

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 9th November 2017 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Cllr Bill Lobban, Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Erin Ferguson, PC Neil McIvor, Beth Hay, Liz Henderson (Community Support Manager CNPA), Ian Gray, Karen Lawrie, Ronnie Macrae (Chief Executive Officer for Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust), Steven Gregg (Business Development Manager for Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust), Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair)

**Opening Remarks:** John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

### 3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 12th October 2017.

**Minutes proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Wilma Grierson**

### 4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2213.67. £500 donation to ACE has not been cashed yet. The statue account (business reserve) is now £5474.46.

### 5. BUSINESS

#### 5.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

**a) Village Green** - John Grierson advised that the solicitor was still working on this and had suggested direct transfer from the old village council to the community company. John has managed to find someone who was on the old village council who will help with transfer. Advance upfront cost of £500+vat coming out of account.

**b) Christmas Lights** - John Grierson said that the lights have been delivered and that they are just waiting on John Beaton to okay the trunk routes so that the trunking can be put in. Alastair Dargie is sorting out.

**c) Broadband at Glenmore** - John Grierson advised that he had circulated information from the Cairngorm Community Broadband.

**d) New Bus Stop** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there had been a suggestion from the roads engineer that the logical place for the bus stop would be as you are heading north up Grampian Road, turning left at the roundabout beside the bank, to the second roundabout and have the bus stop there, just

before the entrance into the shops, rather than on Grampian Road itself. **John Grierson proposed** this was much better , **Wilma Grierson seconded**. Cllr Bill Lobban to take back to Highland Council.

**e) Bedding Plants** - John Grierson advised that after arranging a voluntary uplift of the plants, they had all been removed by the Highland Council. Cllr Bill Lobban expressed that technically they don't do this anymore and it was queried by members of the community council as to why it was done. John Grierson received an email from Debbie Sutton who advised that Inverness Botanics would be in touch soon in regards to the orders over the winter and that John McLean would be in touch to confirm requirements, but as of yet he has not been in touch.

**f) Remembrance Sunday** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the British Legion have applied for a road closure permit.

**g) Review of Policy on Village Green Use** - Kathleen Cameron advised that she had contacted Karen Derrick, but has not heard back as of yet.

### **3.2 NEW BUSINESS**

**a) Highland Small Communities Housing Trust** - John Grierson welcomed both Ronnie MacRae and Steven Gregg from Highlands Small Communities Housing Trust. Ronnie MacRae went on to explain that they have done a lot of work in the area, and were set up by Highland Council, HIE and Scottish Government to work with communities and mainly towards affordable housing needs. They were commissioned to do work by An Camus Mor to look at potential complimentary affordable housing options. Steven Gregg done the bulk of the work on the survey, which was promoted through Facebook and the An Camus Mor email database with an aim to have a better understanding of the demand in the area.

There were 520 respondents, with 401 being complete surveys. 119 incomplete. 174 respondents gave addresses and 71% were from Badenoch and Strathspey area. Strong response from families with children under the age of 16.

Concerns were raised about second homes/holiday homes and pressure on local services as part of the development. 50% of respondents are currently home owners and 47% are in private or social rent or living with parents etc. 3 bedrooms was the most popular house size sought after, with 2 bedrooms coming in 2nd. 47% of respondents had low cost home ownership as their preferred option. 50% would like work space near their home, live in/work units. Average household income for the respondents was £30-£35,000. 135 households likely to be required in the next 5 years. From the business survey, the feeling was that more houses were needed for staff etc. The full survey will be on An Camus Mor website to view.

Liz Henderson asked what would happen with this information now and how would it be used. Ronnie MacRae explained that as it was on their website, he suspects the developers would be looking at how to incorporate the information from the survey and talk with both Highland Council and the Scottish Government. From the Highland Small Housing Communities Trust point of view, they would hope that this would increase the number of affordable homes provided on the project.

Beth Hay asked if there would be a repeat of second homes again and if anything could be done to prevent it. Ronnie MacRae said that it wouldn't impact the amount of affordable homes , there are

mechanisms in place to stop that. On the market however, there is nothing to stop the open market from purchasing as a second home.

John Grierson thanked both Ronnie MacRae and Steven Gregg and they both left the meeting.

**b) Police Report** - PC Neil Mclvor advised there had been a total of 131 calls dealt with by the Police in Aviemore area over the preceding month. These included 6 animal calls, 8 fixed penalties, 1 court offence, 4 dog incidents, 12 road accidents - 2 of which were fatalities, 1 domestic, 2 drug related incidents, 3 driver behaviour, 1 alarm activation, 5 noisy neighbours, 4 thefts, 10 road traffic incidents, 1 drink driving, 2 firework incidents, 1 house break in with intent .

Cllr Bill Lobban asked if anything had been done about the junction which had the 3 accidents with 2 fatalities. PC Neil Mclvor advised that he had heard comments in regard to the lighting and knows when you come up to the junction it isn't very well lit, and neither are the reflective bollards. PC Neil Mclvor advised that he will speak with the road police in relation to the incidents.

John Grierson asked if any risk assessments were done for the Aviemore 1/2 Marathon. PC Neil Mclvor advised that an Operation Order would have been done and a generic risk assessment. John Grierson advised that there was a road closure, with no signage. Nadics signs not used and no diversions in place. John Grierson expressed that he had spoken with the police, and they had decided it needed to be closed. PC Neil Mclvor advised that they had probably done with the best intentions, signage needs to be done by the council but will certainly take comments back.

Beth Hay asked PC Neil Mclvor if he was any further forward with the request for 30mph signage in the village. PC Neil Mclvor advised that he was no further forward as of yet, but had passed on the comments to the inspector.

Ian Gray also commented that there were 4 dog incidents last month and asked what powers do the police have for dealing with these. PC Neil Mclvor advised a lot of the times it is passed over to the dog warden who will issue dog orders or put in restrictions.

## **5. AOCB**

**a) Associate Member** - John Grierson said that Erin Ferguson, Associate Member was now sixteen and had registered to vote. John proposed that Erin be co-opted on to the Community Council. This was seconded by Kathleen Cameron and all agreed. To be confirmed at December meeting. **John Grierson proposed. Kathleen Cameron seconded.**

**b) Aviemore Primary 6** - Kathleen Cameron advised that primary 6 pupils at Aviemore Primary School have 'The Community' as their topic. They will be down at the village green about 9.40am, with bags etc, to help collect leaves and general tidy up. They had also asked about snow clearing during the winter period, to help elderly etc. Cllr Bill Lobban suggested the green behind the school, and to contact Richard Porteous at the Highland Council to provide salt etc. Kathleen Cameron also advised they will be doing a litter pick.

## **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 14th December 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.