

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 8th JANUARY 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) Steven Wilson, Kathleen Cameron, Audrey MacKenzie, Beth Hay, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Tom Ramage (press), PC Neil McIvor, John Nethercott (public), Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Yvonne Birnie, Joe Kirby

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 11th December 2014 were circulated. Lorna said that the words "to put back into the account" at Item 3.1(h) should read "and cancelled". John also said that at Item 3.2 (l) the word "and" should read "an" The minutes were adopted with the changes. **Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Steve Wilson**

John Grierson asked that as Neil McIvor was on duty that he start. Neil has nothing from the police to report. He would like an email address of the community council, to keep in contact due to being the Aviemore and vicinity community council liaison for police. Ray Sefton will email Neil McIvor, so he has contact email address. The only concern Neil McIvor mentioned for public to be aware of is that there is a bell at the side of the Aviemore Police Station and a lot of people do not realise that this is there. There is a sign at the front door.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £4122.07. The statue account is now £2257.44.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) A9 Dualling - John Grierson has not received any word back as to whether Jacobs will be attending next meeting or not. John Grierson to follow up.

b) Public Access Defibrillator - John Grierson received response to advise that many thousands of applications had been received and if would take time to work through them.

c) Tesco's Land - John Grierson advised by now everyone was aware of the situation due to media, that Tesco's will no longer be building in Aviemore.

d) Trucks Parking - John Grierson is continuing to write down registration numbers to pass over to Cllr Bill Lobban.

e) Planning Application 14/03625/FUL - Change of use of former waste water treatment works

John Grierson wrote to the CNPA regarding the differences in the planning websites and got an apology stating that it had been human error and that procedures had been put in place to ensure it doesn't happen again.

f) Speyside Way Extension - John Grierson advised he did not make it to meeting in Ballater. Cllr Bill Lobban did attend and passed over comments/concerns from our meeting .

g) Craft Fair - Xmas and New Year - Kathleen Cameron advised that the stall holders had not been charged over the Christmas and New Year period as they had all helped put up the tents and then take them down again.

h) Sign at the bottom of Burnside - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the highland council community services are currently looking into.

i) Christmas Eve Parade - Willie McKenna suggested talking with business association, seemed to be a mix up with who was taking part last minute, seems to be quite a long walk for the youngsters. John Grierson to speak with Kevin Roach and see if a de-brief could be organised.

j) Broken Wall - John Grierson contacted Graham and Sibbald who are the agents for the owners. MRH have this and John spoke with Patrick Deval of MRH who assured it would be sorted before Christmas. John Grierson will contact again as not been completed.

k) BT Manhole - Kathleen Cameron advised she had an update from Yvonne Birnie stating that BT, Scottish Water and Highland Council have all been out they now think it is to do with the Coylumbridge ditch further up the road and will be writing to them.

3.2 BUSINESS

a) ACE Funding request - John Grierson had forwarded an email from ACE Co. previously. The request for help to pay for damage caused to the Riverside Park by weather/animals. ACE Co is receiving funding from the HC discretionary fund and was requesting £275 from AVCC. Audrey Mackenzie, who is a director of ACE Co said that she did not understand why they were asking and did not think the community council should be giving the money as requested. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it was justified to the highland council and they contributed. It was decided to contribute £275 to the cost of the damage.

Alastair Dargie proposed and Ray Sefton seconded.

b) Willie McKenna - John Grierson advised Willie McKenna is still happy to become an associated member. **John Grierson proposed to adopt Willie McKenna until the end of term.**
Ray Sefton seconded. Unanimous decision in group.

c) Speyside Railway - John Grierson advised Joe Kirkby had heard that Speyside Railway will be locating offices in Grantown on Spey. John Grierson said that if they did it would be a matter for the Strathspey Railway Company and that it would not make any difference to the number of travellers using it.

d) Variation to Skiing Doo licence - Ray Sefton advised he had sent round email in regards to the variation. There was no objection.

Proposed Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron

e) 14/03675/S42 & 14/03676/S42 Application to vary conditions of Dalfaber Development -

Two planning applications had been received to change wording of some of the conditions.

John Grierson had been in contact with CNPA who said that, in their opinion, both applications were not competent as the permissions had run out and accordingly they would not be called in.

Andrew McCracken was also contacted and said that the Highland Council came under pressure not to validate them. He did not believe they were time barred and they were simply only seeking to modify conditions. The applications had been validated by the Highland Council. Andrew McCracken also said that new application for the whole development would be coming in within the next 12 weeks.

John Nethercott from the Dalfaber Action Group, advised that they were given permission to build on 11th March 2010 and that 'any reserved matters have to be presented by the end of 3 years' and that the 3 years had ended 21 months ago. He said that the variations are not minor but significant. He asked for the support of the community council.

John Grierson said that he felt that, whether the applications were valid or not, they were substantial changes to the conditions. After discussion, it was decided that AVCC should object to the application and in particular to the proposed changes to the general direction of building and the fact that their permissions had lapsed. John Grierson to write.

NB: Willie McKenna took no part in the discussion.

Proposed by John Grierson, seconded by Alastair Dargie.

f) 14/04551/FUL Erect 5 houses at Inverdrue - Willie McKenna & Cllr Bill Lobban not taking part

John Grierson had circulated information about the 5 four bedroomed houses. The reason called in as this was over 5 houses, but within the settlement boundary and it was seen as an excellent use of the land. John Grierson to write letter of support.

NB Willie McKenna and Bill Lobban took no part in the discussion.

Proposed by Ray Sefton seconded Kathleen Cameron

g) Registering Deaths - Beth Hay has had another issue in regards to registering deaths, she will speak with Cllr Bill Lobban and pass over the details of those concerned.

h) Web Administration - John Grierson advised that Joe Kirkby had suggested a 2nd admin to look after facebook/website. Ray Sefton said that everything was working well. John Grierson said that there was not a lot of work involved and that the original intention of the website and Facebook page was to let people know what we were doing. If anybody wants anything posted on the site or Facebook page he will do it. There is an opportunity on both the website and the Facebook page for the public to contact the chairman or secretary and it was being used. Cllr Bill Lobban asked if minutes were on website. John Grierson advised both minutes and agendas are on the website. Kathleen Cameron advised that our website was one of the easiest to use and to find contacts. It was agreed to leave the website Facebook administration as it is.

Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Ray Sefton

John Grierson reminded everyone of the problem with the domain name. Mark Duncan, who is the registered owner of the domain name has failed to pass on the transfer details so AVCC does not own the domain name. He advised that the domain name has been changed to www.avimorecommunitycouncil.net. The old site will run in parallel until the new site is completed.

The domain name and webspace for the first year was free with an administration cost of £10.80. Fergus Thom from 'Wee-epics' will then transfer the information over for a fee of £20.

i) Financial Advice - Kathleen Cameron advised she had looked into the third party pricing structure for the PA system. John Grierson advised that he had contacted VABS for advice. VABS said that all that was required was a simple contract made up ready to be signed by the authorised person, stating they would be responsible for any damage/loss etc. Kathleen Cameron had contacted Keith Mair about how much to let out equipment. Keith charges £120 for hire of machine plus £200 deposit. It was decided that we should set our charges to the same level.

Kathleen Cameron proposed and John Grierson seconded

AOCB

a) Highland Council Questionnaire - The Highland Council have recently renewed their website and were looking for feedback in regards to this. John Grierson went through questions with the group. Ray Sefton to reply.

b) Email - Climbing Club Aberdeen - John Grierson advised that he had received an email from Peter Aikman; the Cairngorm Climbing Club from Aberdeen, who were looking for a hut or site to use. John Grierson had replied advising him to contact the CNPA.

c) Tesco Land - Kathleen Cameron asked if Tesco will be forced to resell the land, Cllr Bill Lobban advised that no, but technically, with the upcoming Land Reformation Act, they could possibly be sometime in the future, but will not be happening anytime soon.

d) Survey - John Grierson advised that there was another survey concerning leader management training from the National Park. John Grierson said that AVCC had not taken part in any of the training so could not answer the survey as a group. It was open to members, if they had taken part, to answer the survey on a personal basis.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting is Thursday 12th February 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.