

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13th December 2018 at 7.30pm.

1. PRESENT: John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Iain Gray, Joe Kirby, Al Dargie (from 1955), Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, PC Neil McIvor, PC Peter Baird, Duncan Swarbrick (Aviemore and Glenmore Trust), Mike Gale (Aviemore and Glenmore Trust).

2. APOLOGIES: Karen Lawrie, 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 8th November 2018 were circulated.

Minutes were proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Joe Kirby

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2635.22. The statue account (business reserve) is now £5652.81

5. BUSINESS

i) Police Report – PC Neil MacIvor said that during the previous month 153 incidents were recorded and he gave a breakdown. Vandalism had been a problem with several windows and glass in bus shelters being broken. Enquiries are ongoing.

ii) Matters arising from the minutes.

a) An Camus Mor – John Grierson read out an email from Johnnie Grant outlining the present situation with An Camus Mor. An Camas Mòr LLP made a S42 application for renewal of Planning Permission in Principle for the new community in February 2017. Whilst it was determined with conditions in August 2018 the permission has not yet been issued. Mr Grant believes it is now well on the way to being completed however An Camas Mòr LLP is still waiting for supporting information from CNPA and for the final wording of the proposed education contribution clauses for the S75. Mr Grant believes it is still just possible for first homes to be completed in 2021.

b) Aviemore Swimming Pool – The problem has now been resolved.

c) Road Junction in Industrial Estate - Bill Lobban said that the road junction had been tarred recently and that the priority at the junction would change on white lining.

d) Frank Spaven Drive/Sluggan Road – John Grierson said that, as there were ‘give way’ lines that were being ignored, he had passed on the concerns to PC Neil McIvor. PC McIvor said that the Police will monitor the junction and act if necessary.

iii) Cairngorm Mountain – John Grierson welcomed Duncan Swarbrick and Mike Gale from Aviemore and Glenmore Trust who had been invited by Joe Kirby. Duncan and Mike gave a rundown on the position now and how the Trust saw the way forward for Cairngorm Mountain. The Trust is working closely with Highland and Islands Enterprise and other stakeholders. It was felt there were three possible solutions; HIE could own and operate indefinitely, a private operator could take over, or a community led company with community support

could take over. The Trust is working towards the third solution and has received funding from HIE to engage a project officer. John Grierson thanked Duncan and Mike for their input. Duncan and Mike then left the meeting.

It was decided that the Community Council should write to HIE and the Trust giving full support for a community led company taking over. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Iain Gray.**

iv) Dumping of Materials by Strathspey Railway – Al Dargie said that a member of the public had reported to him that Strathspey Steam Railway had been moving material on their property just south of the engine sheds and that it was spilling on to the road way. This material included concrete blocks. Some of the material which had spilled on to the road had then been swept off on to the other side. (Reidhaven Estate property). It is still happening. It was decided to write to Strathspey Steam Railway asking for the practice to be stopped and to include a copy of the letter to Reidhaven Estate. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Joe Kirby.**

v) Ward Discretionary Budget Funding Opportunity – John Grierson reported that he had received correspondence from Liz Cowie, Highland Council to say that the local councillors were again giving a ‘one off’ grant of £500 for community projects. After discussion it was decided that the money should be used to purchase flower tubs for the village. John Grierson to respond accordingly.
Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie.

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i) Clan MacAulay Gathering – John Grierson said that he had received correspondence from a Mr Bill O’Reilly via Liz Cowie to the effect that there will be a MacAulay clan gathering at Coylumbridge on 5 – 8th September 2019. The organisers were asking for any support we could give. John said that he had replied saying that we would give any support we were able to give.

ii) Celtic Media Festival – John Grierson said that Aviemore would be hosting the 40th Celtic Media Festival in June 2019. It is a three-day event that promotes the languages and culture of the Celtic Nations and Regions in media.

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 10th January 2019 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.