

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 9th June 2016 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Jan Gardner, Cllr Bill Lobban, Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Willie McKenna (CNPA), Tom Ramage (Press), PC Neil McIvor, Martin Genini (Public), Euan Baxter (Public), Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Erin McBean

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 May 2016.

Minutes proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron

2. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £1670.15. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3725.89, after 16p interest. Wilma Grierson advised the Craft Fair payments had now been transferred into the Business Reserve Account.

3. BUSINESS

3.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) Village Green Lease - John Grierson advised that the solicitors in Kingussie weren't available to assist, so spoke with Duncan Swarbrick, Solicitor at Aviemore who explained that it would depend what was in the constitution of Aviemore and Rothiemurchus Village Council as to how they would dispose of any property owned when they were wound up. John Grierson is to inspect the Highland Council archives in Inverness for relevant paperwork.

b) Social Care - Lack of provision in the area- continued from previous meeting - John Grierson advised that this is still ongoing and hopes to get Boyd Peters to come along to the July AVCC meeting.

c) Badenoch and Strathspey Community Council Forum - John Grierson advised this is still ongoing as has still had no reply in regards to the A9 lay-by strategy.

d) Community Resilience - John Grierson advised that he hadn't been able to speak with the gentleman from the Association of Cairngorm Communities as he wasn't at the meeting. John Grierson advised he will get in touch Steve Marden.

e) Spring Clean - Beth Hay advised that she had only 4 people helping assist with the Spring Clean, and wasn't sure exactly what went wrong. Cllr Bill Lobban commented on how valuable this was to

the community and that possibly having a second one in the Autumn would be beneficial. Agreed that AVCC would look at later in the year.

f) Summer bedding plants; withdrawal of planting for Aviemore - Alastair Dargie said that the plants had arrived yesterday and Tesco advised they would help with one of the sets on the Village Green and Hilton Coylumbridge would assist with the set near the Ambulance station. Alastair Dargie also said that he would get in touch with the Legion to see if they would like to do area at the War Memorial.

g) Gala Day Entertainment - John Grierson said he had not seen Colin Smith from Aviemore Thistle as of yet to speak about the 5-a-side. Kathleen Cameron commented that she had been in touch with Rhonna Faichnie Minard who advised that their only real issue was that no youngsters as yet had put themselves forward to be Gala Queen (S1-S3)

3.2 NEW BUSINESS

a) Antisocial Behaviour Incidents (from minors in village) - Alastair Dargie commented on a couple of instances from primary school children having violent conduct out with school premises, but often around time of school. Many children now avoiding play park due to this. As the children are under 12 years of age, there is the confusion over of who deals with this. Complainers had been told it was not direct police responsibility. PC Neil McIvor advised that he was made aware of the situation through the parent council, and advised that parents are responsible for their children getting into school. There was also a discussion as to where responsibility lies for children who are picked up from Glenmore and dropped off by the school bus, sometimes these children can be at the school grounds 30 minutes before the school starts and playground is only manned from 8.45am. Cllr Bill Lobban advised he would look into the situation with regards to bus times.

b) Police Update - PC Neil McIvor advised there had been 180 calls made in the Aviemore area. Some of these included; 7 alarm activations, 28 road traffic, 4 warning, 2 vandalism, 11 calls regarding sheep/cows, 1 house break in with intent to steal, 11 miscellaneous, 4 noise disturbance, 2 lost persons, 4 drunken disorderly, 3 theft, 13 driver behaviour, 10 mental health, 4 persons searched, 4 assaults, 1 drink driving, 7 fixed penalties issues, 1 stolen bike reported, 35 fire arm surrenders, 5 road accidents, 1 neighbour dispute, 3 medical, 1 bogus caller, 1 drug instance, 1 fraud, 3 mountain rescue, and 1 death.

c) Planning Application for Rothiemurchus Sawmill 2016/0158/DET - (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not participate) Euan Baxter advised that they are looking to build 6 houses (on road to Whitewells, Rothiemurchus) 4 families had come together to build affordable housing, and were working with Highland and Islands Small Communities Trust. If they decide to leave the houses down the line, the trust will have first rights of those homes and look to re-home similar families. It's to create something sustainable, low energy use, houses that reflect tradition in the CNP. The other 2 houses will be for Rothiemurchus Estate, but there are stipulations that these must be built with the same ethos. Euan Baxter also thanks the AVCC for their previous letter of support. John Grierson thanked Martin Genini and Euan Baxter. After discussion it was decided to continue our support for the project. **John Grierson to send response to the application to CNPA showing our support.**

d) Planning Application for Tesco site 2016/0062/DET and Highland Council Planning ref; 16/02336/FUL - (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not participate) John Grierson advised that application is to change from a single retailer to 3 retailers. Alastair Dargie commented that the building already has consent, and they are not looking at changing the orientation of the building or make any significant material changes etc. John Grierson questioned why it should have been called

in in the first place. It was something that he felt the Highland Council would have dealt with under delegated powers. John Grierson advised that London and Scottish Developments are being very patient., Agreed that AVCC should respond in strong support of both applications. **John Grierson to write letter of response.**

e) Planning Application for Balavil Mains Farmhouse 2016/0153/DET (Cllr Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not participate) John Grierson advised that although this is not our area, it certainly will effect it. We are entitled to comment on the planning. Alastair Dargie commented that there are considerable road safety issues, and the significant risk to the communities in the Strathspey area that would lead to reduction in local trade, especially for Kingussie. John Grierson also advised that both SEPA and Highland Council Roads won't give opinions due to lack of insufficient information. There is no indication on the CNPA website that Transport Scotland have been consulted. **John Grierson to write letter commenting on strong objection.**

f) Request to use the Village Green on Wednesday 21st September (Army Careers Office) - John Grierson advised that he had received a request to use the Village Green in September, everyone agreed and advised to let the Careers Office know that any small donation would be gratefully received. Kathleen Cameron to hold Village Green diary.

g) Uneven footpath from Torr Lodge - Morlich Court - Alastair Dargie advised footpath from Torr Lodge to Morlich Court the surface is incredibly uneven, comments from elderly and younger residents, known of at least 4 people raising the issue. Reported to housing associations and council. Highland Council agrees that it is theirs and has been investigating. Cllr Bill Lobban to take photo and follow up.

h) Lucky2BeHere Public Access Defibrillator funding - Alastair Dargie advised that training for the defibrillators at Aviemore Fire Station last week was oversubscribed and that they are having to put on extra training in the next few weeks to catch up. There are approx now 35 people in Aviemore trained on how to use these and do basic CPR. A trainers group to allow people to carry out this training to others has also been formed. Alastair Dargie commented that these units cost the charity £1500 and are very keen that multiple units go into Aviemore. Lucky2BeHere are in a position to put in one of defibrillators at the Police Station and proposes that AVCC give a donation to make it easier for Aviemore to get more put in. Alastair Dargie also suggested looking at Rothiemurchus and Glenmore due to visitor numbers. Willie McKenna suggested contacting the Glenmore group who are looking at developing the area, Willie McKenna will contact them. Wilma Grierson also suggested writing to the local businesses. Alastair Dargie to speak with Jonathan Gatenby for list. Jan Gardner suggested signage and it was agreed to wait until defibrillators were in place before discussing. Beth Hay suggested £500. Agreed by all.

5. AOCB

a) Cash For Kids MFR - John Grierson advised that MFR are looking for people to take part in the happiest community challenge. The team who raises the most money are crowned winners and are given a street party. It could be a group of friends, a community group, or even a street.

b) A9 Perth to Inverness (Dalraddy to Slochd Project) - John Grierson advised that he received a letter from Sam McNaughton of A9 Dualling that there will be a consultation on 16th June, 12noon to 8pm, which will show proposed junction layouts.

c) SNH - John Grierson advised an email had been sent highlighting the new signage at the Aviemore Youth Hostel. They also now have a parking area for the Craigellachie Nature Reserve and they have a visitor information with live web cam images of the Peregrines. Tuesday 28th June at 2pm the Cafe will be officially launching, John Grierson asked if any members of the Community Council would also like to attend. Jan Garner, Wilma Grierson, and Beth Hay all agreed they would go.

d) Old Primary School - Kathleen Cameron noted that a member of public brought to her attention that the old primary school is for sale. John Grierson advised that it has always been up for sale, but doesn't include all of the land.

e) BP Garage - Kathleen Cameron thought that the wire fencing was asked to be removed, but John Grierson advised that he had only asked for them to tidy up the site. Willie McKenna advised that if the fencing came down you would need to put gates up to stop overnight camping etc.

f) Dell of Spey - Cllr Bill Lobban advised the Highland Council are hoping to operate this the week before Easter until October. Pathways and extra lighting are also on the plan, they will shut the pump down in winter and do this service every spring.

g) Signage - Willie McKenna advised that 15 years ago there was a lot of money spent on proper signage as Aviemore was starting to look like a cowboy town with signs everywhere. Willie McKenna noted that there is a new Whisky sign in the BP garage, also at Macdonalds on the lawn. John Grierson to take photographs and write to planning. Willie McKenna also noted that the Dell Mhor Houses (Old Hilton Staff Houses), there was an issue when built that the developer called them 1-5 Dell Mhor, which already exists, so the post office gave them a postcode with Ski Road Cottages. Alan Munro the developer has now put up another big sign on the entrance to the site and is calling them Dell Mhor again. John Grierson will look into planning and see if there is planning permission for it.

h) Turn Right - Tesco - Jan Garner commented on an instance she had last week at the traffic lights/entrance to Tesco's, and expressed it is becoming more and more dangerous. John Grierson advised that he had written to the Highland Council and they agreed it was a good idea that you should only be allowed to turn right out of Tesco carpark. Cllr Bill Lobban to follow up. John Grierson to forward email over to Cllr Bill Lobban.

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 14th July 2016 at 7.30pm for the AGM in the Aviemore Community Centre.