

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 8th OCTOBER 2015 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Ray Sefton (Secretary), Lorna McGibbon (Treasurer), Audrey MacKenzie, Kathleen Cameron, Steven Wilson, Beth Hay, PC Neil MacIvor, Wendy Holton (Aviemore Primary Head), Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker), Joe Kirby(7.50pm)

**Apologies:** Willie McKenna, Cllr Bill Lobban, Yvonne Birnie

**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 10th September 2015 were circulated. Lorna McGibbon requested an amendment to previous minutes in regards to the bin (Near Strathspey Railway/Dell) should read that there are now two bins within a short distance of each other towards the Strathspey Railway.

**Minutes proposed by Alistair 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 £3213.51. The bonus saver account is £3008.38.

### 3. BUSINESS

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

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

**b) Aviemore North Sign** - Alastair Dargie advised that the work has been assigned to workers to complete job and that sign should be up shortly.

**c) Village Green Clean Up with Scouts** - Kathleen Cameron advised that as it is getting very dark now at nights, it may be too late for this year. Ray Sefton advised that he will contact the council to see if the seats could be repainted.

**d) Aviemore Community Action Plan Update** Alastair Dargie advised that this would probably happen around Christmas time and will look at community companies once people on council have been re-elected.

**e) ACE Membership** - Alastair Dargie advised we didn't need to nominate specific individuals during last meeting. Meeting now rescheduled for December.

**f) Village Green - Leaf Clearance** Alastair Dargie advised that after looking at the 3 quotes that Joe Kirby had provided a leaf blower has now been purchased.

**g) November Remembrance** - Alastair Dargie advised that he had followed up with the Royal British Legion and that a backing letter was sent.

**h) Band Stand** - John Grierson advised that an application for £53,195 was put in for the Town Centre Community Fund from ACE, this would include moving the statue and stone to the front of the green and install a wishing well. £5000 will be given from Highland Council and £2000 from fund for the bandstand. John Grierson advised that planning permission would need to be applied for in the first instance for moving statue and putting in wishing well. After a show of hands it was decided that John Grierson should go ahead. **Proposed Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Joe Kirby**

### **3.2 BUSINESS**

**a) Aviemore Primary School - Funding Proposal** - John Grierson welcomed Wendy Holton to the Aviemore and Community Council Meeting. Wendy Holton advised that Aviemore Primary School were looking for funding support to staff the big trampoline which they already have in place, but unfortunately they do not have any trained or qualified staff to allow this activity to take place on a regular basis. Benefits such as co-ordination, sensory issues, develops speech, confidence and vocabulary can be provided to children. Wendy Holton advised that the specialist P.E teacher Ali Trinder who can be trained for between £210-£290, and means there would be no long term cost and the trampoline would be able to be brought out and used each week. Wendy Holton also commented that they would be looking to purchase a trampette which would benefit children with cerebral palsy. It was proposed that the Aviemore and Community Council would give £310 to cover the cost of both the training of Ali Trinder and to purchase a trampette. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Alastair Dargie.**

**b) Police Update** - PC Neil MacIvor advised there were 162 calls for the Aviemore area. Incidents included 6 domestic related incidents, 1 fire, 10 medical matters, 3 lost property, 2 assault, 20 disorders, 17 fixed penalties, 1 drink driving, 1 stolen vehicle, 7 thefts, 8 missing persons, 6 alarm activations, 1 hate crime, 6 Road incidents. PC Neil MacIvor also advised that in relation to the lorries parking adjacent from the police station that there will be a meeting with police and the new manager of Macdonald Resort on Friday 9th October to see if this area is owned by Macdonalds or in fact an adopted road. Traffic cones have been placed in the area to stop lorries parking, and the area will be monitored. John Grierson pointed out that it didn't matter if the road was adopted or not, the particular legislation that was being contravened doesn't require the road to be adopted.

**c) A9 Dualling** - John Grierson advised after the recent community council forum, Sam McNaughton and three other members of the A9 Dualling team spoke about the areas they were doing. One of the main points brought up that they would like to discuss what communities think, especially about junctions. They would like an early indication of what Aviemore would like. John Grierson commented about the Sustrans cycle route along the side of the A9, and that we should be asking for this to be on the Aviemore side of the A9. John Grierson also commented that the settlement boundary is been defined by the present A9, and we should ask for it to be maintained in the same place. It was unanimously decided that John Grierson write and ask for same 2 junctions and cycle path on Aviemore side.

**d) Christmas Events** - Ray Sefton advised this can be put onto next month's minutes as the newly elected Community Council can decide how to take forward.

**e) Old BP Station** - Ray Sefton advised that they have done a great job demolishing the site, but it needs tidied up to look less of an eye sore. John Grierson said that he would speak to Davie Cameron and see what can be done.

**f) Cairngorm Mountain** - John Grierson advised that information was emailed to members, and that there is a pre-planning consultation in 28th October and 4th/5th November. Ray Sefton and Alastair Dargie to attend.

**g) Tesco Car Park Exit** - John Grierson proposed that he writes to Highland Council to ask that they put a 'No right turn' outside the Tesco car park, to help with traffic control. **John Grierson proposed, and Ray Sefton seconded.**

## **AOCB**

**a) Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum** - John Grierson and Ray Sefton attended and had update from Glenmore Masterplan and A9 Dualling. There was nothing new to add.

**b) Association Cairngorm Communities** - John Grierson and Yvonne Birnie attended. Jamie Wilkinson from Local Energy Scotland which is a charity, providing funding for communities to look at micro hydro generation gave a presentation. The Association decided to apply for a grant to carry out a scoping exercise for the Cairngorm National Park area which would look at the possibilities and that communities could take forward. The new Leader Programme with a £3 million fund was also launched after the meeting.

**c) Village Green Enquiry** - Ray Sefton advised that he had a call today from a gentleman wishing to hire the village green from 10th - 24th October to put a trampoline on. After discussion with members, it was agreed that we would not allow it due to it being a **independent commercial business enterprise**.

## **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 12th November 2015 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.