

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13th AUGUST 2015 at 7.30pm.

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

Apologies: Joe Kirby, Willie McKenna, 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 9th July 2015 were circulated.

Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Alastair Dargie.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £4137.51. The statue account is now £2739.27

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Water Outside New Tesco Site - John Grierson advised that on last inspection of the site, it would found that the area was dry. Although Cllr Bill Lobban advised that no work had been carried out.

b) McInnes Place - Park and Play Facilities- No further progress.

c) Aviemore North Sign - Alastair Dargie advised that due to annual leave there has been no further progress.

d) Dell of Spey Area -. John Grierson said he had ascertained that the road belongs to Reidhaven Estate. Will follow up.

e) Village Green Clean Up with Scouts - There has been no further progress. John Grierson to contact Jenny Steven.

f) Aviemore Primary School - funding Proposal - John Grierson has spoken with Wendy Holton and she has asked to come along to the September AVCC meeting to speak to members.

g) Planning Application Responses - John Grierson advised that he had been in touch with Malcolm McLeod, who is having a meeting with Allan Todd and will be in touch with outcome.

h) Data Protection - John Grierson advised that the AVCC need to have a point of contact to be responsible for all information and that a £35 per annum registration fee applies. Overall nomination from AVCC is for secretary Ray Sefton, Proposed by Alastair Dargie, Seconded Steven Wilson.

i) Addresses at Dellmhor - Bill Lobban advised that the addresses will be 1-7 Ski Road Cottages.

3.2 BUSINESS

a) Aviemore Community Action Plan Update John Grierson welcomed Karen Derrick to the meeting. Karen is Chief Officer for Voluntary Action Badenoch & Strathspey . John Grierson informed members that he was a director of VABS but did not think that this item was something that would be a conflict of interest. Karen told members that the Aviemore Community Action Plan was last done in 2010, when a survey was given to residents of Aviemore asking variety of questions such as; what people thought of the community/area/environment/infrastructure and asked what they felt needed improving. This then went to community event, The Big Conversation, and an action plan was formulated. It is now felt it is time to review and see if the same problems are still arising in the village. Karen asked if AVCC would like VABS can take this forward. John Grierson felt that it is definitely overdue. Alastair Dargie also commented that it would be good to get a greater public perception. Karen also advised that it would be good to get a couple of representatives from the AVCC to meet with VABS, the community companies, someone from school and any other key interest groups. John Grierson proposed that this go ahead, seconded by Kathleen Cameron. Representatives Alastair Dargie & John Grierson to go along.

b) Community Companies - Yvonne Birnie asked Karen Derrick to speak about the community companies, to give everyone a better understanding of how these worked. Karen Derrick advised Aviemore has several community companies. The broad based one ACE which has taken forward a few projects in recent years, is struggling at the moment to find directors. However, still looking at taking ACE forward again and needs to have AGM in place very shortly. Aviemore badly needs to have a well structured community company to take forward projects. Karen Derrick also commented that it would be great to re-energize and give it back its status and drive to move things forward. Karen will be meeting with the 3 directors shortly to discuss how to get people on board. John Grierson asked members if they wanted an 'at arms length' community company, to which everyone agreed that it was not necessary as long as AVCC stayed within boundaries of insurance etc. Alastair Dargie suggested AVCC to play an active role in reinvigorating ACE and try take forward , if in 6 months time it has not happened, we can then come back to the table and look at other options. Proposed Alastair Dargie, seconded Kathleen Cameron. Karen Derrick will email Ray Sefton once she has had meeting with secretary.

c) Ward Boundary - Consultation - Members were given copies of the ward boundary consultation. John Grierson advised that there was no changes to the boundaries or to the number of councillors proposed. Ray Sefton to write to strongly support the proposals.

d) Camping on Inverdrue Green - Ray Sefton suggested that during the summer months (April to September) that no camping signs were to be placed due to tents being placed here on few occasions. John Grierson said that he had had discussions with the CNPA Access Officers and had been advised that that the green at Inverdrue does not come under the Land Reform act as it was playing field and we would be no problem in us putting up signs.

AOCB

a) CNP Consultation - Cairngorm National Park are putting together final documents for a formal 12 week consultation in the Glenmore and Cairngorm Strategy including the visitor improvement plan for Glenmore, they will be running a drop in afternoon and evening in Aviemore. Would like to meet again with AVCC for September meeting. Ray Sefton to place it on the agenda.

b) Grass Cutting - Alastair Dargie mentioned that the grass cutting is only getting done once a month, and contract states that the grass has to be kept to the shortest length of 20mm, and already beyond this. Cllr Bill Lobban to take forward and liaise with Alastair Dargie.

c) Tesco Land - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the Tesco land has now been sold to London & Scottish Investments. They state the site will be redeveloped for commercial purposes focusing on mixed food and non food scheme.

d) White Lines - Yvonne Birnie commented that that the white lines had been done on the A9, and wondered if the Ski Road could be done as it is badly needing done. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the Ski Road was on a different contract to the A9 and that the lines would be done in due course.

e) Workshops - Yvonne Birnie advised that there is a Community Empowerment Roadshow 12pm Boat of Garten Hall on 27th August and helpful funding workshops coming up in September, dates TBC as didn't have diary.

f) Carbon Clever Community Grant - Ray Sefton advised that there is a fund application form for communities applying for capital funding from the Highland Council. This is to improve the active travel environment which will reduce the need for utility trips to be made by private cars down Grampian Road. John Grierson feels it has been given to the AVCC far too late, and insufficient information and too many uncertainties for a decision to be made. **John Grierson proposed that AVCC should decline on this occasion. Seconded by Kathleen Cameron. Ray Sefton to reply**

g) Jimmy's House Glenmore - Ray Sefton advised that the house is being disposed of by the Forestry Commission, this has to go to AVCC to consult if want to buy or use. It was agreed that AVCC members have no interest in the house. However Alastair Dargie proposed that Ray Sefton write to Forestry Commission and suggest/request that any money raised goes towards the Glenmore & Cairngorm Strategy Plan. **Proposed by Alastair Dargie, seconded by John Grierson.**

h) Lead the Leader/Forums - Cairngorms Leader will be officially launched on 16th September at 3.30pm at the Lecht. On 22nd September a forum for all Strathspey and Badenoch Community Councils will take place, first meeting to discuss policing and A9 Dualling.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 10th September 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.