

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

Tuesday 7th May 2019 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Elaine Murdoch (Vice- Chair), Avril Taylor (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Ian Menzies, Lorraine Reed.

In attendance: Cllrs John Duff & Xander McDade, Jenny Langrish (ASBA), Mike Morgan (PKC), Gavin Bisset & Craig McQueen (PKC), Norma Carr (Community Warden) and six members of public.

Apologies

Pat Spicer, Police Scotland.

Minutes of previous meeting

VC had received some comments on previous minutes just before meeting. The April 2019 minutes will therefore be updated, recirculated and signed off at June meeting.

Matters Arising

We had still to resolve Minutes Secretary situation. VC would again take minutes for this meeting.

John Duff was progressing bench for Old Crieff Road. If there are any problems, we would encourage some-one to apply for micro- grant to replace.

John Duff was still clarifying position re using bus stop as a taxi rank.

JD had prepared accounts for AGM.

VC had written to John Swinney thanking him for his input in helping resolving odour problem at sewage works. JS had replied.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Police Scotland had given their apologies. It was reported that there had been two break ins in area in last month, and people were asked to be vigilant about this. There had been an accident on Kenmore Road, with a car over turning and coming to rest on its roof.

Resilience Plan

VC to meet with PS and Mike Williamson to discuss ideas that they had been developing.

Locus Breadalbane had submitted an application for funding to SSE to develop the Locus Centre and Town Hall as a resilience hub.

We will look to sign off Resilience Plan at June meeting.

Focus Topics:

Flood defence options

Gavin Bisset and Craig McQueen of PKC gave a presentation on flood defences for Aberfeldy that would withstand a 200 year flood. Initial scoping had been carried out, with the only feasible option appearing to be to erect a flood wall from the Moness Burn across to the industrial estate, immediately behind the houses. It was not possible to protect the caravan park without them losing a very significant amount of land. There were concerns about what any flood wall might look like, and how high it might be, when projections suggested 1.3- 3m in different locations.

PKC will be doing a drop-in session on this, 2-8 pm on 20th & 25th June in the Town Hall, to which people are encouraged to attend. The events will be well advertised. These plans are likely to take several years to come to fruition, and are likely to become a major consideration within the town. These are just the initial steps in what is likely to be a very long process. Flood protection in Aberfeldy is regarded as being the second highest priority in Perth & Kinross.

Town Square Re-development

Planning permission had been submitted for works. If approved, work is likely to begin mid- July. The plan would be to rotate work in phases around the square, with most of the square being open at any one time. There is a lot of concern in the town about the timing, but winter works are not possible. The CC voted unanimously in favour of the scheme.

Ongoing areas of interest:

Action Partnerships

Nothing in particular to report.

Speeding/Road Safety Group

Planning is underway for the development of 20 mph trial in the town, with a meeting on 23rd May to work out details. 30mph speed warning signs are now in operation. Pop-ups have been deployed at Duntaylor Avenue, and now to Coshieville. PS has ongoing discussions with the A9 liaison group, which is working well.

Dog Fouling

VC and EM had met with PKC re excluding dogs from Victoria playpark. PKC have policy not to fence off such areas, but to try and target efforts to change behaviour with those concerned. Agreed to monitor situation for 12 months or so and then re-evaluate situation. NC is forwarding

initiatives with school, and additional sources of poo- bags now in evidence. CC will keep this issue on Agenda, and look at this in more detail at June meeting.

CC Communications

PS has agreement in principle to put Comments box in Co-op. AT to raise issue with campus. PS to price 2 X boxes online.

Still no minutes secretary, and this is causing us some problems.

Common Good Fund

Nothing to report.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

No micro grant applications

Reports

Chair

The ETAPE will be taking place on 19th May. Money raised by local cyclists will now be going towards Charity Air Ambulance.

The Heart 200 route was being heavily promoted. There was concern from some communities locally about it, notably at Cosheville, but the initiative may well bring more visitors to Aberfeldy, which appeared to be an obvious stopping off point on the route.

Secretary

The poor quality of road repairs after utilities work was raised. The problem PKC have in overseeing things was just the sheer scale of works taking place at any one time. All members of public are encouraged to report sub- standard repairs as they arise, and not to leave it to others.

Treasurer

Report given at AGM.

Planning

CC supported application for town square, see above.

Cllrs Reports

Xander McDade reported that PKC have been lobbying to get VAT charged on tourism related business reduced to 5%.

PKC voted 21-19 to remove voting rights of religious representatives on lifelong learning committee.

The issue of frozen meals is coming back to main council for a final vote.

John Duff reported that works to fix the Cultullich Bridge would begin on 10 June, with 2 X night-time closures, and traffic lights to allow safe working thereafter. The road will need to be closed for a few days at end of process to allow for re-instatement of surface.

The Scottish Fire & Rescue Service are currently consulting on a strategic plan.

AOCB

The toilets at Co-op are unavailable to the public, despite this being a condition of planning. LR to research application to determine what planning conditions were in relation to toilets.

There was a complaint about the Humanos signs, which popped up in the Square and on pavements well away from shop. JD to pursue.

The TSB were suggesting that they would now only be open on Tuesdays, which put a lot of pressure on business customers, especially those holding on to money from takings.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 4th June 2019

ACTION LIST:

Who:	Action	By When
ALL	Feed back comments on Resilience Plan document	1st June
VC	Meeting with PS & MW re Resilience plan	June meeting
PS	Purchase 2 X Comments boxes	June meeting
AT	Approach PA re Comments box at Community Campus	June meeting
VC	Resolve minutes secretary situation	June meeting
JoD	Chase up bench for Old Crieff Road	June meeting
VC	Write in support of square regeneration scheme	11 th May
NC	Meet with Campus staff re recruiting children re dog fouling initiatives- Ongoing	June meeting
JoD	Clarify options re using bus stop as taxi rank.	June meeting
LR	Research planning conditions re Co-op & toilets	1 st June
VC	Update April minutes	20 th May