

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

*Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at 7.30pm*

### **MINUTES DRAFT**

#### **Welcome**

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Elaine Fraser (Vice- Chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Ian Menzies, Lorraine Reed & Pat Spicer.

In attendance: Cllr John Duff and 8 members of public.

#### **Apologies**

Cllr Xander McDade, Avril Taylor, Norma Carr, Police Scotland.

#### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Minutes taken as read, proposed by JD and seconded by IM.

#### **Matters Arising**

EF had done some research in to equipment for monitoring odours on a continual basis, but they were very expensive. Michael Haigh had reported that John Swinney had become involved with the problem at the sewage works/ recycling centre, and that appears to have stimulated an improvement. Scottish Water have undertaken to make an evaluation of the situation and make any necessary changes. Chair to write to John Swinney to thank him.

John Duff was still chasing up issue re bench on Old Crieff Road.

#### **Crime Prevention and Community Safety**

Police Scotland and Norma Carr had given their apologies. There were no particular issues at present.

#### **Resilience Plan**

VC presented draft resilience plan, which members were encouraged to read and provide feedback on for adoption at May meeting. The key priority for the CC is to make sure that everyone knows that this plan exists. PKC have a good structure for responding to incidents, and would ultimately manage any events that dd take place, but CC had role in ensuring facilities existed locally, and in making sure people knew about them. VC had been meeting with Locus Breadalbane re their application for improving facilities at both Town Hall and Locus Centre so that both premises could be made available in the event of an incident.

Possible incidents included flooding, heavy snow, power outages, missing persons, all of which have happened in recent years to a greater or lesser extent, so resilience planning is not a

theoretical concept but something which might well, in certain circumstances, need to be deployed. Aberfeldy were behind adjacent areas in doing this.

PS had been having discussions with Cllr Williamson on the use of the campus during such situations, and would continue to develop these ideas and invite wider input in to process.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### Flood defence options

PKC staff not available, but would be invited to May meeting.

#### CC Communications

Communications are slipping again, partly due to us lacking a minutes secretary. Our main priority is to rectify that. It was agreed that after this autumn when the town square regeneration is over, that the CC will look to circulate a questionnaire around the town to gather views on other issues. PS will approach the Co-op re installing a Comments box. AT will ask if a Comments box can be installed at the Campus. The CC will seek to make better use of Heartland radio for interviews. There has been some good coverage of issues in the press recently, notably the 20 mph speed zone pilot and the pop-up policemen initiative and other issues such as the Dalweem situation and the recent phone outage have also been well covered, with the CC contributing in all cases. The CC generally have a good relationship with local reporters.

### **Ongoing areas of interest:**

#### Action Partnerships

Nothing specific to report. The next meeting would be on 16<sup>th</sup> April in Pitlochry.

#### Speeding/Road Safety Group

Variable speed signs were being installed at the moment.

PKC had recently approved Aberfeldy for a pilot 20 mph initiative, covering the whole town. The initiative would last 18 months, and has full support from the community council. The initiative will lever funds to help with current initiatives, including build outs to slow down traffic on the main entrances to the town.

#### Dog Fouling

EF, VC and NC had met with dog warden. We would be meeting with PKC on 11<sup>th</sup> April with a view to excluding dogs from the Victoria Park play area. NC would approach the school about involving children in designing posters and other information. The CC would encourage any groups to apply for micro-grant funding for materials or signage if they thought that would be useful in particular areas. It was noted that the dog warden had not received any complaints about fouling in Aberfeldy. People need to report incidents, otherwise the issue cannot be addressed. The CC would use this issue to work through a plan for Victoria Park with the Common Good Fund.

## **Town Square Re-development**

There was considerable concern expressed by one town square business that they were not aware of the current initiative and proposed works this summer. Cllr Duff is to liaise with businesses and PKC to clarify current situation. The tender process is still ongoing, but final planning permission yet to be applied for. It is planned for the works to start in June, with a Clerk of Works employed to liaise with business and community interests. The tender process is heavily weighted towards good liaison and accommodation with businesses throughout the process.

## **Common Good Fund**

Next meeting 24<sup>th</sup> April, followed by meeting in June.

## **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

One micro-grant application to process later meeting. £5000 grant for 2019 likely to be in bank account shortly. SSE may be in contact with the CC about the Enterprise Grant.

## **Reports**

### Chair

Under the current schools review, there would be no change at Grandtully PS, nursery provision was to be increased at Logierait with a view to hopefully giving them a higher pupil roll in the future, and it is planned to expand the provision for older pupils at Pitlochry High School. PKC to undertake a review of secondary school provision in Highland Perthshire, reporting in September, to inform future policy.

The CC had received a communication re twinning with the French town Montferrier-sur- Lez. There could well be a lot of advantages in such an initiative, but the process was complicated, and any decision to twin with a particular town would have to be very carefully considered. The CC Chair had given cautious encouragement to those looking at the proposal, but a lot of development is required.

### Secretary

AT would be bringing up issue of alternative parking at Campus at parents Association meeting on 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Treasurer

We had £392.35 of administrative grant money and £65.87 of finding for the speeding group in the bank. Microgrant money was all spent in 2018, awaiting new £5000. CC also held £6000 for community warden funding.

## **Planning**

No significant planning applications at present.

## Clrs Reports

John Duff reported that the process to repair Cultullich bridge was still on track for the summer. He and PS were looking at improving the river side path between Wades Bridge and Dunolly.

## AOCB

John Duff to clarify whether/ how the bus stop can be used as a taxi rank for the town.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019

## ACTION LIST:

<b>Who:</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>By When</b>
ALL	Feed back comments on Resilience Plan document	1st May
VC	Resolve minutes secretary situation	May meeting
PS	Approach Co-op re Community Comments box	May meeting
AT	Bring up Campus car parking at Parents Association meeting	May meeting
AT	Approach PA re Comments box at Community Campus	May meeting
JoD	Get PKC staff to attend CC meeting in May, to discuss flood defences	May meeting
JoD	Chase up bench for Old Crieff Road	May meeting
VC & EF	Meet with PKC to discuss excluding dogs from playpark.	11 <sup>th</sup> April
NC	Meet with Campus staff re recruiting children re dog fouling initiatives	May meeting
JoD	Clarify options re using bus stop as taxi rank.	May meeting
JD	Prepare accounts and circulate for May AGM	1 <sup>st</sup> May
VC	Write letter of thanks to John Swinney re odour at sewage works	10 <sup>th</sup> April