

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER 2013 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alistair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary) Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer) Kathleen Cameron, Audrey MacKenzie, Willie McKenna (Public/CNPA), Tom Ramage (Press), Kirsty Bruce (Minutes)

Apologies: Yvonne Birnie, Bill Lobban, Stevie Wilson and Lisa Whittlestone

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC. He also stated that the meeting was being recorded for minute taking purposes only.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The Minutes of AVCC held on Thursday 14th November 2013 which had been previously circulated were **proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance on account was £5514.35. She added that there were a number of un-presented cheques and with cheques to be issued tonight and with the funds received from Reidhaven Estates the balance on account would be £5765.99

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- a) **Emptying of Waste Tanks on Busses** – John Grierson advised that he had was still waiting on reply from SEPA. He further said that he had taken the opportunity to talk to a couple of tour bus drivers. Both said that they emptied tanks at 'local' bus garages.
- b) **School Play Park** – John Grierson reported that these works were now being carried out and the works were expected to be completed by Friday 20th December.
- c) **Commonwealth Games Baton Relay** – John Grierson advised that an email had been circulated by Cllr Bill Lobban stating that the Baton would be coming through the village. Cllr Bill Lobban will report further.
- d) **Community School Lights and Sound System** - John Grierson said that he had reported the mistake in the Service Review Group minutes and that the lighting and sound system was to be looked into by Highlife Highland. Eden Court had been suggested as a contact.
- e) **Staffing Levels at Fire Station** – John Grierson reported that he had not invited Mr Ross Nixon to the meeting. Highland Council had recently taken the Fire Service to task over staffing levels and he felt there was no point in asking Mr Nixon along.
- f) **Christmas Carol and Tree Lighting** – Ray Sefton advised that the event was set for Saturday 14th December with a craft fair between 12pm and 4.00pm with the carols and tree lighting at 4.00pm.

- g) **Large Flower Tubs** – Alistair Dargie reported that the flower tubs could be repaired temporarily but would require some welding.

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) **Consultation on Community Empowerment (Scotland Bill)** - John Grierson stated that this document had been previously circulated. *AVCC unanimously agreed the responses and it was remitted to John Grierson to complete and return.*
- b) **Gambling Consultation** – John Grierson stated that this document had been previously circulated and after discussion it was unanimously agreed not to respond.
- c) **Gazebos and Collection Buckets** – Kathleen Cameron reported that Aviemore Primary School had 4 gazebos that Aviemore Community Council could borrow and there could be the potential to purchase these from the school at a date in the near future. It was remitted to Ray Sefton to purchase 6 collection buckets with lids. *Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Alistair Dargie.*
- d) **Dog Fouling Around Primary School/Community Centre** – John Grierson reported that there was an issue with dog faeces on the pavements and around the vicinity of the primary school/community centre. Remitted to John Grierson to investigate whether the dog litter bin could be re-sited and request that the “Strathy” report on the problems and reminding dog owners that free poo bags were available from the service point.
- e) **Path Between Burnside and Call Centre** – Kathleen Cameron reported that this path was in need to some tidying up. *It was remitted to John Grierson to contact TEC Services. Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Alistair Dargie.*
- f) **Fly Tipping at the Call Centre** – The issue of fly tipping at the old call centre was discussed. It was remitted to John Grierson to endeavour to find out who owns the land.
- g) **Old Primary School Site** – Kathleen Cameron asked whether there was any further update on the plans for this site, as she was aware that the Police had been to the school to remind pupils of the dangers of accessing the building or grounds. John Grierson stated that Cllr Bill Lobban may be able to provide an update at the next meeting.
- h) **Dalfaber Road** – Audrey MacKenzie commented on the poor state of the road and the entrance to the underpass by the Bridge Inn end. She advised that it was often flooded and covered with mud which made it difficult to pass. Willie McKenna also made comment about some road flooding at Dellmor. *It was remitted to John Grierson to contact TEC Services. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Alistair Dargie.*
- i) **Cairngorm Closed System** – Ray Sefton advised that he had circulated the correspondence received and was disappointed that nothing was going to happen unless high level politicians picked up on this issue.
- j) **Bin Collections over Christmas and New Year** – Kathleen Cameron incredulously made comment about the sticking of information labels with regards to the bin collections, around the handles of bins which meant the information could not be read. Alistair Dargie circulated some stickers detailing the festive period collections.

5. AOCB

- a) **Public Entertainment Licencing** – John Grierson advised that there was to be a consultation of Public Entertainment. *It was remitted to Ray Sefton to add to the agenda for the meeting of AVCC set for January 2014.*
- b) **Co-opted Members** – John Grierson stated that an email had been received with regards to Co-opted Members. John Grierson stated that he had taken advice on this matter from the Ward Manager and he also read out from Highland Council's constitution for community councils the procedures with regards to co-opted members.
- c) **New Tesco Site** – Ray Sefton commented that the proposed new Tesco site was in a poor state. *It was remitted to John Grierson to contact the Company. Proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Alistair Dargie*
- d) **Cyclists without Lights** – Alistair Dargie commented on the number of local cyclists who were failing to make their selves visible at night time. *Remitted to John Grierson to raise this concern with the Police. Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.*
- e) **Open Drain at Costcutters** – Willie McKenna commented on the dangers of a large open drain at the Costcutters corner. *It was remitted to John Grierson to contact Allan Munro Contractors. Proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.*

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 9th January 2013 at 7.30pm to be held in The Aviemore Community Centre.

Both Lorna McGibbon and Willie McKenna gave their apologies in advance.