

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 2015 at 7.30pm.

Present: Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Audrey MacKenzie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Yvonne Birnie, Beth Hay, PC Neil MacIvor, Joe Kirby, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: John Grierson (Chair), Willie McKenna, Kathleen Cameron, Steven Wilson

Opening Remarks: Alastair Dargie welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 13th August 2015 were circulated.

Minutes proposed by Ray Sefton and seconded by Beth Hay.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Lorna McGibbon produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £3713.15. The bonus saver account is £2789.36. Nothing was given for last craft fair, Lorna will speak with Kathleen Cameron next month about this.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) **Water Outside New Tesco Site** - No further update as yet, area was dry on last inspection.

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

c) **Aviemore North Sign** - Alastair Dargie advised that he had emailed Ian Reid regarding where to put the sign, but as yet has not heard anything back.

d) **Dell of Spey Area** - No further progress.

e) **Village Green Clean Up with Scouts** - Kathleen Cameron had been in touch with Jenny from the scouts, but no further update on exact date as yet.

f) **Aviemore Primary School - funding Proposal** - Wendy Holton unfortunately was not in attendance at the meeting to speak about the funding, another date to be set up.

3.2 BUSINESS

a) **Police Update** - PC Neil MacIvor advised there was 223 calls for the Aviemore area. Incidents included 7 Road Accidents, 1 assault, 5 missing persons, 10 animal related instances, 2 vandalisms, 2 fraud incidents and 1 drink driving incident. PC Neil MacIvor also advised that the lorries parking adjacent from the police station would only be moved on if danger or hazard and that there is no

designated lorry park, he also asked community council what the next steps should be. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that lorries were parking on pavements, meaning that pedestrians were having to walk onto the road to get by, meaning it was certainly dangerous for the public. Alastair Dargie commented that we should continue to push this forward, gaining vehicle registrations to pass over to the traffic commissioner and also advised that the operators will be in breach of their operation licence. PC Neil MacIvor will take back and report about pavements and look into the operating licence aspect.

b) Aviemore Community Action Plan Update Alastair Dargie advised that there was no meeting set up yet with John Grierson or Karen Derrick as yet .

c) Community Companies - AGM has been arranged for 30th September at the Falcon Centre. Bill Lobban advised that appointees should be considered as per request for 2 board members to be community councillors at previous meeting. Alastair Dargie asked members for nominations/suggestions for who would like to be put forward.

Beth Hay - nominated by Joe Kirby, seconded by Ray Sefton

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d) CNP Consultation - Meeting rescheduled for October.

e) Grass Cutting - Alastair Dargie thanked Cllr Bill Lobban for addressing the grass cutting and was pleased to say it had been cut.

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a) Village Green - Leaf Clearance Alastair Dargie advised that the council had stopped picking up leaves on the village green, and after investigating this last year Cllr Bill Lobban had advised that the council was only responsible for the grass cutting, but as a goodwill gesture the Highland Council did continue to do this until the end of the season. Alastair Dargie suggested putting in a funding bid for a leaf blower. Joe Kirby proposed looking at 3 quotes and coming back with prices, Yvonne Birnie seconded. It was agreed a maximum budget of £200 and once obtained could tie up with scouts.

b) Youth Hostel Drain - Audrey MacKenzie advised that there was a loose drain near the Aviemore Youth Hostel which was incredibly noisy. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that this had been reported and the drain had been marked for Scottish Water to fix.

c) November Remembrance - Joe Kirby asked if there was any intentions to clear traffic from Grampian Road for the remembrance Sunday ceremony in November. Ray Sefton advised that this goes through the Royal British Legion and they need to make their intentions clear to Highland Council. Alastair Dargie advised that he would follow up and make sure the Royal British Legion were aware.

d) CalAid - Joe Kirby advised that Toni Vastano and others had set up a support group for Calais refugee's and wondered if the Community Council would give a cash donation. The consensus from the members was that it would not be appropriate. Alastair Dargie advised that the Community Council serves and receives funding for the community council area, but this is outwith the area and would not be appropriate, although he would encourage individuals to donate. He asked Joe to email the Community Council members directly the items requested.

e) Band Stand - Cllr Bill Lobban asked if there was any further progress with the Town Centre Community Fund, although there was no guarantee, it would still be good to apply. Alastair Dargie

advised that John Grierson had emailed both himself and Kathleen Cameron in regards to this and it would need to be done through ACE and a planning meeting would need to take place. Joe Kirby asked if a Just Giving/Crowdfunding page could also be set up in order to get community donations to assist. Alastair Dargie advised that we cannot at the moment until a plan was in place and a organisation was able to accept the donated funds, details need to be agreed to where the money would fit into the grant application etc.

f) Area Committee - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the new name for area committee is Badenoch & Strathspey Area Committee.

g) Bin (Near Strathspey Railway/Dell) - Lorna McGibbon advised that recently there are now two bins within a short distance of each other towards the Strathspey Railway, Cllr Bill Lobban advised that the bin is still there it has just been moved 50 yards from the underpass; this was due to a public complaint about the pickup truck reversing along the road.

5. CLOSE OF MEETING AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Alastair Dargie thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 8th October 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.