

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2012 at 7.30pm.**

**Present:** John Grierson, Ray Sefton, Rev. Ron Whyte, Lorna McGibbon, Audrey MacKenzie, Kathleen Cameron, Mark Allan, Cllr Bill Lobban, (Tom Ramage (Press))

**In Attendance:** Adam Streeter-Smith CNPA, Stevie Wilson, Helen Harold, Joe Kirby

**Apologies:** Yvonne Birnie, Alistair Dargie, Willie McKenna

## 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2012, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Ron Whyte and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

## 2. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Cemetery Paths** – John Grierson advised that he had received a reply from Highland Council TEC Department that they would at widening the paths, but there may be some difficulty with the older side paths, as widening these paths would mean moving some ground above graves.
- b) **Olympic Plaques** – Audrey MacKenzie advised that she had spoken to Dudley Evans who will investigate the costs associated with a new brass plaque. Audrey MacKenzie to report back when she had a note of the costing's.
- c) **Dog Bins** – John Grierson advised that he had contacted Highland Council with regards to new dog bins
- d) **Noticeboard** – John Grierson advised that permission had been given to remove and re-site the noticeboard at the old primary school and it had been remitted to Alistair Dargie to action.
- e) **Postbox** – John Grierson advised that he had still to speak to Royal Mail with regards to this.

## 3. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance held on account at 10 January, 2012 was £5780.27 and there was one cheque to be banked that would take balance to £6230.27. She further added that there were a number of un-presented cheques to the value of £271.00 which would take the actual balance to £5959.23. Lorna McGibbon also advised that the balance on the statue account was £2013.92.

## 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Developing and Promoting Access** – Adam Streeter-Smith from CNPA introduced himself and gave a detailed summary with regards to the opportunity for AVCC to produce a leaflet highlighting local paths and walkways that would be of interest to visitors to the village. He circulated some sample

leaflets from Dunlain Bridge and Athol and stated he was working with other local villages with regards to similar leaflets. He advised that funding for this leaflet would be made available from CNPA. He asked whether this would be of something of interest to AVCC and it was agreed by all that it would be. It was agreed that John Grierson, Kathleen Cameron and Audrey MacKenzie would be the volunteer group to liaise with Adam Streeter-Smith with regards to the production of a Cairngorm Paths – Aviemore leaflet. Adam Streeter-Smith also discussed the many styles and formatting of way marking on the various local pathways.

Adam Streeter-Smith also advised that repairs were scheduled for March with regards to improving the section of the Speyside Way at Roberstons down to the railway bridge. He also discussed planned improvements to the Speyside Way between Aviemore and Boat of Garten and to a planned extension of the Speyside Way between Aviemore and Kincaig.

AVCC requested that repairs be made to the pathway past the old primary school. Discussion took place with regards to the problems on this pathway and ownership of the land. Adam Streeter-Smith stated he would be happy to investigate the problems on this section of land and ascertain as to who owns this piece of land.

- b) Progress and Future Use of the Old Primary School Site** – John Grierson stated that AVCC had received a petition on 19<sup>th</sup> December requesting a special meeting with regards to the future use of the old primary school site. John Grierson stated that this petition was arranged by Joe Kirby. After speaking to Joe Kirby it was agreed that the petition could be heard at the January regular meeting. John Grierson said that Aviemore and Cambusmore Enhancement Company had written to Highland Council to express an interest in the playing field at the old school. After much discussion it was agreed that the Community Council should write to CNPA about the best use of this land. Proposed by Ray Sefton, seconded by Kathleen Cameron. This was unanimously agreed by all. Remitted to John Grierson.
- c) Winter Resilience** – John Grierson stated that he had previously circulated details of Highland Council's Winter Resilience programme with regards to community volunteers providing ice and snow clearing. This programme would require the AVCC to organise, co-ordinate and mobilise volunteers. After discussion it was agreed by all that this would be unworkable within a village the size of Aviemore and it was remitted to John Grierson to reply to Highland Council.
- d) Police Reform – Ward Community Policing Plan** – John Grierson read out to those present the questions contained within the Police Reform – Ward Community Policing Plan and agreed with those present that Road Safety, Alcohol Abuse and Antisocial Behaviour should be the Policing priorities; Prevention, Early Intervention and Enforcement should be the most effective ways of dealing with priorities; and in a non-emergency situation telephone was the preferred mode of contact with the Police would be the response of AVCC. John Grierson said he would be attending the consultation meeting on 16/01/13 and would pass the information on.
- e) Bus Shelters** – John Grierson stated he had received a communication from Yvonne Birnie, giving her apologies and requesting that the subject of bus shelters be postponed until the next meeting to allow her to take part in the discussion. John Grierson gave a brief summary of a discussion he had had with Ray Sefton with regards to bus shelters and to the fact that AVCC could at this point, only request that Highland Council mount bus shelters at these locations. It was unanimously agreed by all that there was no need to postpone this item until a future meeting. Ray Sefton then gave a fuller report and advised that he had circulated photos of wooden bus shelters. After discussion it was remitted to Ray Sefton to write to Highland Council to request that bus shelters be sited on the

Glenmore Road at Rothiemurchus, Coylumbridge and Glenmore. Proposed by Ray Sefton, Seconded by Mark Allan.

## **5. AOCB**

- a) **White lining on the Glenmore Road** – Ray Sefton stated that he had been contacted by a member of the community with regards to poor state of road markings on the Glenmore Road by the Old Logging Way. It was remitted to John Grierson to contact Highland Council.

## **6. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.