up.**

## **5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting is Thursday 8th January 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.