

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council, held in Aviemore Community Centre, on Thursday 8th September, 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson(Chair), Kathleen Cameron, Wilma Grierson, Beth Hay, Joe Kirby, Jan Gardner, Willie McKenna, Cllr Bill Lobban, PC Neil McIvor

Apologies: Alistair Dargie

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed members to the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 11th August 2016 were agreed
Proposed by Beth Hay and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson had circulated a receipts and payments report prior to the meeting. The balance of the account was £825.85. The Business Reserve account had a balance of £3930.37.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Policing Report from PC Neil McIvor - PC McIvor said that there had been a total of 174 incidents dealt with by the Police in the Aviemore area over the preceding month. He then gave a more detailed breakdown. PC McIvor referred to the problems with the HGV parking in the village and spoke of actions taken. He asked how the Community Council felt about 'yellow lines'. At present if the vehicle is parked on the roadway and not the footway no offences are committed and it is more difficult to move them on. Bill Lobban said that the Highland Council would consider 'yellow lines' only if the Community Council requested them after a public consultation. John Grierson said that it would be worth waiting to see what happens after the new shops are built before considering the lines.

John Grierson raised an issue about the Harley Weekend. On the afternoon of the ride out traffic was stopped at Granish Junction for at least 40 minutes. It has to be accepted that this will happen, however, the traffic, which was heavy, was built back on to the A9 and vehicles could be seen carrying out 'u' turns on the main road. There needs to be some form of traffic management put in place at the A9 Granish Junction. PC McIvor said that he would take back our concerns.

3.2 Matters Arising from Minutes of previous meeting.

a) **Village Green** - John Grierson said that he had contacted the local history club and had more names to contact. Nothing further to report.

b) **Uneven footpath from Torr Lodge** - Cllr Bill Lobban to give an update at our next meeting.

c) **Signage** - John Grierson said that he had been contacted by Highland Council who said that the sign at Inverdrue was the responsibility of CNPA as it referred to a development that had been called in and the sign was on the development site. CNPA are presently dealing with it. With regards to the Old Garage site sign, Highland Council are still dealing with that.

John Grierson said that he had also come across two other signs which he considered did not have permission. A sign at the junction of Grampian Road and Grampian Court, on MAHR ground, advertising the half marathon and a sign belonging to Caledonia Estate Agency at the junction of Grampian Road and Dalfaber Drive, on MAHR ground. He has reported both the signs to Highland Council.

d) **Aviemore Railway Station** - John Grierson said that he had received an email from John Yellowlees, Scotrail Community Liaison Manager, saying that the ticket office/waiting rooms are closed on a Saturday because there are only two full time staff members, so a double shift would mean them never getting a Saturday off. John Grierson suggested writing to the managing director, Phil Verster. It was agreed. **John Grierson to write.**

e) **Request for meeting with Balavil Estate regarding their planning application** - John Grierson referred to the email trail that had been previously circulated to members and in particular to the last email from George Pirie where he had said that they had been told it would not be called in and it would likely be dealt with locally. John said he had contacted Gavin Miles at CNPA and read out his reply which completely contradicted George Pirie's email. It was decided that AVCC would not avail themselves of Balavil Estates offer. The invitation was still there for Balavil to attend one the AVCC meetings. They declined to attend this one.

f) **Speyside Way - Dangerous Hill and Bend in Kinrara Estate** - John Grierson said that he had spoken with access officers and found that the path had been built to agreed standards. However, they are aware of the problems and are investigating the placement of warning signs.

3.3 Balavil Estate - See matters arising.

3.4 Flower Beds - Beth Hay raised the subject of the flower beds, their weeding and removal at the end of the season. After discussion, it was agreed to ask Al Dargie who had coordinated the planting if he would do the same with the removal/weeding.

3.5 Telephone Boxes - John Grierson said that there would soon be a consultation from BT via Highland Council on the removal of phone boxes in Badenoch and Strathspey. One of the boxes is at the Day Lodge, Cairngorm. In correspondence that he had seen between BT and Natural Retreat staff there had been a suggestion, by BT, that the Community Council could 'adopt' it. John had been asked if it was something the community council would consider. There would be financial implication with regards to maintenance and health and safety and

it makes better sense if it was taken over by Natural Retreats. After discussion it was decided that the Community Council would not adopt the telephone box. **John Grierson to write to Natural Retreats**

3.6 The Big9 - National Park Partnership Plan 2017-2022 Consultation - This item was taken out of sequence after AOCB. Each issue was discussed at length and responses agreed. **John Grierson to complete response form.**

4 AOCB

4.1 Pollution in Butchers Burn - John Grierson reported that a local resident had informed him of pollution in Butchers Burn. A drain was pouring dirty water into the burn under the Grampian Road bridge and the water was dirty and smelling. John reported the pollution, on behalf of the Community Council, initially to Highland Council, then to SEPA. The drain has now been cleaned out and the burn is now beginning to run clear.

4.2 School Trampoline - John Grierson reported that a teacher had now been trained and that trampoline was now being used by the less able children. Wendy Holten, head teacher, had suggested that a couple of councillors could go along for a photo opportunity. John Grierson to arrange.

4.3 Replacement Benches - Bill Lobban said that the four benches on Grampian Road had been inspected, found to be in a dangerous condition and had been removed. It is intended to replace them with recycled plastic benches and he asked if the members were happy with that. John Grierson said that he has seen examples of the benches in Nairn and Hopeman and they are of good quality and should last. Members agreed that it would be the best option. Bill suggested that if the Highland Council were unable to provide all the benches initially they would be put at the war memorial first.

4.4 New Telephone Mast at Hilton, Coylumbridge - John Grierson said that Bill Lobban had given him correspondence from Gallifordtry regarding the replacement of an existing 16.5 metre high telephone mast with a 23 metre high one, at Hilton, Coylumbridge. The correspondence, which is a pre-application consultation was asking for comments. After discussion it was decided to make no comment at the moment.

4.5 Representation on Aviemore Community Enterprise Company - Joe Kirby asked what the situation was about Community Council representation on the board of ACE. Jan Gardner, who is the Community Council representative on the board said that she had underestimated what was involved and had decided to stand down. It was decided that it would be discussed under business at the next meeting.

4.6 Re-design of Highland Council Consultation - Cllr Bill Lobban gave notice that there will be a consultation on the re-design of Highland Council and he hoped that the Community Council would be able to respond.

4.7 Apologies - Joe Kirby gave his apologies for the next meeting in October.

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 13th October 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.