

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 10th November 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Cllr Bill Lobban, Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna (CNPA), PC Neil Mclvor, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Jan Gardner, Joe Kirby, Beth Hay

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 13th October 2016.

Minutes proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Wilma Grierson

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2339.04. The statue account (business reserve) is now £4122.

3. BUSINESS

a) Police Report - PC Neil Mclvor advised there had been a total of 126 calls dealt with by the Police in Aviemore area over the preceding month. These included 4 warrants, 12 miscellaneous, 17 road traffic, 1 missing person, 6 animal related calls, 2 fire arms handed in to be destroyed, 3 mountain rescues, 11 driver behaviour, 11 child/youth calls, 3 assaults, 6 road accidents, 2 noisy neighbours. PC Mclvor also advised that he had spoken with the kids at the youth club as eggs had been thrown at houses and tape put across road at Dalfaber which caused danger to walkers/cyclists. PC Neil Mclvor also advised that the old primary school had been re-secured as there was a small fire set inside, although he does not think this was an attempt to set the building on fire. Health and Safety reports have been completed, and this is now in the Highland Councils hands.

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Village Green Lease - John Grierson advised that there was no further update at the moment.

b) Aviemore Railway Station - John Grierson advised that John Yellowlees was not present at the meeting, but he brought up the concerns and was advised it would be looked at.

c) School Trampoline - John Grierson advised the date for the photo opportunity had been rescheduled for 11th November.

d) Representation on ACE - John Grierson said that the agenda item was at the behest of Joe Kirby and was only fair that he was present. The item was again deferred to next meeting.

e) Christmas Lights Turn On - John Grierson advised that these were going to be switched on on Sunday 27th November and that the tree was due to arrive w/c 1st December, and not any earlier. Alastair Dargie advised he would look into alternatives to get earlier (Rothiemurchus). Kathleen Cameron also advised may be able to source from Ray Holton if Alastair Dargie cannot get in first instance.

f) Community Resilience - John Grierson advised this would be carried forward to next meeting.

g) Semi Chem Defibrillator - John Grierson commented that he required contact details of who to contact, Kathleen Cameron to get back to John Grierson with name. Alastair Dargie also advised that the 1st public defibrillator has now been installed at the Fire Station.

h) Fergus Ewing Article in Strathy dated 6th October 2016 - John Grierson advised he had since written to the minister, copying in John Swinney and Roseanna Cunningham.

3.2 NEW BUSINESS

a) Planning Application 16/04669/FUL; 60-bedroom Premier Inn Hotel, former Cairngorm Service Station, Grampian Road (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not participate) - Alastair Dargie advised that the recent plans for the Premier Inn were much better, having it set back with less height. John Grierson advised he will write and comment that the community council remains neutral however to comment that the proposed design and cladding is more in keeping with the area etc.

5. AOCB

a) Senior Lunch Contribution- Alastair Dargie commented that he had been approached for a contribution towards the senior lunch which is held on an annual basis at Hilton Coylumbridge. Everyone agreed £200 would be donated as this is what was given in previous years.

b) Remembrance Wreath - Alastair Dargie advised that the wreath has organised, just needs to be laid. John Grierson said that he would be attending and would lay it.

c) Public Entertainment Licence - John Grierson advised that there is consultation ongoing into proposed changes to the licensing of events. John Grierson said that the changes proposed are in the public interest. Agreed that John Grierson should reply that AVCC is happy with the proposals.

d) Stage - Willie McKenna asked if there was money to fix the stage. Alastair Dargie advised if replacing with standard decking £500. The other option worth investigating would be replacing with composite decking, which is a mix of plastic and wood, lasts longer and is non-slip, this would cost approx double. Alistair Dargie to cost the repairs.

e) Local Business- Speyside Trust - It was unanimously agreed that this item be discussed 'in camera'. After discussion, it was decided that John Grierson should write to the Ward Highland Councillors to make them aware of our concerns.

Proposed John Grierson, Seconded Kathleen Cameron

Note: Cllr Bill Lobban although present took no part in the discussion.

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 8th December 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.