

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council held in Aviemore Community Centre on Thursday 11th July 2019 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson, Karen Laurie, Joe Kirby, Beth Hay, Neil McIver (Police), James Clemoes(Public), Angela Orriss (minutes)

Apologies: Bill Lobban, Erin Ferguson, Alistair Dargie, Kathleen Cameron, Iain Gray and Willie McKenna.

1. Opening remarks

John Grierson thanked everyone for attending this meeting of AVCC.

2. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of AVCC meeting held on 13th June 2019 had been circulated. Proposed by Joe Kirby and seconded by Beth Hay.

3. Treasures Report

Wilma Grierson had produced a report showing that there was £366.43 in the treasures account and £8074.55 in the business reserve account.

4. Business

a) Village Green

The planning application has been made. Obtaining quotes for work to be done is in progress.

b) Aviemore & Glenmore Community Trust and CMT

John Grierson said that a meeting is planned in two weeks' time, Thursday 25th July 2019 in the Cairngorm Hotel. All were invited to attend.

c) Bedding plants

The bedding plants are all in and looking good. John Grierson thanked all who took part in planting. Beth Hay asked for confirmation that the bedding plants would be weeded, and it was agreed that a team would be appointed to check and weed the planted areas periodically. The paving slabs for the new planters have been paid for. The tubs have been painted by Robert Thompson and he had also kindly mended and painted the seating.

d) New Hospital

John Grierson said that the Turf Cutting Ceremony had taken place. It had been well attended and reported on in the media.

e) Fireworks

John Grierson said that he had passed on our concerns to the Police. There is a change in the legislation on the use of fireworks and this may have some effect.

f) Police report

Neil McKeever announced that there had been 132 incidents in the past month. Vehicles parking over pavements and grass areas are constantly being looked at and

continue to be addressed as and when these occurrences are apparent. A fence or low wall may be a preventative measure. Coach parking on Santa Claus Way was also mentioned but a lack of space for coaches persists. The police continue to look at traffic behaviour, parking and speed.

g) Planning applications - 2019/0200/DET - 11 new houses & 4 flats, 20M

South East of Spey House – Upland Developments have applied for 11 Houses and 4 Flats near the new hospital. After discussion it was decided that the development made good use of the site and should be supported. John Grierson said that there has been no mention of affordable housing. There could also be an issue with rubbish collection obstructing emergency services to and from the hospital, however, this has been addressed in the Highland Council response. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Joe Kirby.

h) Application for Major Variation of Licence, Cairngorm Hotel, Aviemore

After discussion there were no objections to the change. John Grierson to respond to the Highland Council accordingly. Proposed by Joe Kirby and seconded by Karen Lawrie.

i) School Grounds

John Grierson said that he had spoken to the school janitor about the gardens in the school/community centre carpark area. Highland Council are recently looking at options, including taking the gardens out, to make it more presentable.

5. AOCB

a) Street Naming

The naming of streets at Alt Mor development by Alan Munro was discussed. It has been proposed that the flats would be called “Caledonia House” and the street to have the name “Cardeas Street”. Cairdeas is Gaelic for friendship. John Grierson also pointed out that it is also a ‘variety’ or Lamphroig whisky. After discussions, it was agreed that “Caledonia Street or Place” would be more agreeable and complement the name of the flats.

b) University Survey

A second year Leeds University student, Jim Clemoes, is in the area on a summer placement from Leeds University. He joined the meeting today to ask if anyone present would be interested in taking part in a survey that the University is conducting. Jim explained that the survey was aimed at local people and their views on wildlife, the environment and improvements for local people in the CNP. All present took an interest. Jim took a note of John Grierson’s email address and would pass on information to arrange times to meet individuals.

6. Close of meeting and date of next meeting

John Grierson thanked all those for attending. The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 8th August 2019 at 7.30pm.