

## **AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council held by Zoom on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at 7.00pm.

### **1. Present:**

Peter Long (chair), Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Joe Kirby, Al Dargie, Elspeth Byrne, Kenny Rogan, Angela Orriss (minutes)

### **2. Apologies:** Wilma Grierson

### **3. Opening remarks**

Peter Long thanked everyone for attending this meeting of AVCC. The last meeting was 10<sup>th</sup> September.

### **4. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of AVCC meeting held in September had been circulated. After amendments to the reference to: Wilma Grierson indicating her intentions to retire from the treasurer's position, it was noted that Wilma has she is delaying deferred that decision.

Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Beth Hay.

### **5. Treasurer's Report**

In the absence of the treasurer, a report has been emailed to members. The Covid help fund has £325.97. Kathleen Cameron said that although the phone line has been quiet recently, with Christmas coming up, could we ask for more donations and publicise through Social media & the local paper. Joe Kirby pointed out that as the pensioner's party will not go ahead this year, we could utilise the money. But it was noted that the intention is to give gifts in place of a party. The Community Council could donate to the Covid fund, it was suggested to review this in December. The circulated report was approved.

### **6. Business**

#### **National Park Report – Willie McKenna**

127 Grampian Road – recommended not to be called in

The Planning Authority are holding a meeting on 13th to discuss the snow factory. 20MPH speed limit is on the agenda

Willie McKenna will update us next month. All agreed that an extension regarding the snow factory for a year would be acceptable

#### **Highland Council – Bill Lobban**

Bill Lobban said that proposals for the town centre have been approved.

Play parks are being assessed to see what condition they are in. Looking at the positioning of them, possibly, possibly closing unused parks and updating others. 20MPH speed limit throughout the village has been approved.

Consultation on the NMU to Carr-bridge is underway. The cycle path will be for all non-motorised users, it is not possible to distinguish between bikes, walkers, runners and dogs. There are two proposed route options. There will be a route from Carrbridge to Boat of Garten and then onto Aviemore, it will not take in High Burnside.

Peter Long asked if we were in a position to comment as Community Council – Joe Kirby will circulate a link, Bill Lobban said it would be good for the Community Council to respond as well as individuals.

Joe Kirby and Elspeth agreed to engage in the Webeinair event.

### **ACE & AVCC**

It was agreed that both groups should update each other :

Kathleen Cameron said the ACE AGM will be in February or March.

- Early flowering bulbs have been planted.
- Looking at replacing planters & hanging baskets.
- New lights are due for delivery this weekin
- The Legion is erecting aA metal shed for storage will be erected beside .the Legion
- Plan to start again with the banner project.
- ACE have their own website.
- The 'Man shed' project has been put on hold

Outdoor classroom - agreed to put in a planning application, may need the landowners permission - can AVCC apply on behalf of ACE? It was agreed in principal to split the cost for an architect and planning,.

proposed by Joe Kirby – seconded by Al Dargie

### **Police report – Report from PC Neil Maciver**

110 incidents recorded

## **7 . Matters Arising**

**Payphones** – all proposals to remove have been rejected by Highland Council, all will stay in place.

**Mini Golf** – not heard back

**Community Council membership** - Elspeth Byrne has attended the last few meetings. Could she become a member?was co-opted as a Community Council member.

Proposed by Joe Kirby, seconded by Al Dargie

**TRTRO** – Temporary road traffic 20MPH speed restriction has been proposed for 18 months. This will include most of Grampian Road and all side streets. It is important that the support of the Community Council is heard. The Community Council welcomed this proposal. It was agreed that Peter Long willshould respond expressing our support.

**Ice Rink Planning Application** – Peter Long said that the Planning Application by AGCT community trust had been circulated by email. Community Council members indicated support, and Peter Long had registered AVCC's position. The meeting ratified this action. submitted planning, We will circulate views of support from members of AVCC.

NOTE: Bill Lobban did not engage with this discussion.

**MEMOemorandum of uUnderstanding** – A previous version of the MoU with AGCT was This was agreed and signed this time last year. AGCT & circulated views of support from AVCC. have subsequently updated the document The agreement has been revised & reworded –. It was agreed to do we want to sign up to the new agreement?.

Joe Kirby proposed to sign, seconded by Beth Hay.

**National Park** – funding for volunteer's equipment & tools?. Peter Long reported that The park hCNPA have given us access to tools and will support community environmental volunteering.

**Town Centre** – Bill Lobban said that extra funding is available which will be split between the 4 local areas. He suggested that we put in applications. These proposals have to be permanent structures, new projects or to finish projects. Peter Long asked for ideas for projects in the town centre, not the outskirts. NB: Work should be started before the end of the financial year

Looking at options/ideas for both :

- Face to the Village Green Phase 2 & Myrtlefield:
  - Raised stone planters
  - Bandstand access ramp is temporary, could be upgraded
  - Drystone walling and seating (care to be made in planning this regarding useable space for marquees etc)
  - Path across the green to be upgraded
  - Lighting bollards replacements
  - Notice board
  - Roof / covering above the seating areas
  - Al Dargie also suggested Eenhancinge the War Memorial area

Myrtlefield:

Is this intended to be a park area? Joe Kirby said that landscape experts will give recommendations, more modern, maybe look at what the expert comes up with. Trees? seating? play equipment? It was agreed that decisions will be made at the next meeting

**Winter resilience** - No action to be taken at this time, decisions to be made next year. Proposed by Joe Kirby. Seconded by.....??????

**Village Green** – Update on progress: Bandstand is complete, Sstatue moved, disabled access ramp formed, and path to the side of the bandstand complete,. stage one of fencing complete and old fence is down.

Social media comments have been made regarding the Olympic rings – are we breaching copywrites using these? Peter Long has spoken to Tim Walker who said

that the required permissions were made with the original rings, they are just more prominent now. It is the understanding that the rings are artistic. The meeting agreed He recommends that AVCC to take no action on changing at this stage, and to contact the individual who had made the comment. It was noted that any liability rests with CC office bearers.

## 8 . AOCB

**Twinning** – Joe Kirby is in contact with the Grantown twinning committee and will report further at said more information needs to be gathered, if volunteers involved bring information to the next meeting,. AVCC will help.

**Christmas Tree** – Joe Kirby reported that Reidhaven will donate a tree, which will be delivered will be available at the end of November. It was suggested , Reidhwe arrange a photo for Facebook/The Strathy.aven have requested to meet for a picture.

**Email** - A change should be made for Peter Long (chair)

**Planning for restaurant, Ballavian Braeriach** – Community Council have objected to allow time for discussion at . It was agreed to take a snapshot of views in the December meeting.

**Project Start Hope Church** – Kenny Rogan told us about Faith Mission in Inverness have had 'drive through' church events. He asked our views on a similar event for Christmas carols / entertainment. The idea is to use Macdonalds car park and have a stage, cars can be parked and people stay in the vehicles (keeping in their 'bubbles') This would be a bit of festive fun in these difficult times of restriction. The police and Macdonalds indicated that it could be done. The proposed date is 18<sup>th</sup> December.

Our views/comments:

- KC – good idea, any help needed just ask
- JK – nervous regarding any event (personal preference)
- PL – would there be restrictions on car numbers?
- AD – Great idea, some form of xmas gathering - suggest involving Speysound radio involvement - people can then listen at home too.
- BL – Good idea, not in favour of a community standing event, this is a good compromise.

Kenny thanked us for the views and ideas.

**Village Hall** – Beth Hay asked about a covered community area for the food table. , Highlife Highland use the community building. Willyie suggested the Cadet hall next to the bowling green. Beth will look into this.

Peter Long said this could be an agenda item at a later date.

## 9. **Date of next meeting**

To be confirmed

## **10. Closure**

Peter Long thanked all those for attending.