

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Karen Lawrie, Audrey MacKenzie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Tom Ramage (Press) Joe Kirby (public)

**Apologies:** Yvonne Birnie, Alistair Dargie, Kirsty Bruce

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on 13th June 2013, which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Karen Lawrie and seconded by Ray Sefton** with a change to item 4.D New Business, and the sentence starting "Ray Sefton stated he believed" should be changed to ***"It was agreed that in that in the near future AVCC would write to HIE to request/demand that the Section 50 Signatories meet and review the closed system"***.

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account at the end of June is £6,001.35 which would soon be enhanced by £22 from noticeboard monies. The balance on the statue account was £2022.22.

### 3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Olympic Plaques** – Alistair Dargie's update carried forward until next meeting.
- b) **Band Stand Cover at Village Green** – **John Grierson asked** Cllr Bill Lobban for an update. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it was no further forward at this time and we need to get together to prepare for future funding applications.
- c) **Community Fundraising Event** – John Grierson advised that a further meeting had still not yet been scheduled but that one would be held before the next Community Council meeting..
- d) **Dalfaber Consultation** – John Grierson advised that the AVCC's letter to the Convenor was still on "hold" as the application was still live. He said he had discussed the problem with Murray Ferguson of CNPA and they are now aware.
- e) **Litter Bins and Pavements** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there were 8 new litter bins and these would be sited where the current ones are.
- f) **MBT Skills Track** – John Grierson said that there was no further update at the moment.
- g) **Team Aviemore** – John Grierson said that there was no further information on Team Aviemore.
- h) **Sewage Leaking from Hilton Hotel** – No update available, carried forward until next meeting.
- i) **Pot Holes on Road to Steam Railway** – John Grierson said he had spoken to Reidhaven Estate who have advised that they have no responsibility as the road did not belong to them. Reidhaven believe

that the section of road belongs to British Rail. **It was remitted to John Grierson stated he would follow up this new lead.**

- j) **Fairtrade** – John Grierson said he had replied to Cllr Hamish Wood.
- k) **Cairngorm Mountain Closed System** - Ray Sefton advised that he had written to other area Community Councils and ABA. He said that Carrbridge had responded and is happy to support. He went on to say that, he would wait on other responses before adding it to the Agenda for further discussion.
- l) **Four Seasons Hotel** – John Grierson advised that he and most other members of AVCC had attended a consultation on 26<sup>th</sup> June with for G.H. Johnston the agents for MAHR with regards to the proposals for the new Four Seasons Hotel. It was agreed that AVCC should comment that the four seasons lawn and gardens should be protected. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Ray Sefton Remitted to John Grierson to comment.**
- m) **New street lights in Burnside** – Kathleen Cameron reported that there are still some issues with lighting timers in the Burnside area. Cllr Bill Lobban said that he would look into it.
- n) **Primary School Lets** – Cllr Bill Lobban said he had not yet received a reply.
- o) **Primary School Play Park** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the play park would not be completed by the time the children return to school.
- p) **Road and Pavement Repairs** – John Grierson advised that he had resent the email and said although he had not received a reply, he did know that a few areas had been repaired.
- q) **Graveyard paths** – John Grierson advised that he had written again with regards to this and had passed this to the new Ward Manager.
- r) **Grass Site at Robertsons** – see 4(e) NEW BUSINESS

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Licence Consultation** – Ray Sefton advised that he had previously circulated the questionnaire. AVCC went through the consultation and agreed the responses. **These responses were unanimously agreed, it was remitted to John Grierson to complete and return.**
- b) **Motion – Election of Co-Opted Member** - John Grierson stated that as the proposer of Steve Wilson was not able to attend tonight's meeting it would have to be added to the agenda for next month.
- c) **Village Green** – Ray Sefton said he had added this to the Agenda as it was previously discussed the need to agree what charges AVCC would apply for use of village green. John Grierson said he felt that this should be held off on until the meeting of the fundraising group. It was agreed to add this as a future agenda item.
- d) **Credit Union** – Cllr Bill Lobban stated that there is a Highland Credit Union in Inverness, which was set-up with the support of MSP Dave Thompson and Cllr Lobban believes that it is essential that a sub-office be set up in Aviemore. Discussion took place with regards to the rates applied by pay-day loan companies and how a credit union is run and operated and the believed needs and benefits to one being established within Aviemore.
- e) **Area of Land between Corbett Place and Robertsons** – Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he would be meeting with local residents and looking at the area in question.

- f) **Post Box at Cost Cutters** – Ray Sefton said that at a recent meeting of ABA that he had attended, it had been highlighted that there were no post boxes in the further than Burnside in the north end of the village. **John Grierson advised that he would write yet again to Royal Mail requesting a post box.**
- g) **Diary of Community Events held at Community Centre** – Ray Sefton said that this had arisen from the ABA meeting. ABA had asked the Community Centre to hold a diary of community events but were told people would use the internet for this. John Grierson advised that ABA have a new website that Aviemore Community Council also has a FB page that could also be used.

## 5. AOCB

- a) **Cadet Hall** – John Grierson advised that another application had been submitted. Cllr Bill Lobban indicated an interest in this and took no part in this discussion. **After discussion it was agreed to support this. Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**
- b) **Dalfaber Pavilion Licence** – Premises Licence application for Spey Valley Golf Club House. **Unanimously agreed that AVCC would make no objections.**
- c) **A9 Dualling** – Ray Sefton read out correspondence received from Transport Scotland and Jacobs with regarding A9 Dualling and requesting that AVCC attend a meeting to discuss the matter of the A9 Dualling. John Grierson asked Ray Sefton to reply asking them to suggest some suitable dates for a meeting. **Remitted to Ray Sefton to reply.**
- d) **Footpath at Dell of Spey** – Joe Kirby commented on the poor state of the footpath at the Dell of Spey. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he would follow this up.

## 6. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thank all those for attending, and the date of the next meeting of AVCC was set for Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.