

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTE of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2014 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Steven Wilson, Kathleen Cameron, Yvonne Birnie, Audrey MacKenzie, Beth Hay, Cllr Bill Lobban, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker), Johnnie Grant (Rothiemurchus Estate), Fraser Morrison (Youth Development Officer Highlife Highland), Willie McKenna (CNPA Board member)

Apologies: Aviemore Police

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 9th October 2014 were circulated and adopted.
Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Yvonne Birnie

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon advised that the balance of the account was £6177.81.
The statue account is now £2236.75, thanks to a craft fair input of £135.14 and 7p interest.
The total cost of the sound system was £1707.91. The Highland Council gave a grant of £1390.50. .
Keith Mair was able to get a further discount of approx £31 on the system, meaning that the Community Council contribution will be under £300.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) Sound System - Now in place. It will be kept at the school with a possibility of it moving to the Aviemore Hub in the future. A letter of thanks is to be sent to Keith Mair. **John Grierson to write.**

b) Seats at Burnside - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the seats are about to be removed.

c) A9 Dualling - John Grierson spoke with the company Jacobs and it was agreed that we should leave this until the AVCC's first meeting in January, as by this time we should know who the contract has been given to. The contractors will then be able to attend our meeting with Jacobs. The January meeting will start early to accommodate the presentation.

d) Playpark and Grass Kick Pitch at Dalfaber - Lorna McGibbon advised that she had not followed up, as was unsure as to who to speak with. Lorna McGibbon now to follow up with Registers of Scotland as advised by Alastair Dargie.

e) Association of Cairngorm Communities - John Grierson attended the meeting. There was a presentation by Mike Cottam, who explained how deer management groups worked in the area. There was also had short presentation from Stephanie Wright about the Cairngorm Learning Partnership and how it was evolving. There was also an activity report from CNPA (previously circulated to the members).

f) Primary School ground maintenance - Highland Council are going to draw up a plan which needs a relaxation of a previous planning permission. It will be tidied, but no maintenance is planned at present. A new maintenance regime will be put in place.

g) Carols Event - Ray Sefton has organised tree and lights. Kathleen mentioned that the bandstand was needing cleaned. Alastair Dargie commented that he would be using the pressure washer on it this weekend.

h) Old Gazebo –The old Gazebo is unserviceable and only fit for scrap. Alastair Dargie said that we are able to borrow a 6 x 3m gazebo for the stage for the carols and our ones can be used for the craft fair. Kathleen Cameron commented that this gazebo could be borrowed at anytime.

i) Old School Site - Alastair Dargie registered a note of interest and had previously circulated email explaining that the interest had been acknowledged and that we now need to think of best way to take it forward. Cllr Bill Lobban explained there is then a process of negotiation between whichever community body that takes it forward. It will belong to the community eventually.

j) Vodafone 3G - Alastair Dargie reported that Glenmore cannot be connected as they would need to be running a minimum of 4mb through ADSL, where as they are currently running 2mb. Aviemore Primary School is not eligible as it has a government subsidised 3G network already in place so cannot be seen to favour one company over another.

k) Registering Deaths - Cllr Bill Lobban felt that he had not had a satisfactory response in regards to this, but to investigate they would need to speak directly to the individuals concerned and expected this to be quite difficult.

l) Walls - Ray Sefton mentioned that the wall beside Highland Hospice/Grants Garage has been sorted. John Grierson to follow up in regards to the wall at the Technology Park .

3.2 BUSINESS

a) An Camas Mòr - John Grierson introduced Johnnie Grant of Rothiemurchus Estate who wanted to update everyone of the progress of An Camas Mor. Johnnie Grant explained the building process. 40% of the houses will be affordable housing, some apartments may sell as holiday apartments. There will be a connecting footbridge to Aviemore and £1 million has been allocated to make sure it happens. Johnnie Grant expressed his interest in holding a consultation meeting for members of the public, but was agreed that this was not necessary. Willie McKenna expressed it would be a good idea to tell everyone what is happening right now. Beth Hay suggested speaking to the Strathspey & Badenoch Herald for more exposure.

b) Rock Challenge - Kathleen Cameron is looking for funding assistance for Kingussie High School's Rock Challenge. Rock Challenge is a UK wide event with thousands taking part. It is an 8 minute themed performance. Kingussie High School will take part at Eden Court on 28th April 2015 in front of friends and family. 60 students from Kingussie take part. To help raise funds they have been packing bags, doing coffee mornings and prize bingo. After discussion it was decided that a donation

of £500 be made with the option to come back if any problems with any other funding. **Proposed by Ray Sefton and Alastair Dargie seconded.**

c) Aviemore Sports Centre - Yvonne Birnie asked for a letter of support from the AVCC, as it was a few years ago and they are looking at having everything updated. New prospectus was circulated. The letter of support was agreed. **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Alastair Dargie. John Grierson to send letter.**

d) Youth Development Officer - Fraser Morrison - John Grierson welcomed Fraser Morrison to the group. Fraser Morrison explained that he has been in the post since the October school holidays and is based in the hub itself. He is looking at having some youth work happening in the area and will be looking at working with school refusers, youth groups etc as he feels the hub is not well used. John Grierson commented that £2500 was put towards the hub, but it was never known exactly what happened with the funding. Fraser Morrison said that he had a meeting scheduled with the youth committee at the end of the month so he will certainly discuss it with them. He is also keen to re-launch the hub, wanting to make sure that the youth's have plenty things to do and that their needs are being met.

e) Community Panel (Budget Consultation) - Ray Sefton reported that the budget consultation response had been sent. John Grierson said that the use of email responses from members as the basis for a consultation response was not allowed. In the past AVCC had complained about another community council doing exactly the same thing. The response has to have the agreement of the Community Council at a meeting. Although some of the consultations are involved they still have to be considered and discussed by the full committee. Ray Sefton already circulates all the consultation documents AVCC receives and it was suggested that members read all the questions before the meeting to make the process quicker. John Grierson suggested using the technology we have available, projector/laptop.

f) Moulds for Statue - Ray Sefton recently attended the Business Association Meeting where he was informed that the moulds needed to be moved at short notice. Dudley Evans had given him the moulds of the statue. Ray Sefton has now moved and stored the moulds in a temporary location and had contacted the Highland Folk Museum, but unfortunately there was no room to store them. Audrey MacKenzie advised she would take the moulds if/when Ray Sefton needs these moved.

g) Planning Application 2014/0322/DET -Formation of no. 1 Bio-mass Boiler Housing Unit - John Grierson advised that the applicant had withdrawn the original application. The boiler is now nearer the other side of the site, which puts this in a much better location. John Grierson expressed that during the last application, comments were made in regards to the design, lack of information and danger to public health. It was decided that there should be no objection or comments. **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Ray Sefton.**

h) Public Access Defibrillator - John Grierson advised that Ray Sefton had circulated an email in advance about the Public Access Defibrillator. The Scottish Government is giving £100,000 funding to the Scottish Ambulance Service to provide local communities with these. John Grierson said that the 24hr garage would take one. It just needed to be confirmed by management. The Co-op were also prepared to have one. Yvonne Birnie is also doing application on behalf of the Rothiemurchus Tennis Club. It was agreed that John Grierson do applications for the COOP and the 24 Hour garage. **John Grierson to complete applications.**

AOCB

a) Christmas Donations - Lorna McGibbon advised that our usual donations for Christmas parties would have to be decided. Alastair Dargie confirmed that the children's party was definitely going ahead this year. It was agreed £200 for the children's parties, £200 for the seniors at Hilton, Coylumbridge Hotel. **Proposed by Lorna McGibbon and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

It was also agreed that the Community Cafe be given £50. **Proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Lorna McGibbon.**

b) Village Green Upkeep - Alastair Dargie mentioned that the leaves on the green have never been touched. The quality of the grass has gone downhill. There is an overgrown beech hedge and benches etc haven't been touched in a significant amount of time, whose responsibility is it? John Grierson advised that it was the community councils. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it is all the community councils responsibility. Yvonne Birnie suggested a work party to help clear the leaves etc.

c) Proposed Thanks - Alastair proposed thanks to Audrey MacKenzie for doing such a fantastic job with the flowers at the war memorial.

d) Pedestrian Crossing - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the pedestrian crossing outside Tesco's will change to be an on-demand one. It will be moved slightly to the south to comply with guidelines.

e) Tesco's Land - Kathleen Cameron asked for an update about Tesco's land. John Grierson advised that he had contacted CNPA and is currently waiting on an email.

f) Proposed Thanks - Kathleen Cameron proposed thanks to George Gordon for all his help at the craft fairs, for allowing use of his equipment at the open mic sessions. **John Grierson to write letter.**

g) Trucks Parking - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there are trucks parking opposite the police station on the way up towards houses. This is a Highland Council adopted road, the council are suggesting either the community council or the developer take ownership and take numbers of the vehicles. In the first instance the council will write to the owners of the vehicles and threaten to report to the traffic commissioner. John Grierson said that he would gather evidence and pass it on.

h) £2000 Park Project - Audrey MacKenzie asked for the £2000 for the park project. John Grierson advised that a letter should be presented in order for the funds to be given.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting is Thursday 11th December 2014 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.

N.B Meeting on January 8th, will likely start earlier than normal.