

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 12th MARCH 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Audrey MacKenzie, Beth Hay, Steven Wilson, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Cllr Bill Lobban, Yvonne Birnie, Kathleen Cameron, Joe Kirby

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 12th February 2015 were circulated and adopted. **Minutes proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £3715.26. The statue account is now £2257.58. Un-presented cheque from children's Christmas parties - **Alastair Dargie to chase**

3. BUSINESS

3.1 MATTERS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

a) A9 Dualling - John Grierson advised that now that contractor had been appointed for our section of the A9 he had received an email from the point of contact for the consultants.

b) Public Access Defibrillator - John Grierson advised that there was still no answer given due to the high volume of applications, it will take a while to get through.

c) Tesco's Land - Willie McKenna commented that the Tesco Land had been cleared up and a new fence has now been erected.

d) Rural Open 3G - No further updates from Joe Kirby or Cllr Bill Lobban as both not in attendance.

John Grierson advised that he had looked into the terms and conditions of the Rural Open Sure Signal. The terms and conditions put certain financial and management responsibilities on the 'Community' which in this case would be the Community Council. He read out the Highland Council guidelines with respect to collective liabilities for Community Council members. The Community Council does not have limited liability. The Highland Council advice was that, where there could be financial liabilities falling on the Community Council, they should set up an 'at arms length organisation which offers limited liability for members. As the Community Council does not have such an organisation, John Grierson suggested that it would be better for Joe to do it through one of the Community Companies such as Aviemore and Cambusmore Enhancement Co. or the Community Centre Co. so removing the liability. Alastair Dargie commented that there were 4 main networks

used within the area, O2, EE (4G), Three (3G) and Vodafone, and thinks Rural Open would be more suitable for a smaller rural village. Willie McKenna asked about Highland Council giving protection to the community council in regards to this, and John Grierson had advised that this was not the case.

John Grierson proposed and Ray Sefton seconded that this should not be progressed through the community council and that Joe Kirby be advised to continue his project through one of the community companies as a more apt vehicle for the project. It was unanimously agreed and John Grierson is to write and advise Joe Kirby.

b) Bus Route - Newtonmore - Kingussie - Kincaig - Aviemore - Inverness - John Grierson advised that this bus service has now been reinstated.

3.2 BUSINESS

a) Active Cairngorms Consultation - John Grierson asked questions from the Active Cairngorms public consultation questionnaire to all attendees. The discussion was all positive and answers were agreed. John Grierson to complete and return.

b) Street Naming - Milton Development - Milton Burn was the original proposal given by the company. It was felt that, as the burn running past the development and on into the Spey was also called Milton Burn it could cause confusion, particularly in an emergency. After discussion Milton Burn Court was proposed as a better alternative. Alastair Dargie proposed and Steve Wilson seconded.

c) National Spring Clean Day - Ray Sefton advised that this will be taking place on Sunday 17th May, meeting in the primary school carpark @ 10am

d) Planning Application 15/00507/FUL - Installation of X1 DSLAM cabinet - There were no concerns raised about the application. Ray Sefton to write to HC Planning.

e) Highland Licensing Board Consultation on Extended Hours Policy - Highland Council is consulting with its statutory consultees and the public whether to introduce a supplementary policy statement to provide greater certainty for licensees on extended hours they can generally expect to be allowed for particular events of local or national significance. Members agreed with the proposals with the suggested addition of the Harley Davidson Weekend on the list of regular events. John Grierson to submit response.

AOCB

a) Water Outside Old Tesco Site - Audrey Mackenzie advised that there was a significant amount of water, probably caused by all the lorries. John Grierson advised that he had already spoken with Cllr Bill Lobban about this, and it is possibly a blocked drain. John Grierson will also write to Highland Council Roads Maintenance.

b) Lorry Issue - Alastair Dargie advised that there was a social media outbreak about the lorries that were parking at the Macdonald Resort, the drivers were urinating into bottles and throwing this outside, to which members of the public complained. John Grierson to write to council about having the litter bottles picked up and for signage to be put in place. John Grierson will also write to the police about these on-going issues.

c) Goalposts - Willie McKenna commented that Alastair Stirling is going to give goalposts to the community for a donation to the boys football club. Everyone happy with this and John Grierson advised that the latest information he had was that the ground belongs to the council will be ready for use this year.

d) Laurel Bank - Lorna McGibbon commented that visitors with young children have been coming down this area on bikes and that 1/2 barrier should be in place at the bottom of the road to stop them falling onto the main road. John Grierson advised that this is an access road to the house. He will, however, write to Highland Council and request that they install some form of warning or 'give way' signs.

e) Gentleman of the Road Stopover Festival - 31st July/1st August - John Grierson advised that he had been in contact with the organiser, Robert Hicks, regarding the event. The festival has already seen accommodation in the village being booked up quickly, and are hoping for 25,000 tickets to be sold. Robert Hicks will attend one of the community council meeting when it has been agreed with access roads and things are more finalised.

f) Point of Contact/Spokesman for Community Council - The Chairman asked everybody to remember the point of contact for the Community Council is the chairman. It is the role of the chairman to be the spokesperson for the Community Council between meetings - the official 'voice' of the organisation. In the event of the chairman not being available it then falls to the Vice-chairman then secretary to take on the role. This does not stop members making enquiries about things but they should not make themselves the point of contact for the Community Council. It is for the Community Council as a whole to decide if someone else other than the Chairman be a point of contact for something in specific.

g) Community Rail Partnership - John Grierson advised that the constitution has been agreed and a partnership has been put together. It was agreed that John Grierson should continue these meetings.

h) Police Report -The police report was circulated by Inspector Kevin McLeod by email prior to the meeting. He was looking for assistance in regards to local priorities. After discussion it was agreed that the priorities should remain the same; Road Safety, Anti Social Behaviour, and Crimes of Dishonesty. It was noticed that Nairn had 4 priorities and had included Drug Abuse. It was agreed to request it be added to the list of priorities. The Inspector also asked for the 3 most effective ways for the police to deal with the local priorities that were identified. It was agreed that enforcement, early intervention, and increased visibility were best. John Grierson to reply.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and the date of the next meeting is Thursday 9th April 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.