

## **AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council held via ZOOM on *9th July* at 7.00pm.

### ***Present:***

Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Alistair Dargie, Peter Long, Joe Kirby, Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Muriel Cockburn, Angela Orriss (minutes)

### ***Apologies:***

none

### ***Opening remarks***

Al Dargie opened the meeting in John Grierson's absence and thanked everyone for attending. Following the announcement that John Grierson has stepped down as Chairman, it was decided to elect a new Chairperson. Joe Kirby proposed Peter Long and Alistair Dargie seconded, as no other person was nominated it was agreed by all that Peter Long is elected as the new chair. Alistair Dargie then handed the meeting to the new Chairperson.

Peter Long announced he was happy to accept the position of Chairperson of AVCC, thanking Alistair Dargie for opening the meeting and thanked John Grierson (in his absence) for the many years of his position as chairperson and the input he has given to AVCC.

### ***Minutes of previous meeting***

The minutes of AVCC meeting held in June 2020 had been circulated. Joe Kirby asked for an alteration regarding the Village Green: "it was decided to ask local children to paint stones. Joe Kirby to investigate appropriate ways of displaying them"

Amended Minute proposed by *Joe Kirby* and seconded by *Kathleen Cameron*.

### ***Treasurer's Report***

A copy of the treasurer's report had been emailed to all members. Wilma Grierson said £155 is in the kitty and are now working with the reserve new account which is not yet available online – Copy of the report attached. Payment to ZOOM has been paid by VABS.

### ***Matters arising:***

- **Village Green**

There was a picture of The Green in the 'Strathy'. Suggestions of colour options were circulated to members yesterday by email. A decision to use the 1<sup>st</sup> colour was made.

- **Painted Stones**

Joe Kirby had received many emails regarding collecting the stones and a lot have been coming in - estimated around 40 to 60. They will be located when they are all painted and discussions on how to display them. Alistair Dargie said we should think about how to protect the stones from the weather & elements.

- **Wild Flower seeds**

Nothing to add at this time.

- **Old Sewage Works**

AVCC had been approached for help with funding – it was decided that we cannot help. It is situated on a flood plain and is a commercial project. No further action to be taken. Alistair Dargie suggested an email or phone call to be made explaining that we cannot help.

*ACTION: PL agreed to contact.*

- **Litter**

Willy McKenna said that the Seasonal Rangers have been collecting litter. There are reports available on how many bags have been collected

- **Highland Council Consultation on Cycling and Walking Routes**

Joe Kirby has not seen any response.

*ACTION: JK to respond, based on comments at the last meeting*

- **Aviemore Response to COVID19**

Kathleen Cameron said that there are no more meetings. Beth Hay said that the Food Table location has been moved to the Church Hall which will be it's permanent location on Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays. No urgent action needed.

- **Munro Trees**

It has been agreed to cut the trees, the council will trim them at the end of August.

- **Schools return**

The schools are due to return on 12<sup>th</sup> August, this will be a 'soft start'. Muriel Cockburn said that bus transportation is being looked at. There could be 18 - 37 pupils on each bus depending on the social distancing regulations. It was asked if the children should use masks on the school buses?

Kathleen Cameron said that ACE had purchased 255 A4 sized clear cases for the children in Aviemore primary School. These will be full of useful items for the children with variations regarding the age group.

- **ZOOM**

Video conferencing is fully up and running.

## **Business**

## **1. Chairperson**

John Grierson's resignation as Chairperson: It was decided to look at all he was involved in and what is needed to do to take things forward, Beth Hay suggested making a list:

- a) Planning: Joe Kirby & Alistair Dargie, and Peter Long will create a sub-committee
- b) Correspondence: community council have John's address. To be updated to include the Chair and Secretary
- c) Village Green ownership
- d) Web page.

Joe Kirby suggested to set up a handover list with historical input in depth on what John has been doing. John Grierson had told Joe that he would finish the Village Green project. Peter Long said that moving forward, he would arrange a talk with John as a handover and ask for suggestions as to on moving forward - Wilma said that he had been working on files to hand over. Joe Kirby asked if there is anything urgent to be looked at.

**ACTIONS:**

*a) Consultation with John Grierson (Peter Long)*

*B) Peter Long will come back with an agenda item for the next meeting,*

*c) Addresses and contacts for correspondence to be amended*

Alistair Dargie suggested to continue the Planning Sub Group in case anything comes up in the next few weeks & will liaise with John regarding the Village Green as he remains involved.

Joe Kirby pointed out that the CNP council correspondence is sent to the Chair and Secretary. He will also assist with the handing over of the website.

Joe Kirby reported that Karen Lawrie had tendered her resignation from AVCC Peter Long said that John's resignation, together with Karen leaving, means that AVCC is short of another 2 members, leaving 4 vacancies from a maximum of 10. Joe Kirby said up to 4 co-options were allowable. We run the risk of not enough members and should we make a decision now? It was decided to ask Liz Cowie for advice. If there are people interested, more elected members can be added later. Joe Kirby proposed to support a co-option.

Peter Long said it was important to act quickly on:

- a) Asking the parent Council and Carol Butler if they wish to nominate someone for co-option.
- b) Promote vacancies more widely
- c) Names of anybody to co-opt for the next meeting
- d) Promote on the Facebook page: Kathleen Cameron assisted by Joe Kirby

## **2. Data Protection**

This is due on 26<sup>th</sup> August. Joe Kirby said that it is the legal responsibility of office bearers. It is still registered at Alistair Dargie's address and needs to be changed. It was decided to change the address to Joe Kirby's on the renewal date.

## **3. COVID 19 HELP**

Peter Long had identified a steering group involving himself, Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Donna Shaw & Rev Charles Finnie. There is a designated phone line with voice mail for out of hours. There is a separate bank account. There has been lots of publicity work, Kathleen Cameron had produced a printed poster and a mail shot delivery had gone out to every household. All information is on the poster that VABS had helped with. A big thank you to the volunteer group for delivering. Lots of

people have been helped and donations have come in. There is still money in the kitty. The Community Council are to be updated every month. It was noted that VABS are paying for the phone line.

## **AOCB**

- **AGM**

Because of COVID 19 there has been no AGM, it was agreed to ask Liz Cowie for advice. Whilst there is no time limit, is it possible to hold an AGM via ZOOM online? Some committees have used ZOOM. It may be complicated especially as Wilma has indicated that she will retire as Treasurer and the handover procedure associated with this. It would be the Community Councils decision if we want an AGM using ZOOM

- **Caravan**

Willie McKenna asked who is responsible for the caravan parked in the middle of the village – it was indicated that this is a police matter. There have been council notices put on it with a request to respond within a month  
Bill Lobban to check with Highland Council.  
Peter Long to check with John Grierson re ownership

### ***Date of next meeting***

### ***Closure***

Peter Long thanked all those for attending. The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for 13<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via ZOOM