

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 12th November 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Kathleen Cameron, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Yvonne Birnie, PC Neil McIvor, Erin McBean (public), Janette Gardner (public), Chrissie Curbishlay (public).

Apologies: Joe Kirby, Audrey MacKenzie, Lorna McGibbon, Steve Wilson, Beth Hay

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC and congratulated Erin McBean and Janette Gardner who would become members on 18th November. John Also thanked all the present members for their service over the past four years.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 8th October 2015 were circulated. Alistair Dargie said that Item 3.1 (e) should read 'Ace Membership' . With that alteration the minutes were accepted. **Minutes proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

There was no treasurers report.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING.

a) McInnes Place - Park and Play Facilities- PC Neil McIvor reported that some of the signs had been removed on a trial basis so that the children could play football.

b) Aviemore North Sign - Alastair Dargie advised that the old posts were going to have been replaced by metal posts. However, this has now been revised and wooden posts are to be use. The posts are a special order and should be in place in the next 14 days.

c) Village Green Clean Up with Scouts - Kathleen Cameron advised that as it is getting very dark now at nights, it may be too late for this year and will now take place in springtime. Ray Sefton advised that he had contacted the council about the maintenance of the seats. The council are to continue painting the seats and will do so until they become inoperative. It will then be up to the Community Council to replace them.

d) Village Green - Leaf Clearance Alastair Dargie advised that there had been 3 clearing up session in the last month.

e) Band Stand - John Grierson advised that the application for £53,195 put in for the Town Centre Community Fund from ACE, had been unsuccessful. He also advised that he would continue to carry out all the preparatory work required so that the project would be shovel ready if funding opportunities become available.

f) A9 Dualling - John Grierson advised that a letter with the comments made at the last meeting to Sam MacNaughton of Transport Scotland.

g) Christmas Events - John Grierson reported that the tree for Aviemore had been ordered and is scheduled for delivery on 1st December. Ray Sefton advised that the trees for Inverdrue and Glenmore had also been ordered. It was agreed that the Christmas carol service should be arranged for Saturday 5th December. Al, Kathleen and Ray are arranging.

h) Tesco Car Park Exit - John Grierson reported that he had written to Highland Council about the exit. He also said that while checking Highland Council adopted roads lists found that the single track section of Dalfaber Road was listed as an adopted road. As the state of the road had been discussed on a number of occasions he also wrote requesting remedial action be carried out.

3.2 POLICE REPORT - PC Neil Mclvor gave a quick summary of Police involvement during the month. A total of 204 incidents had been reported and dealt with. He said that the use of parking cones on the North Centre Access road had been partially successful. Cones have however been getting moved. The Police will continue to monitor the situation and move on any lorries seen parking. He suggested that an option might be to put in double yellow lines but this could take up to six months.

PC Mclvor also said that there had been complaints about the speed of traffic on Muirton access to the Primary School. The speed limit is 20mph. It is thought that the 20mph signs are too close to the junction and are not being seen by drivers who are concentrating more on negotiating the junction. John Grierson said that this was something that was pointed out at the Safer Routes to School meeting shortly after the school opened. PC Mclvor is to submit a Road Safety Form.

Erin McBean brought up the subject of the visibility of vehicles exiting the car park. Visibility is obscured by a bush in the flowerbed on the left. PC Mclvor will also look at this.

Janette Gardner asked about parking Grampian Court. When any events are happening in the village vehicles are being parked in Grampian Court sometimes blocking the access to the flats. Residents are not able to park. PC Mclvor is to report this to officer in charge of planning for events.

3.3 VILLAGE GREEN - John Grierson asked what had been arranged for the Village Green in 2016. Kathleen Cameron said that there would be craft fairs on the 2nd last Sunday of the month from April to October. Youth workers had used the green on the Harley Davidson weekend for the last two years and would likely be doing it again next year.

John Grierson said that he had been in touch with Highland Council about the lease but this had not been resolved yet.

3.3 ACE MEMBERSHIP - John Grierson said that at the recent AGM of ACE that six community councillors were directly elected as directors. Two of the community councillors are stepping down as councillors. This would mean that, after 18th November, there would be four directors who are also Community Councillors. The ACE board are under an obligation to ask the Community Council if they wish to nominate two members as directors. Bill Lobban said that the reason for the obligation on the board was to ensure that there was some community representation on the board. John Grierson asked the members to consider if it was necessary for the Community Council to nominate anyone when there was already four on the board. Carried forward to next meeting.

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a) Community Rail Partnership - John Grierson reported that he had recently attended the launch of the Highland Line Community Rail Partnership. He had been asked to nominate a guest. Karen Derrick, Voluntary Action Badenoch and Strathspey, was invited. John asked that the cost of the rail fair, £21.50, be reimbursed. Agreed. **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Al Dargie.**

b) B970 Aviemore/Glenmore road at Inverdrue - Al Dargie reported that the white lining on the B970 at Inverdrue had become very worn and the road has a polished surface making them difficult to see. Bill Lobban said that the white lining has been scheduled for this month dependent on weather and contractor commitments. Alternatively, it will be carried out by Highland Council in the spring.

c) Youth Club - Kathleen Cameron asked if anybody knew what happened to the money that was allocated to the youth club. Nothing seems to have happened. **Al Dargie to follow up on this.**

d) Craft Fair - Kathleen Cameron reported that as a thank for his assistance with the 'open mike' at the craft fairs through the year she had purchased quiz books for George Gordon.

e) Dell of Spey - Ray Sefton reported that the Highland Council had set aside £90000 for improvements to the Dell of Spey. Bill Lobban said that a further £80000 was being put to maintenance work on the Aviemore Orbital.

f) New Hospital - Janette Gardner said that she had seen something about meetings to be held about the new hospital and wondered what they were about. John Grierson, who is on the steering group said that he had no knowledge of meetings. Nobody else was aware of them.

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 December 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.