

# **AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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

**1. Present:** John Grierson(Chair), Alistair Dargie, Wilma Grierson, Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna, Cllr Bill Lobban, PC Neil McIvor.

**2. Apologies:** Joe Kirby, Beth Hay, Jan Gardner

**Opening Remarks:** John Grierson welcomed members to the meeting. John also said that he was saddened by the news of Dr Neil MacDonald passing. Neil was a great stalwart of the community and had served as councillor and chairman of the Aviemore and Rothiemurchus Village Council and later the Community Council. He will be sadly missed.

### **3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2016 were agreed  
**Proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie**

### **4. TREASURERS REPORT**

Wilma Grierson had circulated a receipts and payments report prior to the meeting. The balance of the account was £2466.19. The Business Reserve account had a balance of £4318.78.

### **5. BUSINESS**

**5.1 Policing Report from PC Neil McIvor** - PC McIvor said that there had been a total of 143 incidents dealt with by the Police in the Aviemore area over the preceding month. He then gave a more detailed breakdown.

Alistair Dargie asked about the large-scale disturbance outside 'The Vault' that had been widely reported in the press. After discussion, it would appear that the press reports exaggerated the actual incident. However, there were aspects, with regards to policing that caused members concern. There were only four officers on duty in the whole of Badenoch and Strathspey when 'The Vault' came out at 3.00am. 3.00am is also the shift changeover time. After 3.00am there are only two on duty. The members questioned whether this was safe for both the public and the Police officers. PC McIvor was asked to take our concerns back to management and Cllr Bill Lobban was asked to bring our concerns up at the next district partnership meeting.

John Grierson also pointed out a problem on Dalfaber Road at the junction with the link road up to Grampian Road from the Old Bridge Inn. The give way road markings have become

completely faded. Local residents have complained of cyclists coming out of the junction without stopping and nearly causing accidents. PC McIvor is to submit a road hazard report and Cllr Bill Lobban is to speak to the Roads Department.

PC McIvor then left the meeting.

## **5.2 Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Previous Meeting**

**a) Village Green** - John Grierson said that he has nothing further to report. He requested permission to engage local solicitor. Agreed - **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Alistair Dargie.**

**b) Christmas Lights Turn On** - Alistair reported that everything had gone well. Cllr Bill Lobban said that something has to be done for next year to encourage others to help in the preparation and running of the event. This year it was pretty well all put together by Alistair and Kathleen and they have to be congratulated for it, however, what is happening is not sustainable. We were lucky this year as the weather was good.

**c) Community Resilience** - John Grierson reports that there will be a meeting at the beginning of the year to start a plan.

**d) Village Green Stage** - Alistair Dargie reported that his costing was still ongoing. It looks like we will be going for composite boarding and he has a completion target for spring 2017.

**e) Local Business- Speyside Trust** - John Grierson reported that a letter had been sent to the Ward Councillors. Cllr Bill Lobban said that the letter along with comments from the four Ward Highland Councillors had been sent to the Office of the Scottish Charity Regulator, who have acknowledged receipt.

**5.3 Representation on ACE** - Joe Kirby not present. Deferred to January meeting.

**5.4 Planning Application 16/05133/Ful – 6 affordable homes, Delmhor** – after discussion it was decided to object to the application on the basis of the design of the housing. The design was at best boxes bolted together with plastic cladding and not at all like anything else round about it. **Proposed by Alistair Dargie, seconded by John Grierson**

**5.5 Our Community Hub – Potential Website for Community Use** - John Grierson said that he had been approached by OurCommunityHub.com who develop websites for communities which act as the "go to" place for users interested in local clubs, schools, places of worship, weather, travel information, deals, events, businesses and other organisations. After discussion, it was decided that Aviemore Community Enterprise Co would be better placed to look at the proposal.

**5.6 Lack of facilities for local use at Community Centre** - Kathleen Cameron said that Highlife Highland is very inflexible when it comes to locals using the facilities during the day. The studios are in constant use or when not in use, not available. Fitness classes are being done by video and there may be nobody present. The centre is not being used as a community centre, it is being run as a fitness centre. Bill Lobban pointed out that the community had raised a huge amount of money for the facility. John Grierson and Willie

McKenna are both on the Community Centre Service Review Group and will ask for a meeting to be convened to discuss the matter.

**5.7 Licence Application for Provisional Premises Licence, Premier Inn, Grampian Road, Aviemore.** - After discussion, it was decided not to object to the licence application. **Alistair Dargie to respond.**

## **6 AOCB**

**(1)-Aviemore Adventure Festival** - John Grierson reported that he had received correspondence from Paul White regarding the Aviemore Adventure Festival which had taken place in Aviemore earlier this year. It was going to be run next year and he was requesting that they be able to erect a marquee on the Village Green to act as a hub for the event. The event lasts a week and they would need the Green from 6<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> March. Around 500 people attended this year. Members saw this as an excellent use for the Green. John Grierson to contact Paul White to make arrangements.

**(2)-Thinking Cairngorm** - John Grierson reported that he had received an invite from Alan Bratty to a private presentation of proposals for the re-development of Coire na Ciste. John will report back to the January meeting.

**(3)- Flood Warning Research** – John Grierson had received correspondence from Dundee University regarding research being carried out by them into the effectiveness of the SEPA flood warning service.

**(4) – CNPA Housing Meeting** - John Grierson and Alistair Dargie gave a short update on a CNPA Housing needs meeting they had attended. Dulnain Bridge, Carrbridge and Boat of Garten Community Councils also attended along with reps from CNPA, Highland Council, Albyn Housing and the Highland Small Communities Housing Trust. There will be a further meeting in the new year.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup> January 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.