

# **AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES of a MEETING of the COMMUNITY COUNCIL, held in AVIEMORE COMMUNITY CENTRE, on THURSDAY 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 7.30pm.**

**1. PRESENT:** John Grierson (Chair), Beth Hay, Karen Lawrie, Wilma Grierson, Cllr Bill Lobban, Willie McKenna, Victoria Myles (public), Carol Butler (public), Tom Ramage (press)

**2. APOLOGIES:** Joe Kirby, Kathleen Cameron, Iain Gray, Erin Ferguson, Al Dargie

**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 14<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were circulated. **Minutes were proposed by Wilma Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay.**

### **4. TREASURERS REPORT**

Wilma Grierson produced receipts and payments report and advised that the balance of the account was £2113.14 The statue account (business reserve) is now £6838.99

### **5. BUSINESS**

#### **i) Matters arising from the minutes.**

**a) Organisation of Craft Fairs** – Beth Hay said that she had spoken with Kathleen Cameron and was prepared, if she could get help, to run a couple of craft fairs during the summer. She will liaise further and look at dates.

**b) Vehicle Parking at Corner of Santa Claus Drive and Grampian Road** – John Grierson said that he had received no further info from Highland Council. Willie McKenna said that a public desire line path was coming out of the southeast corner of the carpark and the wall had been damaged. Beth Hay said that the cars parking on the grass area were driving off across the pavement. John Grierson said that he would inform the Police about the cars crossing the pavement. He also said that ACE Co were actively looking at obtaining ownership of the ground.

**ii) Highland Council Cuts to Additional Support Needs(ASN) and Public Support Assistants (PSA)** - John Grierson said that he had circulated material from the Highland Action Group on ASN to all members and then introduced Victoria Myles and Carol Butler from the parent council who spoke about the proposed changes that Highland Council are to make to the ASN provision as a result of the 2019 Highland Council budget. They said that there had been insufficient consultation and that the effects on all children, not just those with additional supports needs had not been appreciated. They urged the Community Council to support the ongoing campaign to stop the proposed changes. Bill Lobban responded saying that ASN was not being provided in a fair and equitable way across the Highlands. The

system is broken, and things are getting worse. The council has taken advice from experts. The provision of ASN provision in the Highlands has been under review since a redesign review carried out in 2016. There have been long discussions with unions and there will be no job losses. No child with significant ASN will lose out. No decision has been made yet.

John Grierson thanked all for their input. It was decided that the chairman should write to the Highland Council chief executive and the chair of Care and Learning and pass on the concerns that are being expressed by the community. **Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Beth Hay.**

**iii) Highland Council Community Council Review Scheme Review** – Cllr Bill Lobban left the room and did not take part in the discussion. John Grierson referred to the review and went through all the proposed changes. After discussion it was decided that the members agreed with the proposed changes and the chairman should reply to the consultation accordingly. **Proposed by Beth Hay and seconded by Karen Lawrie.**

**iv) Spring Clean Litter Pick** – Beth Hay said that it was time for the Community Council's spring clean litter pick. After discussion it was decided to hold the litter pick on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> April and that everyone should meet at the school at 10am. John Grierson said that Joe Kirby had been in touch to say that he had obtained yellow tabards for pickers and that a few people had already shown interest. John Grierson to put an entry on Facebook and the website.

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**i) Dell of Spey Penguin Pond** – Bill Lobban said that the pump at the Dell of Spey had been serviced and the ater feature was being cleaned out. It should be up and running by the end of April.

**ii) Water Top Up Tap** - Karen Lawrie suggested that Scottish Water should be approached to install a water top up tap in Aviemore. After discussion it was decided that the area beside the wishing well would be a good location. John Grierson to contact Scottish Water.

**iii) Aviemore Thistle Request for Funding** - John Grierson read out an email from Campbell Whyte who had just recently taken over as manager of Aviemore Thistle. The football club was requesting help with funding as they had a shortfall of £190 which was required for league registration. After discussion it was decided to give £100. **Proposed by Karen Lawrie and seconded by John Grierson**

**iv) New Hospital** - John Grierson said that after a recent project board meeting concerns had been raised regarding Skye, Lochalsh and Wester Ross that could affect the hospital in Aviemore resulting in a delay. He proposed that the Community Council write to the chairman and the chief executive of NHSHighland to express our concerns. He read out a letter he had composed. **The proposal was seconded by Karen Lawrie and agreed.**

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.30pm in the Aviemore Community Centre.