

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm.

**1. PRESENT:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Beth Hay, Wilma Grierson, Ian Gray, Karen Lawrie, Joe Kirby, Erin Ferguson, Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Naomi Dargie (public)

**2. APOLOGIES:** Kathleen Cameron, Shona McLoughlin, Muriel Cockburn

**3. OPENING REMARKS:** John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

### **4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were discussed.

**Minutes proposed by Joe Kirby and seconded by Al Dargie.**

### **5. TREASURERS REPORT**

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £3441.28. The statue account (business reserve) is now £4847.33

### **6. BUSINESS**

#### **6.1 Matters arising**

**a) Village Green** – John Grierson said that he had received correspondence from Duncan Swarbrick to say that he wasn't able to do conveyancing. John suggested that the Community Council contact MacLeod and MacCallum in Inverness. Agreed. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Alastair Dargie.**

**b) Primary School Consultation and 4.5 day week.** – Naomi Dargie asked to address the meeting. She said that when they had gone to book childcare service for Monday she was told that it was an in-service day and that there would be no childcare services that day. This lack of childcare will cause problems as in-service days are on different days of the week. Staff have also told children that there will be no cover during the holiday period. Bill Lobban said that no provision for holiday cover was Highland wide. The Aviemore Community Children's Group is run by only three people and they were having difficulty running the service. The Community and Learning Alliance were going to be taking over but pulled out and Highland Council had to step in. John said that the children's group were supposed to be coming back to the community council to update us but that had not happened. It was decided that John Grierson should write to the Aviemore Community Children's Group to get an update and to contact Jaci Douglas regarding CALA.

**c) Community Council Grants** – Joe Kirby had nothing to report.

**d) CNPA request for use of Village Green** - John Grierson said that arrangements had been made for CNPA to use the green on 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> August.

**f) Kate Forbes MSP** – John Grierson said that a meeting with Community Councillors has been arranged for 7pm on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at the Fire Station.

**6(2) Aviemore Business Association** – Alan Bratty, who was to have attended the meeting, had failed to arrive. John Grierson said he would contact him and invite him to a future meeting.

**6(3) Grantown Initiative – Rails 2 Grantown** – Joe Kirby said that he had attended a stakeholder meeting. He had circulated a copy of the minutes of the meeting. The minutes were not for public circulation.

**6(4) Goalpost, Robertsons Purchasing of** – Joe Kirby gave the meeting an update on progress of his ‘crowd funding’ initiative to raise money for goalposts for the grass area beside the Robertsons development. The fund raising had been very successful and there was surplus funding. Joe said that the Soccer 7s had to use the shinty kit as they did not have any kit. He wasn’t sure if he would have enough of a surplus to cover the cost and asked if members would consider covering the difference. Joe then left the meeting. After discussion, it was agreed that the Community Council would make up the difference. Joe then returned. It was decided that Katy Minard should price the kit. If there is not enough funds to cover it she should then come to the Community Council.

**Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Ian Gray.**

**6(5) Christmas Lights** – Joe Kirby asked if there was any progress on the purchase of the Christmas lights. Alastair Dargie reported that the lights had been ordered. He said that he had also been in contact with John Beattie of Highland Council about the electrical work that has to be done. The Community Council will have to arrange the trenches and burying of cables and Highland Council will connect the system.

## **7 AOCB**

**a) Bees and Flowers** - Bill Lobban left the room for this item. John Grierson said that he had been approached by Jennifer Lobban about an education programme about honey bees that is being run by the Spey Beekeepers Association for nursery and primary school children. The programme has been rolled out in Aviemore. The Association intend to give the children be books entitled ‘Bees Like Flowers’ and asked if the Community Council would consider assisting with the funding of the books. It was decided that the Community Council would donate £250 to the project, being the cost of 50 books. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Joe Kirby**

**b) Spey Catchment Initiative – Old Bridge Inn Car Park Canoe Access** - John Grierson had previously circulated an email from Liz Henderson, Project Officer, Spey Catchment Initiative. The initiative intends to carry out work at the canoe access point in the carpark of the Old Bridge Inn. The access is badly eroding the bank. The remedial work will result in the access point being narrowed so that vehicles and trailers cannot get down to the water. After discussion, it was decided that this was a very worthwhile project and that the Community Council should indicate support for it. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie.**

**c) Planning Application 2016/0434/DET – 6 affordable homes, Dellmhor** - The updated designs and plans for the application for 6 affordable homes at Dellmhor, Inverdrue were discussed. It was decided to maintain the Community Council’s objection to the application. Although the change to the colour of the houses is an improvement it does nothing to alleviate the ‘cheap’ look of the houses which are in a prominent position. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Ian Gray.**

**d) Broadband in Glenmore** – Erin Ferguson asked if there had been any progress with broadband for Glenmore. John Grierson said that he had met Brian Tolson of Cairngorms Community Broadband at a meeting about three weeks after he had spoken at the April meeting. Brian had said that the goalposts had been moved and they were re-accessing the project. Bill Lobban said that the government were now concentrating on the R100 project to facilitate the deployment of infrastructure that will support superfast broadband connections to premises that will not receive such a service with existing or planned infrastructure by the end of 2021. He further said that the Highland Council would be meeting with the relevant minister with the aim of having small schemes pushed forward.

**e) Bedding Plant Weeding** - Beth Hay said that all the weeding had been done and wished to thank all those who helped.

**f) Christmas Parade** - Willie McKenna asked how the organising of the Christmas Parade was getting on. Al Dargie said that Aviemore Community Enterprise was taking the lead and that there had been three organising meeting already. Specs are being drawn up for team leaders.

**g) Drystone Wall** – Willie McKenna observed that a portion of drystone wall between the petrol station and the Premier Inn site has been damaged. He asked if anyone knows who owns it. There was discussion over who could repair it. John Grierson to ascertain who owns it then take it from there.

**h) The Dell, Aviemore** – Bill Lobban reported that Highland council are going to be renovating the ‘penguin Pond’. A new pump will be fitted, the area weeded and the pathway and lighting repaired.

**i) Village Green Bandstand** - Bill Lobban said that the surface of the Village Green Bandstand has become very degraded and really needs to be replaced. Al Dargie said that the cost of replacing it would be in the region of 4 to £5000. After discussion, it was decided to get quotes and make an application to the Discretionary Fund. Al Dargie to obtain quotes and John Grierson to make application. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Al Dargie.**

**j) New Shops opposite Myrtlefield** – Ian Gray asked what was the situation with the new shops. Bill Lobban said that Aldi, Home Bargains and Tiso would be going into the main shop. It is not certain who is going into the four smaller units.

**k) Gardens at Community Centre/School** – John Grierson asked who was responsible for the maintenance of the flower beds outside the Community Centre/School as they were a total disgrace. Bill Lobban said that it was a Highland Council responsibility and that we should write to the head of Care and Learning, Bill Alexander. Bill said that he had already spoken to him but suggested that a letter from the Community Council would reinforce what he had told him. John Grierson to write to Bill Alexander. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Wilma Grierson.**

## **8) Date of next meeting**

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.