

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 7.30pm.

**1. PRESENT:** John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair), Beth Hay, Wilma Grierson, Erin Ferguson, Kathleen Cameron, Bill Lobban, PC Neil MacIvor and Karen Lawrie.

**2. APOLOGIES:** Ian Gray, Joe Kirby and Willie McKenna

**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 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 were approved with the following amendments;

- The spelling of Iain Gray
- Item 6.2.(e) 'Cairngorm and Glenmore trust' should read 'Aviemore and Glenmore Trust'
- Item 7.8 should read 'Bill Lobban said'

**Minutes proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Al Dargie.**

### **5. TREASURERS REPORT**

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £3052.15. The Business Reserve Account is now £5324.41.

### **6. BUSINESS**

**6.1 Police Report** - John Grierson welcomed PC Neil MacIvor who gave an update on Police activity over the last month. There had been 95 incidents reported.

- There was discussion about the Remembrance Service and the need to close the road. Bill Lobban said that the Royal British Legion had been given the form to request a road closure.
- PC Neil MacIvor said that he had been spoken to by some bus and lorry drivers about the yellow lines on Santa Claus Drive and that they had nowhere to park. It was particularly relevant to buses that had nowhere to wait while their passengers were visiting Aviemore. PC MacIvor asked the Community Council to give thought to where they could park.
- With regards to Beth Hay's item on the 30mph limit at the north end of Aviemore, John Grierson said that he had attended an ActiveAviemore meeting and had pointed out the problems to Richard Gerring of Highland Council.

### **6.2 Matters arising**

**a) Village Green** – John Grierson said that he had managed to find someone that was on the last Village Council and the new Community Council. He had passed the information on to the solicitor.

**b) Primary School Consultation and 4.5-day week.** – John Grierson said that he had nothing further to report

**c) Community Council Grants** –Nothing to report.

**e) Aviemore Business Association** – John Grierson said that he had circulated an email from Alan Bratty who gave his apologies as the Trust had a meeting that night. Item 6(3) refers.

**f) Goalpost, Robertson’s Purchasing of** – John Grierson said that he hadn’t heard anything from Katy Minard yet.

**g) Christmas Lights** Alastair Dargie said that the lights have been delivered and that he is presently organising the installation. He has had a positive meeting with John Beaton and has had verbal agreement from several volunteers. Things are on track.

**h) Broadband in Glenmore** –John Grierson said that because of holiday and work commitments he had been unable to speak to Bob Murdoch. He would endeavour to speak to him in the coming month.

**g) Drystane Wall** – The wall has not been repaired yet but further damage has been cause near the south roundabout.

**i) Village Green Bandstand** – Alastair Dargie reported that he has had a quote for £4166.82 including VAT for materials and £1600 in labour costs. Kathleen Cameron raised the possibility of using senior High School pupils on a voluntary basis to help. Alastair Dargie said that there are difficulties in doing that because of the type of work that must be done. It was decided that it was something worth investigating. John Grierson proposed that the Community Council make an application to the Ward Discretionary Fund to help with costs. This was seconded by Kathleen Cameron and agreed. Alastair Dargie asked that the Village Green Fund make an advance to pay for the materials. This was agreed. Proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

**j) The Dell, Aviemore** - Bill Lobban said that the work had been agreed but did not know when it would take place.

**k) New Bus Stop** - John Grierson said that he had spoken to Richard Porteous and Richard Gerring about the proposed bus stop and expressed our dissatisfaction with what was proposed. He had been told that what was proposed was what was happening. Bill Lobban advised that the Community Council should write to Willie Gilfillan. John Grierson to write.

**Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Karen Lawrie.**

### **6.3 Aviemore Business Association/Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust**

John Grierson said that nobody from the Trust would be able to attend as they had a meeting that evening. Aland Bratty had sent an email, which had been circulated, showing the Trusts aims and objectives. After some discussion it was decided that John Grierson should write to the Trust expressing the Community Council’s support for open and transparent investigation of ownership options for Cairngorm Mountain’. It was decided that until such debate starts the Community Council will not donate cash.

**Proposed by Alastair Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

### **6.3 Review of Policy on Village Green Use.**

John Grierson said that, historically, the Community Council had allowed the use of the Village Green for charitable purposes and had accepted donations for its use. This came about because of advice from Highland Council regarding insurance cover and the liability of the Community Council. He said it was time to review the policy in view of the increased request for the use of the Green.

After discussion it was decided that;

- The Community Council will start charging for the use of the Green
- Payment is to be with booking
- It is open to all
- Application to use the Green will be decided at a full meeting unless it is at short notice at which time an email circulation to all voting members will require more than a 50% positive response before permission is granted.
- Users will require Public Liability Insurance
- Green must be left as found

Alastair Dargie and Kathleen are to look at present agreements and update them to sit new policy.

**Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

### **6.4 Street Lighting along the Speyside Way to rear of Braeriach Court**

Kathleen Cameron said that trees at the rear of Braeriach Court were now obscuring the light from the street lighting in Grampian Road and asked if there was anything that could be done. Bill Lobban said that it was unfortunate that the light was being obscured but that the Council would not install low level lighting on the path.

### **6.5 Donation for Hanging Basket**

Alastair Dargie said that Aviemore Community Enterprise was now responsible for the hanging baskets and has always been the case funding has been a problem. It was agreed all round that the baskets had been a great success this year and added to the attractiveness of Aviemore. John Grierson said that the Community Council has always supported the installation of the baskets with a donation but for some reason it has been missed for the last two years. He proposed the Community Council donate £500 towards the baskets. Agreed. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay.**

## **7 AOCB**

**7.1 Highland Small Communities Housing Trust** - John Grierson said that he had a request from Highland Small Communities Housing Trust to come to the November meeting to present the results of its housing needs survey commissioned by An Camas Mòr LLP. Alastair Dargie to include it in the agenda.

**7.2 Bedding Plants** - Kathleen Cameron said that older pupils at the primary school are keen to help the community and would happily take out the bedding plants. This would all be done under supervision. Agreed that this was an excellent idea and Kathleen is to take it forward.

**7.3 Path at Rear of Old Primary School** - Erin Ferguson said that the path at the rear of the old primary school was overgrown and asked if anything could be done about it. John Grierson said that

the ground belonged to Aviemore Community Enterprise but that the path had been put there by Highland Council as part of 'safer route to schools', with the agreement that the Highland Council would maintain it. Bill Lobban is to follow up on it.

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

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.