

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 11th FEBRUARY 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice chair/Secretary), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer) Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Joe Kirby, Jan Gardner, Erin McBean, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Tom Ramage (press), Mary Wilson (public) Shona MacLachlan (Minute Taker)

Apologies: None

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 14th January 2016.

Minutes proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Joe Kirby

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2888.95. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3093.36.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Aviemore North Sign - John Grierson advised that letter of thanks had been written.

b) Village Green Lease - John Grierson advised he is still waiting to hear back from Register of Scotland, as had previously asked for ownership details for ground.

3.2 NEW BUSINESS

a) Cairngorm and Glenmore Consultation - AVCC Response *following previous meeting* - John Grierson advised following Pete Crane's visit last month there was a consultation at the Cairngorm Hotel. John Grierson asked members of the AVCC how they felt this went. Erin McBean advised she had attended the CBP consultation and it was a concern to see that many local businesses in which it effected were not in attendance. John Grierson advised that there was no direct consultations with the locals living up in Glenmore either. Cllr Bill Lobban commented that businesses had certainly been contacted but will certainly pass on John Grierson's comments about the locals not being included and will report back at next AVCC meeting.

b) A9 Dualling Options - AVCC Response *following previous meeting* - Kathleen Cameron commented that the central junction would not work, especially if taking away the south junction. Alastair Dargie also commented that traffic from Kincaig would need to trail through Aviemore to get onto the A9 meaning more traffic through the village. John Grierson also commented that

although a southern junction would result in some loss of grazing it would be far outweighed by the damage that would be caused to the National Nature Reserve by a central junction. John Grierson advised after writing last year, he had already advised that AVCC did not support the central junction. Alastair Dargie said that the north junction coming onto the A95 should also have some form of upgrade, possible roundabout, as so many bad accidents do happen here. John Grierson advised that he had spoken to an engineer at the consultation and had brought up this point. Alastair Dargie also commented that it was difficult to visualise from the plans as there was a lot of cutting back to be done. John Grierson advised that a letter was already sent advising that the settlement boundary for Aviemore should remain as is. Alastair Dargie also said that the houses were not on the plans, which needs looking at. John Grierson advised he would write and comment about these points (no central junction, bottom of northbound junction needs looking at prefer to see road widened northbound and underpass giving access to the Nature Reserve at the water reservoir entrance.)

c) Invite from Aviemore Community Enterprise (ACE) for Partner Directors - following previous meeting - John Grierson advised that the chair of ACE (Alastair Dargie) had sent a letter to the AVCC to invite two members to become Partner Directors. (Articles of Association were previously circulated via email) John Grierson asked members if they wished to accept the invitation. John Grierson advised that the articles of association that were put there to ensure that there would always be requested community councillors on the board, and Cllr Bill Lobban explained this was here as a safe guard, and as a method of protecting the community possibly from a company that has gone feral and doesn't respond to community wishes. Joe Kirby asked for Articles of Association in which Alastair Dargie read through. Joe Kirby also commented that it would be rude not to accept, although Beth Hay suggested there was enough representation already. It was suggested to put one name forward at the moment and revisit again at a later date (perhaps 6 months). **Joe Kirby nominated Jan Gardner which was seconded by Kathleen Cameron. Jan Gardner duly accepted role as Partner Director.**

d) Community Council lease on land from ACE to rear of old primary school - potential termination of lease - following previous meeting. - ACE owns the land behind the old school where trees are now planted. It was leased by the Community Council as a method of ensuring it was maintained. The lease has now expired and John Grierson questioned if there was any need now to renew the lease and suggested that there wasn't. It was agreed to not renew the lease. **Proposed by Kathleen Cameron, seconded by Jan Gardner.**

e) Undergrounding power distribution cables - Alastair Dargie suggested the cabling along Dalfaber Road from the Butchers Burn to the houses. John Grierson suggested an area near Milton Wood where the houses are. John Grierson said that he had asked CNPA which area they were nominating and they said they were nominating the Rothiemurchus to Glenmore ones. John also suggested the cables alongside Loch Pityoulish towards Drumintoul and over towards Blackpark. John Grierson advised that he would go back to the CNPA with the AVCC nominations and that the Dalfaber one would be a priority.

f) Orbital Path - Prioritising maintenance/repair work - following previous meeting- John Grierson advised that some of the path is flooded, and areas have been washed out. A drain which had recently become blocked had been cleared by Edwin Wakling. John Grierson advised that this is one

of the areas needing looked at and that children from the new houses had also been using this for getting to school. Cllr Bill Lobban asked if this could be used as a safer route to school, which could possibly get scottish goverment money towards. Other areas of priority would be under the Strathspey Railway bridge. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he would get a copy of the map showing areas of upgrading and produce at next meeting.

g) Our community a way forward - updating community priorotues, appointment of AVCC representatives - Alastair Dargie advised Karen Derrick had been in touch with both community council and community company to get a panel together. Both Alastair Dargie and Beth Hay will be representing ACE, and need two from the community council; **John Grierson and Joe Kirby were nominated; proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay and both duly accepted.**

h) Social Care - Lack of provision in the area - Mary Wilson a local community nurse in the area, based in Aviemore asked to spoke to the members about the ongoing lack of access to social care/home care provisions/palative care and wanted to bring this to everyones attention. John Grierson advised that he recently attended the hospital improvement steering group where the concerns outlined by Mary Wilson's had been discussed. Cllr Bill Lobban also noted that this steering group was not about the hospital but the redesign of healthcare services in Badenoch and Strathspey, and how it could be improved. John Grierson suggested to Mary Wilson to speak with Boyd Peters as he is at the forefront of this, and advised this steering group consists of over 30 people feeding into the group. Mary Wilson commented that at the moment it was very poor, and although she didn't have any solutions just now but just wanted to bring awareness to the AVCC. Willie McKenna suggested allowing Beth Hay to comment at the next meeting to see her point of view too. John Grierson thanked Mary Wilson for coming.

5. AOCB

a) Bryan Wilson - London & Scottish Developments - (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not take part) John Grierson advised that a letter was circulated regarding the old Tesco site. The original planning permission was for one retail until and not 3 separate units, so London & Scottish Developments were looking to apply to amend the condition, with no change to development footprint or design which means this would happen a lot quicker. CNPA had advised full application would need to be done.

b) Planning - Retirement Flats - (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not take part) John Grierson commented that the 2 planning applications with regards to the retirement flats and illuminated hoarding have been recommended for refusal. John Grierson advised he will be attending and asked AVCC if any other members would like to come along to meeting in Ballater. Wilma Grierson and Jan Gardner showed interest.

c) Training - John Grierson advised that there will be community council training on Tuesday 23rd February , an email was circulated for reminding. This will take place in the Hub @ 6pm - 8pm. If anyone wishes to attend please email back for catering purposes.

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 March 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.