

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Secretary), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Jan Gardner, Cllr Bill Lobban, Beth Hay, Joe Kirby, Erin McBean, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna (CNPA)

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 June 2016 were accepted.

Minutes proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Jan Gardner

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £1080.66. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3810.04, after 15p interest.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Scottish Water Meeting - John Grierson thanked those who attended.

b) Village Green Lease - John Grierson advised that he had a look at the archives in Inverness, but no minutes of meeting or agendas were found. He did find District and Highland Council Minutes, and found a name of someone who may be able to assist further.

c) Social Care - Lack of provision in the area- continued from previous meeting - John Grierson had hoped to get Boyd Peters to come along to the July AVCC meeting, but unfortunately he was on annual leave. John Grierson advised that Boyd Peters would be here for the August meeting, and if not they would send someone in his place.

d) Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum - John Grierson advised this is still ongoing as has still had no reply in regards to the A9 lay-by strategy. Cllr Bill Lobban advised there was a lay-by put in at Kinraig.

e) Community Resilience - John Grierson advised the next community council forum which both Alastair Dargie and himself will attend on 27th September, there will be a discussion on community resilience.

f) Summer bedding plants; withdrawal of planting for Aviemore - John Grierson thanked those who volunteered and commented on how good they looked.

g) Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (from minors in village) - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the proposal now is that the bus from Glenmore will leave later therefore arrive at the school later and supervised playground will open earlier. Children will also not be able to leave the playground once entered.

h) Uneven footpath from Torr Lodge - Morlich Court - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he did take photographs and pass on to appropriate authority, no reply as yet, will chase for next meeting.

i) A9 Perth to Inverness (Dalraddy to Slochd Project) - John Grierson advised that during the consultation they advised they are not going ahead with the central junction in Aviemore. The junction at the south end of Aviemore was given 3 different layout proposals, 2 of them involved coming off the A9 straight to a T-Junction. The other was proposed as coming off the A9 (as if heading north) and come round onto a road that would take you into Aviemore. If you were going south you would go onto a T-Junction on that road. A staggered junction for the road going into Kinraig. John Grierson expressed his concerns with potential accidents, with high speed traffic from the A9 coming to T-Junctions. Cllr Bill Lobban also advised that the north junction should be a roundabout. John Grierson to write with comments.

j) SNH - John Grierson advised that it was well attended and a nice job has been done.

k) Signage - John Grierson advised that he filled in a complaint form on the Highland Council website. BP Garage signage has not been done as each complaint has to be uploaded separately.

l) Turn Right - Tesco - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that both Highland Council and Tesco were in discussions about no right turn from the Tesco Carpark.

3.2 NEW BUSINESS

a) Redesign of the NHS delivery in Badenoch & Strathspey - Dr Boyd Peters - John Grierson advised this will be put on agenda for next meeting as Boyd Peters couldn't make this one.

b) Statements in the Strathy - John Grierson advised that he had previously circulated his reply to Grant Moir (CNPA)'s email as felt it was important to explain exactly what the community council does.

c) Planning Application for Proposed 24 private flats, 8 private terrace units and 10 affordable units - Land 30M West of 31 Alt Mor Aviemore - (Cllr Bill Lobban did not participate)
John Grierson commented that 3 stories is quite high. Beth Hay commented that it was quite sad that again space used for flats when village needs a care home. Erin McBean also commented that these flats are not desirable for locals to buy. It was agreed to remain neutral and to make comments. John Grierson commented that he would pass on the mentioned comments and also add that they should upgrade the orbital path.

d) Planning Application for - Alterations to the existing superstore car parking area, including the installation of a new roof plant unit and new entrance doors - Tesco Superstore Grampian Road Aviemore - Highland Council Planning Red:- 16/02544/FUL - John Grierson advised that the superstore had also applied for more disabled spaces and one way system. Everyone agreed but wanted to highlight about the left turn out of the carpark and how this was needed.

e) Removal of provision of free dog poo bags by Highland Council - Jan Gardner advised it was brought to her attention there are no longer free dog poo bags available from Highland Council. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that this was correct and that this was due to cutbacks.

5. AOCB

a) CNPA Lunch - John Grierson advised there was a planning committee meeting to be held on Friday 2nd September 2016 at 12.45pm in the Cairngorm Hotel. An opportunity for the AVCC to meet the CNPA board in an informal basis. The invitation will be for any community councillor who wishes to attend. John Grierson and Alastair Dargie commented that they would attend. John Grierson asked that any others that wish to attend should let him know so that he can advise CNPA of the numbers.

b) Big 9 - John Grierson advised that Willie McKenna will be giving a short 20 minute presentation on the Big 9 CNPA consultation at the AVCC in August and will be joined with community support Manager Lee Haxton. Alastair Dargie advised there was lots of information available on their website, and will circulate via email.

c) Aviemore Railway Station - John Grierson commented he noticed, after a personal experience, the station was closed from lunchtime on a Saturday, but open 9-5pm on a Sunday. There is also no machine to print off pre-ordered tickets. As this is a tourist resort with an the main line between Perth and Inverness it didn't say much for customer care. More than 132,000 people use the station every year. Everyone agreed that opening times should be looked at and John Grierson to write and complain.

d) Traffic Warden - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that a traffic warden has been employed for the area. Main point in Aviemore would be the car park next to the police station, where tickets should be bought for parking here.

e) Flower Maintaining - Beth Hay asked who will be watering the flowers now that they have been planted. Alastair Dargie advised that Terry is currently doing the hanging baskets, but possibly look at extending contract to do the rest. Will put onto the agenda for next meeting.

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 11th August 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.