

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 14th April 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vicechair/Secretary), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer) Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Jan Gardner, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna (CNPA), PC Neil Mclvor, Erin McBean, Chrissy Curbishley (Public), Colin Smith (& 5 Members of Aviemore Thistle), Shona MacLachlan (Minute Taker)

Apologies: 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 10th March 2016.

Minutes proposed by Alistair Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2285.28. Cheque still haven't been cashed yet both Jim Seaton(Santa), The statue account (business reserve) is now £3533.59.

3. BUSINESS

3.1

a) Police Update - PC Neil Mclvor advised there has been 205 calls in the Aviemore area. Some of these included 17 animal on road incidents, 26 other road incidents, 3 drink driving, 17 miscellaneous, 16 court offences, 9 drug instances, 3 lost and found, 8 drunk instances, 3 mountain/ski resort incidents, 2 missing persons, 6 medical, 4 alarm activations, 3 fire calls, 6 assaults, 5 disorders, 2 vandalism, 1 death, 2 robberies, 5 disturbances, 1 hate crime, 2 fraud, 4, neighbour disputes, 2 noisy neighbours. Jan Gardner asked who the car parking opposite Myrtlefield Shopping belonged to due to the volume of traffic parking. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that this land belonged to London and Scottish Developments. Alastair Dargie commented that there was a lot of glass found at the underpass beside the old call centre resulting in an injured dog and slashed tyres on bike. Kathleen Cameron also commented she had never seen it so bad, also a large tractor tyre been put here. PC Neil Mclvor advised that he will look into.

b) Aviemore Thistle Funding request - John Grierson advised he had circulated an email prior to tonight's meeting about a request for up to £225 from Aviemore Thistle. Colin Smith from Aviemore Thistle brought along 5 members of his team and advised that he although he had secured sponsorship of £400 for much needed strips he needed league fees, referee fees, which are necessary for the team to play. They have planned fundraising already in place, but not enough. Erin McBean asked for an idea of what the total fees would be. Colin advised that referee fees are £30

per week, full insurance is £324 the league fee is £50 and then there was travel costs. Wilma Grierson suggested giving them £500 to help, and it was agreed. Proposed Wilma Grierson, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

3.2 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

c) Training - John Grierson advised that there will be another community council training session in Grantown Court House on 25th April at 6.30pm. This is the same training as before, so no need to attend if you have already been.

d) Village Green Lease - John Grierson advised that he had re-submitted an application for a land registry search but had not received a reply. He had contacted the Land Registry who apologised advised that they are weeks behind with applications.

e) Social Care - Lack of provision in the area- continued from previous meeting - Beth Hay commented that she had spoken with Dr Boyd Peters. His replies were good, but needed to be in place before the hospital happens. Dr Peters had been able to answer some of her questions but not all of them. Beth Hay also said another issue was that Marie Curie are always well funded from this area, but there is always a struggle to Marie Curie nurses, so advised she would go to the next committee meeting and bring this up. John Grierson suggested that the community council invite Dr Boyd Peters to come along to a meeting. **Joh Grierson to arrange this.**

f) Street Naming -Granish Court - John Grierson advised that apparently the suggested names are not allowed under the guidelines. Cllr Bill Lobban advised that there cannot be two names similar i.e Granish Court/Granish Way. New names will be applied.

g) Rock Challenge - Kingussie High School - Kathleen Cameron advised that they will be doing a show in the Aviemore Community Hall on Wednesday 20th April at 5.25pm. The Rock Challenge at Eden Court will take place Thursday 21st and has already sold out.

h) Association of Cairngorm Communities Meeting - John Grierson advised that he attended the meeting and the main item was that the association was looking at doing a hydro power auctions appraisal for the whole of the Cairngorms National Park. Nick Forrest from baby hydro ltd had done a desktop survey. The survey didn't identify any in this area. There had also been a short presentation on the Mountain and the People Project which had heritage lottery funding. 125km of paths in Scotland to be done. 54km of those in the Cairngorm National Park.

3.2 NEW BUSINESS

a) Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum - Alastair Dargie gave an update from the forum including the roads aspect, status of project and tendering processes. Alastair Dargie advised that Lee Haxton of Cairngorm National Park Authority raised a question about the strategy for laybys on the A9. A strategy is being developed into how many to have, what kind of facilities etc. Alastair Dargie added that they are constructing a section of the A9 without any laybys in it and have in the process taken out 10 laybys. Alastair Dargie added that there was considerable feeling that

the laybys should be in scenic locations, have some basic toilet facilities, and there was mention that the laybys would need to be of a higher standard. CNPA said at the forum that they would likely object to any catering, toilets, picnic benches etc. Cllr Bill Lobban commented as the junctions would be more easily accessible travellers should be encouraged to use the facilities in the nearby villages. Cllr Bill Lobban said that there should be much larger laybys, even WIFI, but no toilets or catering. Alastair Dargie commented that there is no overall strategy in place whatsoever. It was agreed that the community council should write and ask for strategy and timeline. **John Grierson to write.**

b) Community Resilience - John Grierson advised that Steve Marden from the Highland Council Emergency Planning spoke at the Community Council Forum. John Grierson said that the community resilience is for how communities deal with emergencies and how the community can help the emergency services by having plans in place. John Grierson expressed that we have every opportunity for natural disasters, and thinks it would be a good idea to put a resilience plan together. Issues such as extended power failure and getting word out to the elderly were mentioned and it was agreed to have a small group of AVCC members look into. John Grierson, Beth Hay, Alastair Dargie and Erin McBean will form a group and get in touch with Steve Marden to take it forward.

c) Proposal - Scottish Water - John Grierson advised that he had attended the meeting on 24th March at MacDonald Resort but it was not well organised and there were separate discussions and no opportunity to hear the questions and answers that were getting given. John Grierson proposed holding a Special Community Council meeting in mid-June in the Aviemore Community Hall, and invite Scottish Water, so that we can ask questions and get answers. As it is a community council meeting public can attend. It will be advertised as is required in the Strathspey and Badenoch Herald. It will also be advertised on the community council website and social media. Willie McKenna, Kathleen Cameron, Erin McBean, Beth Hay to assist prior to meeting to help assist setup.

d) Potential New Member - Kathleen Cameron would like to propose having an associate member to help assist with the setting up of the Craft Fairs. Mike McArthur of Truffolicious who attends the fairs each month, would be an associate member from April to October. After discussion it was agreed that Mike McArthur be put forward at the next meeting for adoption as an associate member.

e) Gala Day Entertainment - Kathleen Cameron advised that the Legion have not asked anyone to be on the committee as yet. They are looking for stall holders at the moment and Kathleen Cameron wanted to know if the Community Council would be putting something towards it. This will possibly be taking place either 16th or 23rd July. Alastair Dargie suggested putting this forward to another meeting, to allow everyone to think of what entertainment. Kathleen Cameron will ask the Legion if tents are required. **Carried forward to next meeting**

5. AOCB

a) Planning Application - Building of Cooking/Toilet Facilities - Badaguish - (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not take part) John Grierson advised a re-submitted application had been made by Speyside Trust for the building of cooking/toilet facilities. The application has been called in by CNPA. There was no notification to AVCC from Highland Council. AVCC did not object to the previous application which had been withdrawn.

b) Meeting - Cllr Bill Lobban advised that he had a meeting with Rory Mair who is in charge of commissions of local democracy at Highland Council. Rory Mair will run a local advisory board which will be touring the Highlands, and ask for thoughts etc.

c) Equal Rights of Appeal - Erin McBean shared information regarding supporting equal rights of appeal. Cllr Bill Lobban explained how it worked and that no third party has the right of an appeal. Everyone agreed there should be a more equal rights for communities when it comes to planning.
John Grierson to write supporting equal rights of appeal.

d) Thank You - Alastair Dargie said a thank you letter should be written to the Explorers and leaders for their help in tidying up the Village Green.

e) Spring Clean - Alastair Dargie asked if anyone would like to take the Spring Clean forward, Beth Hay advised she would take this on, and collect litter pickers, hoops etc from Ray Sefton. Kathleen Cameron also suggested getting in touch with Aviemore Thistle/Brownies etc for help. Looking at early May or June.

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 May 2016 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.