

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 9th August 2018 at 7.30pm.

1. PRESENT: John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Al Dargie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Johnnie Grant (public)

2. APOLOGIES: Joe Kirby, Iain Grey, Karen Lawrie

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 12th July 2018 were circulated.

Minutes with amendments proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Wilma Grierson.

4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2133.93. The statue account (business reserve) is now £4635.52.

5. BUSINESS

i) Matters arising from the minutes.

a) Glenmore – John Grierson reported that an application for funding had been made and the outcome should be known in September

b) Scotrail Timetable Changes - No further update.

c) MacDonald Highland Resort/Highlife Highland Swimming Pool Access – There is no further update.

d) Grass Cutting behind Old School - Grass not cut. Nothing further to report.

e) Bus Timetables – John Grierson reported that bus timetables are being updated from the end of August. The new timetables can be the Stagecoach website.

f) Bedding Plants – Beth Hay said that now that the plants were established the beds needed to be weeded. Beth and Wilma to arrange weeding.

ii) An Camus Mor - John Grierson welcomed Johnnie Grant who gave an update on An Camus Mor. Mr Grant said that CNPA is still considering the draft section 75. Since June there had been clarification of the education contributions and although contributions per home and flat are much higher than previously, commercial advice is that it is deliverable. An Camus Mor believes that the recreation plan, started with Gehl in February meets public aspirations and can form the basis for the mitigation required by CNPA in respect of capercaillie and other species.

Rothiemurchus and AVCC have been working together for some time. There is a draft lease for the section of park on the Rothiemurchus side. The basis for the park is that the community is the lead, Rothiemurchus provides the land and An Camus Mor provides for reasonable costs. In August 2017 CNPA determined that the building of a bridge should be a condition for An Camus Mor the reason

being given that it was linked to the HRA and sustainable design. No detail was given regarding sustainable design and the ES for An Camus Mor did not require a bridge but required a regular bus service. There was no discussion with An Camus Mor or its agents and contrary to the planning officers report, a new condition requiring a bridge to be delivered in advance of the completion of the 200th home was put in place. An Camus Mor believes that the recent work carried out will, when presented, give the CNPA planning committee the assurance needed that a new bridge, although desirable is not essential for An Camus Mor. This view would be in accordance with the AVCC representation to CNPA in 2017, the Local Development Plan and the two previous determinations.

There were no questions and John Grierson thanked Mr Grant for giving the Community Council an update. Mr Grant then left the meeting.

A discussion followed, and it was decided that the chairman should write to CNPA to stress the benefit to the community that would come out of An Camus Mor. A decision must be made as to what the priorities are. Housing or the bridge. The conditioning of the bridge at an early stage in the development could jeopardise the whole project and the community would be left without housing, a bridge and a park. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay.**

iii) Police Scotland – John Grierson had already circulated information about the Police Scotland Survey on Policing Priorities. After discussion the following local priorities were identified. 1 Drugs, 2 Road Safety, 3 Anti-social behaviour and 4 lack of visible policing in the community. National priorities were 1 Drugs, 2 Serious organised crime, 3 Child protection, 4 Protecting vulnerable adults and 5 Counter terrorism.

iv) Caravan/coach/HGV parking – Al Dargie said that he had received complaints about the lack of parking for caravans, motorhomes etc. John Grierson said that the problem had been highlighted to CNPA during the Main Issues Report. Bill Lobban said that efforts were made to come to an arrangement with MAHR to use the centre car park when it wasn't in use for other events but MAHR had turned down the request. It was suggested that AVCC could write to MAHR to investigate the use of the car park. **John Grierson to write to MAHR. Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Wilma Grierson.**

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i) Public Benches – Willie McKenna spoke about the state of, and lack of, benches in the village. Those that are there are in a bad state of repair and some have been removed and not replaced. John Grierson said that benches had been removed from the war memorial area to the Village Green and were to be replaced. However, this has not happened. Bill Lobban is to make enquiries at the council but, in view of the present economic climate, did not hold out much hope. He suggested that the Community Council could apply to the discretionary fund for assistance to buy new benches. John Grierson is to make enquiries to find out costs etc. benches

ii) Retail Park – Willie McKenna said that people using the new stores in the centre are not using the entry/exit routes but are walking over the 'gardens' and there are already a number of desire line paths. There are also no recycling units. Beth Hay also highlighted a problem with the car park entrances being blocked when lorries are going in. The chairman is to write to the commissioning company. **Proposed by Willie McKenna and seconded by Beth Hay.**

iii) Unofficial Myrtlefield Parking – Beth Hay reported that she had seen motorhomes which had been parked on the hard standing opposite Myrtlefield drive across the pavement and on to the road at the roundabout. Bill Lobban said that he will speak to the Council Roads Dept and John Grierson is to write to the Police.

iv) Dell of Spey – Al Dargie said that the pump at Dell of Spey was not working and some of the lights in the railway underpass were not working. Bill Lobban said that the pump has a cut-out when the burn level gets to low. He will also enquire about the lighting.

v) Community Council Scheme - Bill Lobban said that the Highland Council is consulting on the Community Council Scheme and encouraged people to respond. John Grierson said that anyone could respond and that the consultation would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

vi) Carrbridge to Aviemore Path – Bill Lobban said that Highland Council and CNPA were considering objecting to Transport Scotland’s intentions for the NMU route between Carrbridge and Aviemore as it was not fit for purpose. After discussion it was decided that that AVCC fully supports the Highland Council.

vii) Main Issues Report Inaccuracies – John Grierson said that it had been brought to his attention that there were inaccuracies in the summary of Main Issues Report Responses and Recommended Actions that was submitted to the Board on 29th June in that it contained a comment purportedly made in respect of An Camus Mor by AVCC that “New housing would be better delivered on smaller sites (318). This was a gross misrepresentation of the Community Council’s views on An Camus Mor. In the Community Council’s response to the consultation, none of the An Camus Mor questions were answered.

John Grierson wrote to the CNPA. They said it was an administrative error made in relation to one response from one individual who responded to the consultation. Earlier in the year John Grierson was told that an individual had responded to the consultation and indicated he was responding for AVCC. I told them that he did not speak for AVCC and was assured his comments would not be so accredited. CNPA are to rectify the mistakes on the report and also inform the Board.

viii) Horse Field trees – John Grierson said that he had reported the cutting down of trees in the Tree Protection Area at the Horse Field by Transport Scotland to Highland Council. He received a response saying that Transport Scotland have some permitted development rights when it comes to roads but that it would have been courteous if they had informed Highland Council. John said that he had written back saying that there was a requirement to give written notice to the council. Highland Council are following it up with the contractors.

ix) Grampian Road Gritting – John Grierson said that there had been comments on social media about the gritting of Grampian Road and the dust it had caused. John had also received one verbal complaint. He said that he had told the complainer that it was necessary and had to be done sometime. Bill Lobban said that it was necessary maintenance due to the hot weather damaging the road surface. It was essential to bring the co-efficient of friction of the road surface back to normal levels.

7. Date of Next Meeting and Closure

John Grierson thanked those in attendance and said that the next meeting for the AVCC will be on Thursday 13th September 2018 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.