

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council held in Aviemore Community Centre on 12th March 2020 at 7.30pm.

1. Present:

John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson, Peter Long, Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Neil MacIvor (police), Barry Donaldson (police), Peter Crane (CNPA) Angela Orriss (minutes)

2. Apologies:

Alistair Dargie, Joe Kirby, Bill Lobban, Karen Lawrie, Willie McKenna

3. Opening remarks

John Grierson thanked everyone for attending this meeting of AVCC.

4. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of AVCC meeting held on 13th Feb 2020 had been circulated. Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Peter Long.

5. Treasures Report

The £500 grant from the Highland Council has come in, giving the treasures account a balance of £982.00. The business Reserve account has £10,732.08.

6. Matters arising:

- a) **Notice Board** - Ongoing – a joiner to be sourced for this
- b) **Manholes** - All uneven manholes have been reported, all of them were Scottish Water's responsibility. Some of these have been fixed. It was noted that each one must be reported to the Highland Council in order for action to be taken.
- c) **Swimming Pool** - A short-term solution is now in place with Macdonald hotels giving the use of their pool, being reviewed monthly. The Community Council would like to Thank Bill Lobban for his input in this.
- d) **Village Green** - The Big Fix Festival is booked for September 19th & 20th @ £500. It was noted that the advert states 18th. We will have to consider revising the charge to include an extra day. The original agreement was for 18th to be accessible to set up, not the event starting. The Harley weekend is booked; they are paying £1500 for the weekend, are good at paying promptly and clear up after themselves. Work has not started yet, the weather not being very good for heavy machinery on the ground. John Grierson said he would talk to David Cameron; work needs to start before April to be ready in time.

- e) **Bikeathon** - Kathleen Cameron attended a positive meeting, a date is still to be set, it may possibly be in September. There are concerns about using Rothiemurchus Estate ground with environmental issues, and lack of access to toilets. The cost of using portaloo's is high, and not viable. Possibly the route will stay on the old logging way, using The Old Bridge Inn & the tennis club for toilets. Glenmore were more relaxed and happier for the Bikeathon to use their facilities. A meeting with Matthew and his replacement is scheduled.
- f) **Lighting** - Ongoing – nothing has been reported.
- g) **Litterpick** - Beth Hay said that there is no point in organising this now, with unknown issues with the Corona virus it would be difficult to get volunteers. Peter Long said that this could easily be organised later – ON HOLD
- h) **Ice Rink** – Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust are investigating putting an ice rink near the site of the old ice rink. Planning is being put forward for use between October & April. It will be big enough for ice hockey, curling, speed skating and a seating area.

7 Business

- a) **Police report** - Neil MacIvor said that 133 incidences had been reported since 13th Feb this year. Including road traffic matters, offences & accidents, breach of the peace, mountain rescues and miscellaneous.
- b) **Speyside Way** - Peter Crane said that work on the Speyside way started 16 years ago. He was happy to announce that the Aviemore to Newtonmore section is now open but not yet finished, the official opening is due to be in October this year. The Business Association in Newtonmore have indicated that more signage is needed and display panels with maps. Peter circulated a map and indicated concerns that the section passing the Barracks in Kingussie is on the road and the bridge does not have a footpath. This area is on flood planes. They are looking at the road signage and possibly traffic lights on the bridge - this would be a long-term measure. Discussions within The Cairngorm Business Partnership are in process regarding marketing and the public sector. The Speyside Way is funded by The Commonwealth, Sustrans, S&H Heritage as well as the government. The signage discussed included branding at each end of the Speyside Way. Peter stressed that the route is open but not yet completed. It has been noted that there are too many gates within the section between Aviemore and Kincaig.
- c) **A9 Dualling** - The general feedback has been positive. Aviemore, Boat of Garten & Carrbridge objected to the lack of a cycle path/route. Transport Scotland have agreed to put a cycle path in. This positive outcome has been down to local community councils' input. Sections of the "old A9" will not be used.
- d) **Active Travel** - Peter Crane said that funding had been secured to install a tarmac path between the beach car park at Glenmore to the Hayfield and the contract is out for tender. The path from the visitor centre to the beach will be for walking and cycling.
- e) **Public Toilets** - Every 5 years a visitor survey is produced – the result has been a big negative for public toilets. The CNP show toilets on their new

route maps. 17 toilets are run by local authorities. More businesses may register their toilets available for public use, such as hotels offering 'comfort facilities'.

8. AOCB

- a) **Community Council Forum** - The Community Council forum was cancelled last Monday. It has been re-scheduled for Monday 30th March. Unfortunately, John Grierson cannot attend, Peter Long and Beth Hay said that they would attend if available TBC.

- b) **Craft Fair** - The Craft Fair has been booked 3rd weekend of each month starting 18th April (excepting the Harley weekend and Big Fix). It was noted that alternative days can be arranged. Joannie Woodger will donate £40 for each fare to the Village Green, she cannot advertise until the green is finished so it will be short notice and a lot of crafters will be booked elsewhere. She will be charging £12 per stall.

Date of next meeting

Thursday 9th April 2020 at 7:30pm

Closure

John Grierson thanked all those for attending.