

# **AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 11th January 2018 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair) Cllr Bill Lobban, Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna (CNPA), PC Neil Mclvor, Beth Hay, Ian Gray, Joe Kirby, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Erin Ferguson

**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 14th December 2017 were circulated.

Amendment to be made to spelling of the word 'woiuld' which should be 'would' under the Business section d) New Bus Stop.

Joe Kirby commented that there was no mention about seeking clarification from the ward manager on item 6.1 Code of Conduct. The words, "Agreed that John Grierson should contact the Ward manager for clarification on how to move forward with similar Code of Conduct situations." To be added to the minute.

**Minutes proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Joe Kirby**

### **4. TREASURERS REPORT**

John Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2753.67. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3887.63.

### **5. BUSINESS**

**5.1 Police Report** - PC Neil Mclvor advised there had been a total of 113 calls dealt with by the Police in Aviemore area over the preceding month. Some of these calls included 8 miscellaneous matters, 1 Immigration matter, 9 road accidents, 4 alarm activations, 5 vulnerable person incidents, 3 domestic incidents, 6 assistance advice, 3 mountain rescue, 15 road traffic incidents, 8 false calls with good intent, 2 children calls, 1 fraud related call, 1 threatening behaviour, 1 missing persons, 10 driver behaviour, 3 animal calls, 8 fixed penalties, 2 warrant enquiries, 1 stolen bicycle (which was later returned), 1 sexual offence, 1 identity fraud, and 1 destruction of firearm.

PC Neil Mclvor went on to explain there was no dramas over the New Year period, and that the Christmas Parade went well. It was definitely easier on the street. Alastair Dargie commented that both air & army cadets done most of the traffic management which was a great help. John Grierson commented that there were 2 holidaymakers who helped on the ropes after seeing a notice on Facebook looking for volunteers. Alastair Dargie also commented that he received very supportive assistance from the Highland Council this year. Kathleen Cameron asked if there was anything about the Grantown after school dance, PC Neil Mclvor said hadn't heard anything, but will look into it.

## **5.2 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.**

**a) Police Report** - John Grierson advised he still hadn't written to Andrew McKenzie, as he thought it best if went and visited him instead.

**b) Village Green** - John Grierson advised that this was still ongoing.

**c) Christmas Lights** - John Grierson advised waiting on improvement in the weather and also a cherry picker had to be arranged.

**d) New Bus Stop** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised there was no further update.

**e) Bedding Plants** - John Grierson advised that he will follow up with Debbie Sutton as still haven't heard anything from her. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that they will be writing to community councils again asking if there is any flower beds that are needing filled in.

**f) Review of Policy on Village Green Use** - Kathleen Cameron advised it no further forward as we are still waiting on input from Karen Derrick of VABS. John Grierson will chase up with her next week.

**g) Snowblower** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that Highland Council are waiting on Natural Retreats to sign a service level agreement. This will mean that Highland Council will get use of the machine in the summer, and will be loaned to Natural Retreats in winter purely for clearing the Ski Road. John Grierson asked Cllr Bill Lobban to let him know when it had been agreed.

**h) Royal Bank of Scotland** - John Grierson advised letter had been sent, still ongoing.

**i) A9 Dualling** - John Grierson advised that unfortunately the consultation team from Atkins Mouchel couldn't make it to tonight's meeting, but intend to come to the February one.

**j) Cairngorms National Park - Main Issues Report Consultation** - John Grierson advised that the meeting had been arranged for Thursday 25th January at 7pm, Aviemore Community Centre. Cairngorm National Park will discuss local development plan.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

### **a) Planning Application - Land North West of Dalfaber Farm, Dalfaber D**

John Grierson advised that the application is to discharge a condition that was within the planning permission. The condition related to design guidelines and site plans. John Grierson said that he had been in contact with CNPA planners and had been told that only the site/building plans had been submitted and they could not be considered without the design guidance. The Cairngorms National Park are not dealing with it at the moment, but once the applicants submit everything they will arrange for a consultation.

## 7. AOCB

**a) Meeting 16th January** - John Grierson advised he had been invited to a meeting with Tracey Urry from Highland Council, about the winter gritting/pavements etc. John Grierson asked for comments around the table how everyone thought this went over the last few weeks.

John Grierson expressed that the Highland Council publish every year what the priority roads are, hours of work etc. John Grierson commented that his thoughts were that they done very well in the Aviemore area, and that people needed to take responsibility for their own safety, for example if it is icy, get grips for shoes etc. Alastair Dargie suggested if people could take ownership of their own patch, and it could make things that little bit easier. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that towards High Burnside there was a number of places that hadn't had their grit bins filled. He said that Tracey would be interested to hear of any suggestions/feedback as to how it could be improved, what routes really need done or where new grit bins could be placed. Kathleen Cameron advised that the junction between the A9 and old A9 there seems to be some confusion of who actually grits it. Cllr Bill Lobban advised it was Bear Scotland who should be doing this. John Grierson asked everyone think about it over the weekend and send him an email with any comments/feedback.

**b) Plastic Straw Campaign** - Kathleen Cameron advised that Dawn Wilson is wanting to start a campaign similar to Ullapool to stop the use of plastic straws in Badenoch and Strathspey. Kathleen Cameron has spoken with the schools who think it's a fantastic idea. She is currently looking for community council support and Kathleen Cameron is happy to take forward. Alastair Dargie advised that they really need to be targeting the businesses in Aviemore.

**c) Land beside Cadet Hall**- Kathleen Cameron advised she spoke with Mark Allan who is wondering who he needs to talk to about the piece of land that is ear marked for the skate park, as he would like to clear this out and put seats in it. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it belongs to Highland Council, he would also need to maintain it if he took this on. Alastair Dargie advised that there had been a lot of movement behind the scenes regarding this area. John Grierson advised that he should also speak to the Aviemore Community Company and those organising the skatepark itself.

**d) North of Dalfaber Industrial Estate** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised he had received a number of complaints about the clearing of the piece of land at the north of Dalfaber Industrial Estate which is apparently going to be used as a site/compound for the construction of the A9. Alastair Dargie believed this was McGowans who were building their own new yard. Kathleen Cameron believed something came through today on planning about it. Will put on agenda for next meeting.

**e) An Camus Mor** - Joe Kirby made a comment about An Camus Mor being a Community Council supportive idea, but wondered why there was only a picture of Chairman John Grierson and Vice Chair & Secretary Alastair Dargie. John Grierson advised Joe Kirby to speak with Johnny Grant or his designers about the An Camus Mor website as it has nothing to do with the community council as to what they put on their correspondence.

## 8. 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 February 2017 at 7.00pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.