

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 9th JULY 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Audrey MacKenzie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Yvonne Birnie, Willie McKenna, Janette Gardner(public)

**Apologies:** Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Steven Wilson, Joe Kirby, Shona MacLachlan

**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 11th June 2015 were circulated.

**Minutes proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Ray Sefton.**

### 2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2468.29. One cheque for £400 (bubble soccer) had still to be presented. The statue account is now £2619.17

### 3. BUSINESS

#### 3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

**a) Water Outside New Tesco Site** - Bill Lobban advised that Highland Council are still looking into it. The problem would appear to be with road design in that there is nowhere for the water to drain into. A resolution would not be soon. Bill will report back when a solution is found.

**b) McInnes Place - Park and Play Facilities-** No further progress.

**c) Grantown 250th Birthday** – The oar was delivered to Piers Voisey however, before it could be delivered it was stolen from his canoe at Grantown on Spey.

**d) Aviemore North Sign** - Alastair Dargie advised that the sign has been delivered and is now waiting to be put up. Alistair also commented about the sign at the south end of the village. The paintwork has started to deteriorate already. He is to re-varnish it.

**e) Macdonalds Swim Parties** - John Grierson advised that the manager at Dalfaber Golf and Country Club has said that they would not be looking to re-instate the pool parties at the moment.

**f) Work Party Village Green** - Alastair Dargie advised that the grass had been treated but would require a further treatment.

**g) Waste Bins** - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the bins were part of routine maintenance but there was no definite timeframe for them being repaired.

**h) Dell of Spey Area** - John Grierson said he has contacted Reidhaven Estate to ascertain the ownership of the section of road between the adopted part of Dalfaber Road and Dalnabay.

**i) Waterfall** - Waterfall now working.

**j) Village Green Clean Up with Scouts** - There has been no progress. John Grierson to contact Jenny Steven.

**k) Proposed 35 flats and car park; opposite Grampian Court** - John Grierson introduced Janette Gardner, a resident on Grampian Court, who had recently written to the Community Council and wished to address the Council. Janette spoke of the concerns that she and others from Grampian Court had about the proposed development and the effect it would have. These concerns included loss of amenity and extra traffic problems. She was also concerned about the apparent way it is being pushed through with no regard for the Local Development Plan. John Grierson said her comments had been taken on board and explained the planning procedure and how individuals can object to the proposals. A planning application had not yet been submitted.

**l) Bus Stops** - Bill Lobban advised that he had met with Ray Sefton and Yvonne Birnie and looked at sites. Highland Council are able to install four shelters, two at Glenmore and two elsewhere on the Glenmore road. Anything other than standard bus shelters will require to be paid for. Highland Council are to speak to CNPA about assistance in funding. At present Highland Council are surveying the sites for road safety issues.

**3.2 Aviemore Primary School - funding Proposal** - A letter from Wendy Holton, head teacher, Aviemore Primary School was circulated to members. The letter was requesting funding assistance to help pay for an appropriately trained member of staff to run trampolining sessions for children with severe and complex needs. The benefits of the sessions was explained. After discussion it was felt that there was insufficient information to allow the members to come to a decision. It was decided that John Grierson should contact Wendy Holton to obtain more information. **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Alistair Dargie.**

**3.3 Planning Application Responses** - John Grierson said that at our last meeting a planning application for the siting of storage containers at Dalfaber Golf and Country Club had been discussed and the decision was to object. Ray Sefton had been in touch with Andrew McCracken, the planner in charge of the application, and asked for an extension of the time to respond so that the Community Council could discuss the application. The Community Council would respond immediately after the meeting on 11th June. This was agreed by Mr McCracken. John Grierson completed the objection letter and submitted it after the meeting. Mr McCracken did not wait for the Community Council's submission and issued a Determination Notice on 11th June, before the meeting. The effect of the Community Council's objection would be that the application would have to be determined by the Planning Committee.

After discussion it was decided that, despite the anger felt at the betrayal of trust, as we had had no difficulties with Mr McCracken in the past, the chairman should write to the Head of Planning and Building Standards at Highland Council and express our disappointment in Mr McCracken's actions. **Proposed by John Grierson seconded by Alistair Dargie**

**3.4 Village Green** - Ray Sefton advised members that Aviemore Business Association had booked the Village Green for the Aviemore Stopover Weekend.

**3.5 Planning Application 15/02443/FUL Installation of DSLAM Cabinet** - After a short discussion it was decided to support the application. **Proposed by Ray Sefton seconded by Alistair Dargie.**

#### **4 AOCB**

**4.1 Monadhliath Deer Management Group** - John Grierson advised, for information, that he had attended a seminar on the Monadhliath Deer Management Group Strategy. His only comment to the group was that the strategy did not contain anything at all about the tourism aspect of deer.

**4.2 Community Council Company** - John Grierson advised that he had had a meeting with Karen Derrick, VABS, to discuss an at arms length company. Karen is researching possibilities.

**4.3 Aviemore Community Action Plan** - John Grierson said that at his meeting with Karen Derrick they had also discussed a review of the Aviemore Community Action Plan. She suggested that AVCC might lead the review. Karen is to attend our August meeting to discuss it further.

**4.4 Data Protection** - John Grierson said that the subject of data protection and the requirement for Community Councils to register has been brought up by Kincaig Community Council. They have received advice that Community Councils need to register. Kincaig are to seek further advice from Highland Council and it is to be brought up at the Association of Cairngorm Communities.

**4.5 Addresses at Delmhor** - Yvonne Birnie said that there was confusion being caused at Delmhor because of the new houses which have been given identical addresses to the existing houses. Bill Lobban is to make enquiries and will liaise directly with Yvonne.

**4.6 Swimming Pool at MacDonalds** - Bill Lobban informed members that the article in the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald of 9th July 2015 was inaccurate. An agreement was close to being signed giving a deal which will ensure the access continues and will be enhanced.

**4.7 Aquarobics at MacDonalds Pool** - Janette Gardner said that there is an aquarobics class every Monday except for over the summer period when it is not available. After discussion it was felt that as the classes were a private arrangement between the trainer and Highlife Highland and it would be for her to negotiate.

#### **5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 13th August 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.