

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of the Community Council held in Aviemore Community Centre on Thursday 9th January 2020 at 7.30pm.

1 **Present:** John Grierson (Chair), Beth Hay, Kathleen Cameron, Peter Long, Alistair Dargie, Cllr Bill Lobban, Johnny Grant(public), Jenny Pacitti (Public), Marcus Pacitti (Public), Amanda Grant (Public), Angela Orriss (minutes)

2 **Apologies:** Wilma Grierson (Treasurer), Joe Kirby, Willie McKenna, Karen Lawrie

3 **Opening remarks**

John Grierson welcomed everyone attending this meeting.

4 **Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of AVCC meeting held on 12th December 2019 had been circulated. Proposed by Peter Long and seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

5 **Treasures Report**

The treasurer was not present but had produced a report showing that there is £581.86 in the treasures account and £10,328.73 in the business reserve account.

6 **Matters Arising**

- **Steps and Path at The Dell**

Bill Lobban said that there are minor repairs to be done but no work will be carried out until after the winter months.

- **Lighting**

Bill Lobban said the wooden streetlights will be replaced soon. It is intended to reduce the number of lamp-posts at the south end of the village. John Grierson said that the banner brackets had been thrown away by the council should be replaced and asked Bill Lobban to take this up with the relevant department.

- **Youth Membership**

Kathleen Cameron has spoken to Fraser Morrison, Youth Development Officer, and is waiting to hear back. John Grierson said that the youths do not necessarily have to be attending school and that it would be up to the Community Council if anyone is appointed.

- **Notice Board**

£500 has been promised from Council for the notice board. Beth Hay has been unable to contact a person to repair and paint, due to the Christmas period. All agreed for John Grierson to put in an application for funding.

- **Manholes**

It has been difficult to get in touch with Richard Porteous regarding repairs around the Christmas period. John Grierson will contact him.

7 Business

a) An Camas Mor

Johnny Grant gave an update on the Development plan: CNP examinations report, proposals & comments from community is good with positive recommendations. Planning permission is agreed in principle and they are in a good position regarding the planning process. There are a number of conditions and they will wait until the report is out before action taken. First homes are expected to complete in 2022 and the estate will be writing to people who have put an interest in homes regarding the delay. If everything had been timely and not so complex it would have been completed by now. Johnny Grant explained that they were waiting on a report and working with the Community Council and the Housing Trust. Four houses have been completed in Inverdrue and affordable housing (Albyn) are now occupied.

b) Swimming Pool

Peter Long announced that Highlife members no longer have the use of Macdonald Hotels swimming pool in Aviemore and it is looking unlikely that there will be a quick solution to the issue. Can the Community Council come to a conclusion? There is concern that the public cannot go swimming. Alistair Dargie said that it was in relation to an 'unrelated matter to fees'.

John Grierson said that it was time we should be looking for a long-term solution. A public swimming pool in Aviemore would remove the uncertainties. He suggested writing to the Highland Council requesting them to pursue this avenue. Last year was a one-year agreement with the Macdonald Hotel group. John Grierson said that the local MP helped last year and suggested writing to him again. Peter Long proposed a letter looking for a short-term agreement and an aspiration to have a local swimming pool. John Grierson to send letters to MAHR, The Highland Council and Drew Hendry MP. A copy of the letter to The Highland Council should be sent to the Strathy. Proposed by John Grierson and seconded by Peter Long.

c) Planning Application

Planning has been put forward at Coylumbridge for 7 new lodges. John Grierson said that on the plans the outer walls of the lodges are less than 1.5metres apart. If these were houses, they would need to be 4 metres apart. He also said that the eaves would be almost touching. He said that there was no dedicated parking and that occupants would be accommodated in the existing Fun House carpark, so reducing the parking for Fun House and hotel users. This is an over development of space available. John Grierson proposed the Community Council should object to the application based on the space between the lodges and lack of dedicated parking. Alastair Dargie seconded. All agreed.

d) Craft Fare

Beth Hay said that she would be happy to run the fare for another year. Kathleen Cameron said that 'Joanie' from Tesco has shown an interest regarding running the craft fare. We would need to work out terms & conditions. Bill Lobban suggested that a Joanie should be asked to make a proposal to the Community Council to review.

e) Fundraising

Kathleen Cameron requested help to run a 'bikathon' type fundraiser, suggesting the end of the summer. She pointed out that not many families went through to Kingussie for their Bikathon, possibly due to the logistics of getting there and back. A cycle event in Aviemore could be almost entirely off road, avoiding road crossings. This would be more appealing to families wishing to take part. Rothiemurcus Estate are

willing to help. Bill Lobban suggested local sponsorship. It was agreed to leave this with Kathleen Cameron and Peter Long.

8) No AOCB

Date of next meeting: Thursday 13th February 2020 at 7:30pm

Closure - John Grierson thanked everyone for attending.