

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 13<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm.

**1. PRESENT:** John Grierson (Chair), Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Al Dargie (Secretary), Kathleen Cameron, Beth Hay, Iain Gray, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Johnnie Grant (public), PC Neil McIvor, PS Craig Johnston

**2. APOLOGIES:** Joe Kirby, Karen Lawrie, Erin Ferguson

**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 9<sup>th</sup> August 2018 were circulated.

**Minutes with amendments proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Wilma Grierson.**

### 4. TREASURERS REPORT

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2048.04. The statue account (business reserve) is now £5542.733.

### 5. BUSINESS

**i) Police Report** – PC Neil MacIvor said that during the previous month 121 incidents were recorded and gave a breakdown. John Grierson asked what the situation was in respect of risk assessments for the forthcoming half marathon. There was a brief discussion on the problems incurred the year before when the road was closed by the officers attending the event.

PS Craig Johnston introduced himself and spoke of the possibility of introducing no drinking in public byelaw legislation to the area along Grampian Road, Aviemore. The suggestion was met with unanimous disapproval by all those present. John Grierson said that 8 years ago the Police tried to persuade the Community Council to agree to the introduction of byelaw legislation but was unsuccessful. He said that Aviemore was a tourist resort and didn't have a problem with social behaviour and that was borne out by the figures provided by PC MacIvor each month. Aviemore has suffered from bad press in the past linked to anti-social behaviour, however those days are behind us. The legislation would be using a sledgehammer to crack a nut and would cause more problems than it would solve. Wilma Grierson said that if there was a perceived problem there should be more Police on duty. PS Johnston said that Police numbers didn't allow for that. John Grierson asked if that was the case, who was going enforce the legislation.

Iain Gray asked PS Craig if there was anything that could be done about the damage that was being done to traps set for lizards at the new hospital site. The traps have been set so

that the lizards could be relocated. Traps are being removed or moved around. The action could seriously delay the build of new hospital. Ps Johnston said that he would look into getting some patrols and possibly a Police vehicle parked at the locus.

**ii) Matters arising from the minutes.**

- a) An Camus Mor** – John Grierson said that a letter had been sent.
- b) Coach Parking** - John Grierson said that, in view of the ongoing swimming pool discussions with MAHR, he had not contacted them yet.
- c) Public Benches** – John Grierson said that he was still waiting details of who Nairn used.
- d) Retail Park/Unofficial Parking** – John Grierson said that he had not yet contacted the commissioning company but had written to the Police.
- e) Dell of Spey** – Bill Lobban said that a small budget had been set aside to progress the required works at Dell of Spey.
- f) Horse Field Trees** – John Grierson said that Highland Council are to meet with the ecologist and geologist from Atkins/Mouchel. He hasn't heard any further.

**iii) An Camus Mor** - John Grierson welcomed Johnnie Grant who gave an update on An Camus Mor. Mr Grant said that a S42 application for a renewal and clarification of the original Planning Permission in Principle was submitted to CNPA in February 2017 and determined by CNPA in August 2017. The permission has not yet been issued. Mr Grant said that in March 2018 CNPA proposed at timetable to issuing permission in April and gave an incomplete draft of the section 75 agreement. The deadline was not achieved, and they are no further forward now, and this leaves the whole project in jeopardy as it leaves little time for Scottish Government involvement and approval of its commercial loan.

A short discussion followed, and it was decided that the actions of CNPA are discreditable and the Chairman should write to CNPA, express our concern, and ask for an explanation as to why this project is being held up. The chairman should forward copies to Kate Forbes MSP. Willie McKenna took no part in this discussion.

**Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay.**

**iv) Consultation on the Main Issues Report** - After discussion it was decided that the Community council should respond making no comment. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Wilma Grierson**

**v) Consultation on the Community Council Scheme Review** – After discussion, responses to the questions in the consultation were unanimously agreed and the Chairman is to submit a Community Council response.

**vi) Christmas Carol Service/Lights Turn On** - It was decided that the Christmas Carol service and lights switch on would be on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Kathleen Cameron, Al Dargie and Iain Gray to arrange.

**vii) A9 Dualling Draft Orders** – There is to be an A9 consultation public exhibition at Aviemore Community Centre on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 1200 to 2000. There will be a preview for the Community Council from 1100. A response can be discussed after the presentation.

**viii) Aviemore Swimming Pool** – Bill Lobban said that there was nothing further to report. John Grierson reminded everyone of the meeting in the British Legion on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> September.

**ix) Planning – Erection of Community Hospital – 2018/0311/DET** – The plans for the new hospital were discussed and it was decided that the Community Council should fully support the application. Willie McKenna took no part in discussion for this application.

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

**NOTE** - Iain Gray expressed a conflict of interests due to his employment and his position on the Badenoch and Strathspey Healthcare Redesign Group took no further part in the discussion. John Grierson said that he was on the Badenoch and Strathspey Healthcare Redesign Group and the Joint Badenoch & Strathspey and Skye, Lochalsh & South West Ross Programme Board and took no further part in the discussion.

**ix) Planning – Re-consultation on Artificial Ski Slope and Renovation and Erection of Extension to the Ptarmigan Restaurant, Cairngorm Mountain – 2018/0112/DET and 2018/0177/DET**

Al Dargie said that it was very difficult to find any differences from the original application. One addition was a 'Cairngorm Mountain Long Term Strategy'. The document which is only three pages long is not a management plan and doesn't really qualify as being a long-term strategy document either as it does not tell you anything. There is no indication if the document has been agreed by anyone else. Bill Lobban asked why would someone hire a consultant and then apply for planning permission before the consultant reports. It was agreed that the Community Council should adhere to its objection and comment on the inadequacies of the 'strategy' document. Willie McKenna took no part in discussion for this application

**Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Beth Hay**

## **6. A.O.C.B**

**i) Harley Weekend Fireworks** – John Grierson said that he had received a complaint about the Harley Davidson weekend fireworks display. The fireworks had been set off after 2330 on the Sunday night. After discussion it was decided to write to the Highland Council Licensing Officer. **Proposed by Al Dargie and seconded by Kathleen Cameron**

**ii) Milton Burn Pollution** – John Grierson referred to the latest pollution incident in Milton Burn and commented that the Community Council had complained about a similar incident in March. He questioned if SEPA were taking the proper action. Any other company or individual who allowed such pollution would be prosecuted. Agreed that John Grierson should write to SEPA, SNH and Kate Forbes MSP to express the Community Council's dissatisfaction.

**Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay.**

**lii) Flower Display Removal** – Beth Hay asked if there was any word of when the floral displays would be removed. The displays had been weeded and were still looking good. Al Dargie is to make some enquiries.

## **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 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.