

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council, held in Aviemore Community Centre, on Thursday 9th February 2017 at 7.00pm.

1. Present: John Grierson(Chair), Alastair Dargie, Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Joe Kirby, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Johnnie Grant (public), Gavin Miles (CNPA)

2. Apologies: Jan Gardner, Wilma Grierson

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed members to the meeting.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th January 2016 were agreed
Proposed by Joe Kirby, 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 £2456.02. The Business Reserve account had a balance of £4378.86.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Matters Arising From the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

a) Village Green - John Grierson said that he had nothing further to report.

b) Lack of facilities for local use at Community Centre - John reported that he had attended a meeting of the Community Centre Service Review Group, where the subject was discussed. Highlife Highland will try to accommodate community 'needs' when they can. A difficulty arises where it is at short notice and the facilities have already been booked. The advice is to book as early as possible.

5.2 Cairngorms National Park Local Development Plan 2020 – call for sites and ideas –

John welcomed Gavin Miles, Head of Planning, Cairngorms National Park Authority to the meeting. Gavin gave an outline of the call for sites and ideas that was being carried out for the Local Development Plan 2020. Local land owners and developers had already been consulted but he said that although the consultation period had ended for them it was still open for communities to make suggestions.

There was then some discussion on the actual housing needs of the community. Bill Lobban said that work had been carried out by Highland Council and that he would forward a copy of the report to members. Johnnie Grant was able to update members on the present situation with An Camus Mor. A planning application will be made shortly to extend the present planning permission.

Gavin said that four walking tours for community councillors and planners have been arranged in different communities, with Aviemore being one of them. The Aviemore one will be on 7th March. John Grierson will circulate details.

Gavin then went on to speak about work being carried out into a development brief for MacDonal Aviemore Highland Resort. This would replace the masterplan and give the owners a better steer on what is considered appropriate. Gavin provided a map showing proposals. There was discussion about the various aspects of the brief which were broadly agreed on. It was made clear however, that there was no doubt whatsoever, the community would be totally opposed to any suggestion of development on the Four Seasons Lawn/Garden area.

5.3 Planning Application 17/00129/FUL – 186 Dalnabay, Aviemore - John Grierson said that he had received correspondence, via the website, from a neighbour who was concerned about the scale of the development. The development consisted of an extension. The neighbour felt that the size of the extension was such that it was not subordinate in scale and character to the existing house and would be contrary to the Highland Council Guideline. It was pointed out that planning decisions, although being made by Highland Council, would have to be based on Cairngorms National Park Authority policies and guidance and it differed from the Highland Council guidelines. After discussion, it was decided to take no action.
Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Al Dargie

5.4 Scout Hut – New Site Required - Kathleen Cameron reported that the Scouts have to leave their scout hut shortly and are in need of other accommodation. Several meeting rooms have been suggested but have been deemed unsuitable for various reasons. The ATC/Army Cadet hall had been suggested but had been turned down by the MOD. John Grierson said that, when Ron Whyte had approached the Community Council about supporting the cadet hall project, great play had been made on the fact that it would be available to other organisations such as the scouts. It was Community Council lobbying that had helped secure the site and persuade Park planners that it would be a good use for the ground. Bill Lobban said that he had written to the cadet's colonel in charge to see if anything could be done.

6. AOCB

6.1 Pavements at the Green - Beth Hay said that she had been approached by a resident at The Green regarding the icy pavement and how they had not been salted. Bill Lobban said that the pavement was private property did not belong to the Council so would not be salted. John Grierson suggested that he write to Hanover Housing to see if anything could be done.

6.2 Rock Challenge - Kathleen Cameron requested that the Community Council consider assisting this year's Rock Challenge with funding. 90+ children from the Primary School will be taking part. After discussion, it was decided to give £700 to the project. **Proposed by Joe Kirby and seconded by Al Dargie**

6.3 Participatory Budget Application - John Grierson reported that he had applied to the Badenoch and Strathspey participatory budget for the cost of Christmas lights for the Village Green.

7. 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 9th March 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.