

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council, held in Aviemore Community Centre, on Thursday 11th August 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson(Chair), Alistair Dargie(Secretary), Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Erin Mc Bean, Willie McKenna.

Apologies: Wilma Grierson, Joe Kirby, Jan Gardner, Shona MacLachlan, Cllr Bill Lobban.

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed members to the meeting and also welcomed Dr Boyd Peters, Kenny Rogers and Gavin Myles who were attending to speak about agenda items.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 14th July 2016 were accepted with the amendment of Para 5(a) CNPA lunch to read 'September' and not February.

Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay.

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson had circulated a receipts and payments report prior to the meeting. The balance of the account was £860.85. The Business Reserve account had a balance of 3930.19.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Redesign of NHS service delivery in Badenoch and Strathspey - John Grierson introduced Dr Boyd Peters and Kenny Rodgers from NHS Highland who had been asked to come along to our meeting to give an update on progress with the redesign of NHS service delivery in Badenoch and Strathspey with a particular emphasis on social care and terminal care.

Dr Peters said that with regards to patient care, at the moment, it can be easier for clinical staff to keep patients in hospital. Services are geared up for it to be dealt with at hospital. This has been a weakness for at least the last 25 years and needs to change. The opportunity is there now to get this changed. NHS have already changed the way that care is being provided at home. The situation now is that there are no patients in Ian Charles waiting for a care package to be put in place. With regards to terminal care for cancer patients staff are now being encouraged to predict the need for intervention earlier so that organisations such as Marie Curie have sufficient time to organise care.

Alistair Dargie said that it appeared, on paper, that potential bed spaces would be less than at present. Dr Peters said that, at present, 5 of the beds were specialist beds not occupied by

people from Badenoch and Strathspey, and that left 13 in Ian Charles and 10 in Kingussie. The new facility will have 24 beds so bed numbers are increased. Too many beds can cause problems because there is no impetuous to get people home. Certain age and health problems can worsen the longer a patient is in hospital. There are improvements in home care but there is still a long way to go. More private services are being engaged. Home care is being zoned and providers will be required to pick up on any deficiencies. This is essential as percentage of elderly in the population is increasing.

John Grierson thanked Dr Peters and Kenny Rodgers for attending and updating the Community Council.

3.2 Cairngorms National Park Partnership Plan 2017-2022 Consultation - The Big9

Willie McKenna introduced Gavin Myles, who is Head of Planning for Cairngorms National Park Authority. Gavin then took the members through the Park Partnership Plan consultation document and expanded on the nine key issues that have been identified for consultation. The consultation ends on 30th September.

John Grierson thanked Gavin for coming along to the meeting and said that the exercise had been very valuable and it would enable the community council to formulate a response. It was decided that the consultation response would be discussed at our next meeting in September.

3.3 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Village Green - John Grierson said that he had spoken to the wife of the secretary at the time the Aviemore and Rothiemurchus Village Council had ceased to operate. She said that, after he had died, she had passed the papers on to someone in the local history club. Enquiries are continuing.

b) Uneven footpath from Torr Lodge - Cllr Lobban unable to attend the meeting and will give an update at the next meeting.

c) Signage - John Grierson said that he had submitted complaints about the Inverdrue sign and the sign at the old Cairngorm Filling Station site. He had not been informed of the outcome yet. The signs are still in place.

d) CNPA Lunch - John Grierson reminded everyone about the invitation from the CNPA planning Committee to have lunch with them at the Cairngorm Hotel at 1245pm on Friday 2nd September 2016. He asked that any who wished to attend should let him know so he can advise CNPA of the numbers.

e) Aviemore Railway Station - John Grierson said that he had asked for the situation to be discussed at the next Highland Mainline Community Rail Partnership meeting at the end of August.

f) Flower Maintaining - John Grierson commented that this was really an issue for the community enterprise company.

3.4 'No Ball Games' Signs - Kathleen Cameron said that she had received a 'complaint' from a resident who said that Aberdeen Council were going to be removing 'No Ball Games' in Aberdeen and resident asked if that was something the Community Council could do. John Grierson said that the signs in Aviemore were all on private property so there was nothing could be done.

3.5 Request for meeting with Balavil Estate regarding their planning application - John Grierson said that he had receive a request for a meeting with George Pirie, the Restoration Manager at Balavil Estate to speak to the Community Council about their planning application. John said that he had pointed out that the Community Council had already responded to the planning application but they still wanted to meet. They were keen to meet before the next Community Council meeting in September. There was no interest from any member to meet with him. John said that he would meet with him and report back to the next meeting.

4. AOCB

4.1 Speyside Way - Dangerous Hill and Bend in Kinrara Estate. - Kathleen Cameron said that she had been approached by someone who was concerned about a steep hill and sharp bend on the recently opened Speyside Way near the middle entrance to Kinrara Estate. John Grierson said that the bit of the path in question had been subject to discussion at the Cairngorms Local Outdoor Access Forum, which he attends on behalf of the Association of Cairngorm Communities. He said that, although it does not come within the area of remit for AVCC, he would make further enquiries.

4.2 Apologies - Alistair Dargie gave his apologies for the September meeting. Something about a honeymoon!!

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting of AVCC will be on Thursday 8th September 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.