

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

1. PRESENT: John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Al Dargie, Iain Gray, Erin Ferguson, Karen Lawrie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Cllr Muriel Cockburn, PC Neil McIvor, Johnnie Grant (public)(left meeting after item 3)

2. APOLOGIES: Joe Kirby, Willie McKenna

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 13th September 2018 were circulated.

Minutes with amendments proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Iain Gray.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2048.04. The statue account (business reserve) is now £5602.94.

5. BUSINESS

i) Police Report – PC Neil MacIvor said that during the previous month 126. incidents were recorded and gave a breakdown. John Grierson noted that there was much more prior notification to the public of the half marathon. There was more advanced road signage and press and social media coverage.

Iain Gray said that the problem with the lizards had been resolved. He thanked the Police for their help.

ii) Matters arising from the minutes.

a) An Camus Mor – John Grierson said that he understood that the subject of An Camus Mor had been discussed ‘In camera’ at the recent CNPA Board meeting and that the information he had was that a section 75 agreement would be produced shortly. John Grierson also said that he had sent a letter to the Conveynor and had copied it to all of the Board. He had received an acknowledgement but had nothing further to report.

b) Christmas Carol Service/Lights On –

c) Aviemore Swimming Pool – John Grierson said that Joe Kirby was asking for support for the campaign from all the Community Councils. Bill Lobban said that there had been no contact from MacDonald’s and negotiations were no further. Muriel Cockburn said that it was not just a local issue. She was aware of people who travel to from Dingwall to visit the

Aviemore area and use the pool. John Grierson said he felt it was important not to just target MacDonald's, that could be counter-productive. The campaign had been even handed up to now. After discussion it was decided that the chairman write to both MacDonald's and Highlife highland expressing the Community Council's concerns.

Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Beth Hay

d) Planning – Consultation on Artificial Ski Slope at Cairngorm – John Grierson said that the planning committee was on 12th October 2018 and that he would be attending.

e) Harley Davidson Weekend – John Grierson said that he had contacted a licensing officer at Highland Council. He was told that the timing of the display is legal requirement. Fireworks are not allowed after 1100pm. John said he has contacted Inspector Middlehurst, saying the Community Council were not making an official complaint but requested that the organisers be warned/given corrective advice.

f) Milton Burn Pollution – John Grierson reported that he had received a reply from SEPA regarding our enquiry. SEPA has classed it as a Category 2 event and has issued a Final Warning Letter to Scottish Water. John also said that he had received a letter from Scottish Water which indicated that they had identified that the cause of the recent event and March event was improper cross-connection in the area of Milton Park and Craig na Gower Avenue. There was also a problem with the drainage at the Old Primary School. They are still working to identify any other improper cross-connections.

iii) Winter Resilience - John Grierson reported that Joe Kirby had given formal notice of my intention not to take ownership of the winter resilience this year. John said that it was not a Community Council responsibility to organise the winter resilience but had to approve any groups. He asked if members become aware of anybody wanting to take advantage of the Highland Council Winter Resilience Scheme they should contact Highland Council for more information. There is good information on the Highland Council website.

iv) Craft Fair – Kathleen Cameron said that the reason for the agenda item had been resolved.

v) Christmas Carol Service/Lights Turn On - Kathleen Cameron said that the school choirs were unavailable to the intended date of the carol service as the teachers had other commitment. After discussion it was decided to put the service back to 8th December.

vi) Review of Polling Districts and Polling Places – Al Dargie referred to the ongoing consultation by Highland Council on the review of polling places and polling districts. There is no proposed change to the polling places or districts in our area. Al Dargie to respond to the consultation that the Community Council is satisfied with the proposals.

Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Karen Lawrie

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l) Milton Wood Bridge - Erin Ferguson reported that the surface of the bridge at the south end of Milton Wood was rotting and had become uneven. John Grierson said that it had been deteriorating for some time. There is a question over who owns the bridge. The bridge links Aviemore Community Enterprise ground with that of Reidhaven Estate. Wilma Grierson said that the bridge had been built some time ago by the army as part of the 'aid to civilian' scheme and wondered if asking them to

come and repair it would be an option. John Grierson is to enquire with both parties to see if something could be done with the bridge.

ii) De-fibrillator – Beth Hay asked about the fitting of de-fibrillators to lamp-posts. John Grierson said that he had enquired with Highland Council about the lamp-posts and was told they could not be fitted to posts that are in use but could be fitted to any lamp-posts that were no longer used. John Grierson will speak John Beaton Highland Council

iii) Traffic Signage on Road Down to School – Kathleen Cameron asked about the '20s Plenty' signage on the road down to the school. People were ignoring it. Bill Lobban said that the '20s Plenty' was illegal. It implies a higher speed limit where, in fact, the speed limit is 20MPH. John Grierson said that the '20s Plenty' came about during the Safer Routes to School Travel Plan meetings just after the school opened. He also said he felt the signs at the entrance to Muirton were wrongly placed as drivers entering Muirton could easily miss them while concentrating on the traffic at the junction. He suggested 20MPH signs on the roadway. John Grierson to write to Highland Council. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Erin Ferguson.**

iv) Rural Tourism Infrastructure Fund - John Grierson reported that CNPA had been successful in their application for funds for the path at Glenmore.

v) Memorial Bench – John Grierson said he had received an email from a family enquiring about putting a memorial bench to her mother in Aviemore. Her mother had been visiting Aviemore for the last 60 years and was terminally ill. After discussion, it was decided that John should contact the family to discuss a suitable location and design for the bench.

Proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay.

7. Date of Next Meeting and Closure

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 8th November 2018 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.