

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH HALL, AVIEMORE on THURSDAY 9th AUGUST 2012 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson, Audrey MacKenzie, Lorna McGibbon, Neil MacNair, Alastair Dargie, Bill Lobban(HC), Jacqueline Douglas(HC), Ron Whyte, Kirsty Bruce (minuter), Tom Ramage (press)

In Attendance: Karen Lawrie, Alison Mair, Shirley Bateman, Yvonne Birnie

Apologies: Willie McKenna (CPNA)

1. OPENING REMARKS

John Grierson stated that it was always nice to have members of the public attend Community Council Meetings and he also welcomed Councillor Jacqueline Douglas to the meeting. He also advised, that as July's meeting of AVCC was inquorate the Minutes from June's meeting would need to be proposed and any decisions made from July's meeting would need to be ratified.

2. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on 14th June 2012, which had been previously circulated were accepted and proposed by Alastair Dargie and Seconded by Lorna McGibbon.

3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance was £4,755.28 with an un-presented cheque of £30 and that the reconciled balance was £4,725.28 and the balance of the statue account is £2002.58.

4. BUSINESS

a). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 14TH JUNE 2012

- i) **Community Council Elections** – John Grierson advised that the forthcoming Community Council Elections, to which Ballot Papers had already been issued, was being cancelled due to an administrative error at Highland Council. He stated, that the election will be re-run, with Ballot papers being reissued on different coloured paper and closing date for votes would be Thursday 6th September at 4pm, the count of votes would take place at the St. Andrews Church Hall at 6.30pm on 6th September.
- ii) **MAHR: Erection of 12 Holiday Lodges** – John Grierson advised that there had been strong opposition to this application. He stated that the applicants had now withdrawn their application and would be hosting an exhibition at the Dalfaber Golf and Country Club on 14th August 2012 with regards to this proposed development. John Grierson stated that this particular application was a good example of why it was important to look at CNPA Settlement Plans as the area on this particular application was on an area of land marked as “safeguarded

– recreational/green spaces” and at least two departments with CNPA didn’t see any problem with this application. ***It was to be noted that Councillor Jacqueline Douglas and Councillor Bill Lobban took no part in discussion.***

b). MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETING HELD ON 12TH JULY 2012

- i) **Achintoul Pond** – John Grierson advised that the application has been successful with a few conditions on it. He stated that CNPA Committee agreed with Mary Grier, Senior Planning Officer that what was being asked of AVCC by Highland Council was completely inappropriate with regards to the value of the project. **It was remitted to JG to write to Richard Evans of Highland Council with regards to road safety at this crossing.**
- ii) **CRAGG** – John Grierson advised that he and Bill Lobban had attended the CRAGG Meeting held on Monday 30th July 2012 at Glenmore Lodge and the Local Development Plan Consultation that was held prior to the CRAGG Meeting.
- iii) **Design Awards** – John Grierson advised that the AVCC had submitted the new primary school/community building for the Cairngom National Park Design Awards, within the new building category and the application had been accepted.
- iv) **Scottish Water** – John Grierson stated that he had received a reply from Scottish Water but this reply did not make any apology.
- v) **Various Planning Applications** – John Grierson gave a brief summary of the various planning applications discussed at last months meeting. He explained that planning applications were time limited with regards to whether any action was to be taken.
- vi) **Grass Cutting Dalnabay** – Lorna McGibbon advised that the grass cutting had been done at the kick around park but this had not been done to a good standard, she stated that the grass was now knee high as opposed to waist high.

c). NEW BUSINESS

- i) **Speysound Radio** – John Grierson advised that himself, Audrey Mackenzie and Bill Lobban had recently attended a Meeting held by Speysound Radio with regards to their funding. Shirley Bateman gave a detailed up-date on the situation and work they have done to raise awareness of Speysound Radio and they support they received from various MP’s, MSP’s and other individuals and agencies. Bill Lobban said that the area was very lucky to have its own radio frequency and that it was very important not to lose the broadcasting frequency. John Grierson thanked both Shirley Bateman and Alison Mair for attending and asked them to keep AVCC up to date with progress of the station.
- ii) **Glenmore Parking**– John Grierson advised that he had received an email from residents of Glenmore with regards to parking problems which have become much more of an issue since Forestry Commission introduced parking charges. Discussion took place with regards to this issue and **it was remitted to JG to arrange a meeting with all relevant agencies.**

- iii) **Planning – 12/02747/FUL 3 Holiday Homes at Kila, Grampian Road, Aviemore** – Discussion took place with regards to this planning application to which Councillor Jacqueline Douglas took no part of. Ron Whyte, Alastair Dargie and Lorna McGibbon all took a neutral position with regards to this application, Neil MacNair objected to the application and Audrey MacKenzie felt that it was very important that the quality of the design and build should be of a high standard especially given its location within the village. After further discussion it was agreed to take a neutral position but with comments regarding parking, design of high standard and a recommendation of slate roof finish. **Remitted to JG to respond.**
- iv) **Community Councils Planning Reps Network** - John Grierson advised that he had not been able to attend the first meeting and the next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 13th September at the Lecht between 2pm and 4pm. He said that he would not be attending. **It was remitted to Jacqueline Douglas to ask CNPA whether they would split this into regional groups and at a suggested time of 6pm to 8pm hours to allow more people to attend.**
- v) **Old Headmasters House** - John Grierson made the suggestion that the former Headmasters House/HC Service Point be returned to housing stock. Bill Lobban advised that Highland Council had already agreed that this property should be returned to housing.
- vi) **Development Plan Settlement Maps** – The CNPA Development/Settlement Plans were looked at and much discussion took place with regards to the settlement boundary. **It was remitted to John Grierson to ask Planners to attend an AVCC to explain the significance of settlement boundaries.**
- vii) **Review of Permitted Opening Hours of Licensed Late Hours Catering** – John Grierson advised AVCC of the consultation/review of Permitted Opening Hours of Licensed Late Hours Catering. **AVCC agreed on the responses and it was remitted to John Grierson to complete the consultation paper.**
- viii) **Community Empowerment and Renewal Bill** – John Grierson advised that he had emailed a copy of the Community Empowerment and Renewable Bill consultation. **He asked all members to take the time to look at this and let him have their comments so that John Grierson can formulate a response.**

6. AOCB

- a). **NEW SCHOOL PLAYING FIELD** – John Grierson advised that AVCC had received a complaint from a member of the public that more trees were being felled at the new school site to put in the new football pitch. Concerns were also raised about the lack of fencing along the railway line and the flooding issues on the new pitch area. John Grierson gave summary of a letter he had written to CNPA with regards to these issues.
- b). **MRS CHAPMAN** – John Grierson advised AVCC of correspondence received from Mrs Chapman of Kinvechy Gardens concerning the new puffin crossing that is just 1 metre from her front door. John Grierson advised that he had written to Highland Council with regards to this and had received an a long email response stating that, this was the “optimum pedestrian desired route from the housing catchments from the east side of the village”. John Grierson summarised this email and advised that

he has been researching the mentioned guidelines with regards to crossings. **It was remitted to John Grierson to reply to Highland Council.**

- c). MAHR SIGNS AT DALFABER DRIVE** – Lorna McGibbon asked whether any action had been taken to remove the signs from the bottom of Dalfaber Drive. John Grierson advised this was now a park issue and **it was remitted to John Grierson to contact the park with regards to this signage.**

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 13th September 2012 at 7.30pm to be held in St. Andrews Church Hall.