

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 12th April 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Cllr Bill Lobban (Arrived 7.40pm), Karen Lawrie, Beth Hay, Erin Ferguson, PC Claire McLennan, PC Neil Mclvor, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

**Apologies:** Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron

**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 8th March 2018 were circulated.

**Minutes proposed by Karen Lawrie and seconded by Beth Hay.**

### 4. TREASURERS REPORT

John Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2440.24. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3274.90. John Grierson advised that there was a transfer from the statue account (business reserve) to the treasurers account of £613.20 to cover legal fees. Also noted that £500 was paid twice from the discretionary fund by mistake and the £500 will be refunded.

### 5. BUSINESS

**a) Police Report** - PC Neil Mclvor advised there had been a total of 66 calls dealt with by the Police in Aviemore area over the preceding month. These included 29 fixed penalties on Grampian Road, 4 drug related instances, 1 drink driving offence, 2 assaults, 1 child call, 4 miscellaneous matters, 7 road traffic instances, 4 thefts, 2 vulnerable person calls, 3 fixed penalties (non road traffic), 1 concern for person call, 1 domestic disturbance, 1 warrant, 1 false call with good intent, 1 disorder, 1 vehicle defect forms, 1 fire raising, 1 bogus caller, 1 road accident.

John Grierson asked about the lorries who were now parking in the new retail park carpark overnight. PC Neil Mclvor explained that it would be up to whoever owns the land to put signage in place. Alastair Dargie suggested signage similar to Tesco's (only allowed few hours) may help. PC Mclvor did advise that they will keep an eye out.

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

**a) A9 Dualling** - John Grierson advised that Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron and himself attended a walk over at Milton woods, they were joined by Willie McKenna, Eleanor McIntosh who is the convenor of the planning committee of the Cairngorm National Park. Murray Ferguson, David Cline and Sam McNaughton (Transport Scotland). John Grierson commented that he was happy that the park listened to what was needing to be said. The main reason was to highlight to the park with concerns and why they felt that the dualling didn't have to be on our side. John Grierson continued

to express that trees had already been cut which were in protected areas. John Grierson advised he would contact the Highland Council about this.

**b) Village Green** - Alastair Dargie advised that he is hoping to have a clean up at the green next Thursday (19th) if anyone is available to help, as craft fairs will be starting that weekend.

**c) Christmas Lights** - Alastair Dargie advised this was still ongoing and will try and hire commercial cherry picker.

**d) New Bus Stop** - John Grierson advised that this is now in place.

**e) Bedding Plants** - John Grierson advised there was still no reply. Alastair Dargie commented that the Brittish Legion has requested specific colours, will find out more information.

**f) Sluggan Drive - Pot Holes** - Alastair Dargie advised that there were people working on the road now, resurfacing, drains being raised etc. Cllr Bill Lobban commented that it will be an adopted road by the end of the month.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

**a) Planning Application 2018/0112/DET - (Cairngorm National Park Website) Installation of beginner and intermediate artificial ski slopes with associated services, Cairngorm Mountain, Glenmore** (Willie McKenna not taking part in this discussion)- John Grierson commented that the dry ski slope would be placed to the left of the car park, beside the Day Lodge Poma. Alastair Dargie commented that this was in an area not currently being pisted and looks like it would only be used in the summer months, they also do not give clear indication of the finished surface. The Community Council agreed that the visual impact would be the biggest issue. Many agreed that people do not come to Aviemore in the summer to ski, so wondering who this is aimed at. Cllr Bill Lobban commented that people would probably not drive hundreds of miles to come from Edinburgh/Glasgow when they have a bigger dry ski slope back home. Alastair Dargie commented that we do want to see development, but it needs to be structured and planned and overall improvements to the visitor experience. **John Grierson to write to CNPA Planning objecting to the application. Proposed by Al Dargie seconded by Karen Lawrie.**

**b) Planning Application 2017/0463/DET (Cairngorm National Park Website) Application to satisfy condition 2 of planning permissions PPA-001-2016 and PPA-001-2017 for 75 residential units Land at North West of Dalfaber Farm, Dalfaber Drive, Aviemore** - John Grierson advised that the design guide had to be approved and that some parts in 2b were changed. Beth Hay commented that it was a lot of houses. John Grierson advised the original plan was more houses and they have reduced the number in the wooded area. Alastair Dargie commented that the objections which were made regarding the timeline of when the environmental surveys were carried out were valid, for example the red squirrels. Housing provision is an issue in the community. Cllr Bill Lobban also commented that there would be an economic impact which would be negative for the golf course. Karen Lawrie advised there was no specific reference to affordable housing. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there is also no mention about the railway, it is incapable of having any further traffic, this is not in the condition at all, a barrier is needed. **John Grierson to write to CNPA Planning objection to the application. Proposed by Al Dargie, seconded by Karen Lawrie.**

**c) Planning Application 2018/0027/DET (Cairngorm National Park Website) Change of use and conversion of office block to form 20 flats and erection of 6 flats, cycle stores and bin stores at Spey House, Cairngorm Technology Park, Dalfaber Drive, Aviemore** - John Grierson advised that the Community Council objected to this due to no mention of affordable housing, traffic management, and insufficient space for waste bins. It has been advised that all of these will be affordable housing, and that they are working together with Albyn Housing are working with them and a confirmation letter is to follow. Alastair Dargie advised that we need to specifically state in response that we welcome affordable housing, but this shouldn't be traded off in any future developments in the area. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it may be worthwhile commenting about the heating system too, these need to also be affordable. **John Grierson to write again to CNPA withdrawing the Community Council's objection and including comments about affordable housing and heating. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie.**

**d) A9 Dualling Scheme - Meeting Notes Aviemore and Vicinity Community Council (Discussion on accuracy/agreement of minutes)** - John Grierson said that that he circulated notes of the meeting in March with Atkins Mouchel and Transport Scotland that had been supplied by Atkins/Mouchel. He said that the notes bore no resemblance to what was actually said. Arguments made by the Community Council had been glossed over and did not reflect what had been said. The arguments had been forcefully made and in depth and it was as if the Community Council had not been there. Alastair Dargie commented that they had glossed over the fact that they have no layby strategy and been economical with the truth about the distances between laybys. Alastair Dargie also said that there was also no reference to the flood mitigation either. John Grierson said that himself and Beth Hay had attended a meeting shortly after the public presentation as they had been unable to attend the presentation. He said that the notes provided after that meeting were almost identical to the notes provided after the Community Council meeting. **After discussion it was decided that John Grierson to write and decline acceptance of the meeting note as it is not a true record of the meeting. John is also to write to the Transport Minister and Kate Forbes MSP. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Karen Lawrie.**

**e) Local bank branch closures survey - HIE Access to banking survey, Community Groups survey response)** - Alastair Dargie advised that he received a survey to be completed from the Community Council. John Grierson will fill out and send back advising that how we perceive the closing of the bank and how it will affect tourism and commercial entities.

## **7. AOCB**

**a) Summer Spring Clean** - Beth Hay advised that the next village clean up will be on Saturday 26th May at 11am.

**b) Received Licensing** - Alastair Dargie advised that he received a licensing application for a minor variation for the Pine Marten Bar. It is for increasing the floor area and would use seasonal opening hours. It is not significant change. After discussion it was decided to remain neutral on it. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by John Grierson**

**c) Aviemore Wi-Fi** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that Aviemore will receive free open public Wi-Fi as of next week.

## **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 10th May 2018 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.