

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 8th March 2018 at 7.30pm.

Present: John Grierson (Chair), Alastair Dargie (Vice Chair; late arrival at 7.55pm), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Karen Lawrie, Beth Hay, Joe Kirby, Erin Ferguson, Cllr Bill Lobban, Shona MacLachlan (Minute taker)

Apologies: Ian Gray

Opening Remarks: John Grierson welcomed everyone to this meeting of AVCC.

3. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of AVCC which was held on Thursday 8th February 2018 were circulated.

Minutes proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Kathleen Cameron

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £1670. The statue account (business reserve) is now £3887.96. Wilma Grierson advised that £200 was still to come out of the account for Bremners Buses which was used by the children for the plastic straw initiative. Money should be coming back in from this as John Grierson had applied to the ward discretionary fund. There is also £613.20 to come out of the statue account (business reserve) for the solicitor's fees for the village green.

5. BUSINESS

5.1 Matters arising from minutes of previous meeting.

a) A9 Dualling - John Grierson advised that there were mature trees marked for felling in Milton wood and he had contacted Sam MacNaughton of Transport Scotland to report this. Sam MacNaughton put a stop immediately to the work and arrived with both an ecologist and geologist a few days later. John Grierson took them to the area to better explain. John Grierson questioned the ecologist if they could do this due to the tree protection order, and surprisingly they were unaware of the protection order. John Grierson also has copies of the assessments that were done if anyone would like a copy. Karen Lawrie also asked if the cup and ring marked stone which sits on the left of the tunnel was listed as she was sure it was. John Grierson said that he didn't think it was but that he would make enquiries.

b) Village Green - John Grierson advised that this was still ongoing.

c) Christmas Lights - John Grierson advised this was still ongoing.

d) New Bus Stop - Cllr Bill Lobban advised nothing further to report at this stage.

e) Bedding Plants - John Grierson advised there was still no reply.

f) An Camas Mor - John Grierson advised that Johnnie Grant had replied to both John Grierson and Alastair Dargie in response to Joe Kirby's email and didn't copy Joe Kirby into the email, this is why Joe Kirby was not in attendance.

g) School/Plastic Straw Project - John Grierson advised that a grant of £200 had been made from the ward discretionary fund.

h) Planning Application - 2018/0027/DET - Spey house, Cairngorm Technology Park. - John Grierson advised that he called the National Park, but they did not have the information he was looking for. John Grierson expressed in writing to Katherine Donnachie (Planning Officer of Cairngorms National Park) that while disappointed the area has gone from economical to housing, accepts that situations have changed and that no one seems to want to use that particular area of land. The change of use will be an improvement only if affordable housing is included and community council although objecting to this at present, will revisit it if missing information can be given. Katherine Donnachie responded advising that she will get back in touch once they have the information.

i) Planning Application - 2018/0043/DET - Former Filling Station, Grampian Road - John Grierson advised that he had written to object to the planning as per last month's discussion, he expressed disappointed that there was no affordable housing at the site itself and that the design statement is not in proportion with the rest of Aviemore.

j) Aviemore Bowling Club - Funding Request - John Grierson advised that he helped the Aviemore Bowling Club put in a request to the Ward Discretionary Fund. They were delighted to be given £300 to buy new junior bowls.

6. NEW BUSINESS

a) Aviemore GeoThermal Project AHR - John Grierson advised that there had been a mixup with dates and Mike Collins from ARUP would not be attending the meeting. He would however be attending at the Morlich Hotel at Macdonalds Aviemore Highland Resort on 9th March (between 2pm - 6pm)

b) Data Protection - Request for information - John Grierson advised that there was a request for information. The information requested will be forwarded to person concerned. VABS are putting together a training session on Friday 6th April in Carrbridge for the new update on the data protection. John Grierson, Alastair Dargie and Beth Hay will be attending.

7. AOCB

a) Tennis Club Letter - John Grierson advised that he had circulated letter to everyone prior to meeting. John Grierson also said that the community council funds will be going from £1600 to £822.11 next year of which £350 will go to insurance, so will really have to watch where the money goes. He reminded members that last month the Community Council refused an application from Bowling Club. John Grierson to write advising that at the moment won't be able to give anything due to cut backs. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

b) Association of Cairngorm Communities - Meeting is on the 21st March @ 10.30am, all day meeting if anyone would like to go. John Grierson will be attending.

c) Carrbridge Community Council Cycle Path Survey - John Grierson advised that the Carrbridge Community Council had put together a survey for a cycle path from Carrbridge joining up with the Speyside Way in Boat of Garten. John Grierson to write letter of support. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay**

d) £500 Grant - John Grierson advised that there will be a £500 grant given to the community council from the Highland Council. It must be spent on a community council project. After discussion it was decided that the money should be put towards flower tubs for Grampian Road opposite the Morlich Place/Strathspey Avenue. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay.** John Grierson to let The Ward Manager know.

Cllr Bill Lobban advised that it might be worth mentioning that as the flowerbeds will be grassed over, perhaps Highland Council could donate some tubs. John Grierson to write to Richard Porteous, advising of the project.

Cllr Bill Lobban also said that it hoped the grant could become an annual event.

e) Biomass Wood Pellets - Kathleen Cameron said that there is a national shortage, and people are now struggling to get any. Cllr Bill Lobban advised the Highland Council are trying to get in an emergency supply, but in the meantime their tenants can contact the Highland Council if they do run out and get electric heaters.

f) Sluggan Drive - Pot Holes - Joe Kirby had circulated photographs prior to the meeting and has emailed Alan Munro asking for clarification on when they plan on repairing the road between Sluggan Drive and Frank Spaven Drive. John Grierson advised he was surprised that the shops hadn't also complained. Joe Kirby will follow up with Cairngorms National Park and speak with the enforcement officer as there may be conditions with the road.

g) ABA AGM - Joe Kirby advised he had attended the Aviemore Business Association AGM on Monday 5th March, and they were looking at contacting other community groups in the area to put a working group together for a community event. They mentioned the Santa Run, and Joe Kirby had suggested a summer alternative. John Grierson said we should wait until they take the lead. Alastair Dargie advised that the Royal British Legion were looking at getting more groups involved and making it more a community event, so may be worth pointing them in that direction.

h) No Plastic Bags in Africa - Beth Hay who recently returned from helping in a clinic in Africa, advised that when she left behind a bag of items, they told her she couldn't leave it as plastic bags are completely banned over there. John Grierson asked Kathleen Cameron to take back to P6.

i) Rock Challenge - High School - Kathleen Cameron said they will be fundraising on 26th March, they will be performing at the Aviemore Primary School at 5.10pm, day before Eden Court.

8. 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 April 2018 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.