

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Elaine Murdoch (Vice Chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Lorraine Reed, Cllrs John Duff and Xander McDade, community warden Norma Carr & five members of public.

Apologies

Pat Spicer, Ian Menzies, Avril Taylor, Police Scotland

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were taken as read, proposed by JD, and seconded by LR.

Matters Arising

The piece of ground between caravan park and golf course had its grass cut once this year. It does not belong to Golf Course or PKC/ caravan park. It may be a small residual area that none of the developments over last 100 years have incorporated. VC to contact Aberfeldy Angling Club to establish if they are responsible for maintaining it.

JoD continuing to chase up various hedges and over hanging vegetation.

There is to be a site meeting shortly to look at using the bus stop as a taxi rank.

The North Calliacher windfarm proposal appears to have now been abandoned following the changes to subsidy regime. The developer has confirmed that he will not be going ahead with it.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

All home fire safety visits have now been completed.

Continuing concerns about slaughterhouse a a health and safety hazard. Children have been climbing on the roof. JoD to investigate possibilities.

Th defibrillator from Co-op has still to be re-sited, most probably further east in town.

Resilience Plan

VC had met with Val ferguson of Tayside waders and Locus Breadalbane again. Meeting to discuss with PKC had to be postponed to later this month.

Focus Topics:

Town Square Re-development

Work was progressing well, contractors working well with shop owners and general public, but issues with utilities are slowing things up. The work is due to be completed shortly on one half of the square. P1 appear to be behind schedule, but work seems to progress quickly when issues are resolved, and hopefully work can transfer shortly to the other half of the square. At that point however, there will be a smaller area to work in.

CC Election

Nominations for community council election are open until 27th September. It is likely that we will get some new members. All to encourage others to apply. Nomination forms available on PKC website.

Heart 200

We had been asked by Mark Ruskell MSP what our view was on this initiative. There was some anxiety and resistance to the initiative from neighbouring CC areas, and there had been questions about how the initiative was funded and whether this was appropriate. The route was compared to the North Coast 500 by many, but it was actually more akin to initiatives in the North east or in Dumfries & Galloway. The purpose of the project was to attract more visitors to the area, and it should be possible to determine whether this is the case or not, and how Heart 200 has contributed, if at all.

On discussion, it was decided that the CC unanimously supported the initiative. It is acknowledged that neighbouring areas may hold a different view.

Ongoing areas of interest:

Action Partnerships

The Community Investment Fund (CIF) was now closed to nominations, with applications being determined in next few months. Avril Taylor sat on panel for Aberfeldy CC.

The Health & Wellbeing sub group had distributed a survey and received over 450 responses from the Highland area, providing a lot of good local information.

The Sustainability sub group was looking at the Local Development Plan, and considering how some of the sites involved for development might be brought forward more quickly. ACC would give this area some priority after the upcoming election.

Speeding/Road Safety Group

A build out had been completed on the Crieff Road. PKC had developed initial ideas for a puffin crossing on Kenmore Street. It is likely this will be consulted on during the autumn, and installed in the spring. It appears to be well designed and in the right place.

The issue of speeding on Taybridge Terrace had previously been raised, and we will make sure that this stays on the Agenda.

Concern was expressed about speeding traffic at Duntaylor and the new housing up there. VC to contact developers re provision of green space.

Common Good Fund

There would be a meeting in September.

The new Birks Community Group was up and going and becoming more visible through social media.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

The next meeting would be due on 12th September.

The Chairs of constituent community councils had met to discuss proposed new endowment scheme. While we all agree with the principle, we have concerns about the proposed structure. A report will be forwarded to panel and hopefully concerns can be resolved. Each of the community council chairs has an effective veto on proposals coming forwards.

Reports

Chair

BT would be removing some telephone boxes shortly, but none within the Aberfeldy CC area. A consultation period was open to remember. We will help support neighbouring CC areas if they ask us to.

The Cultullich Burn bridge works had been completed ahead of schedule and without the need to close road for resurfacing. VC to write to Barbara Renton to thank PKC for their work on this.

There was currently a consultation underway to return the Stone of Destiny to Perth, as the centre piece of the upgraded city hall which will become a museum/ cultural centre. All local politicians are in support. On discussion, it became apparent that several members of the CC were less than enthused. The current Stone of Destiny is not considered locally to be the real one, and there is a strong connection between this area and what is regarded as being the real stone. There was a reluctance to spend £200,000 annually providing security for an artefact that was considered to be a fake. Elaine Fraser to draft a response to consultation along these lines. It is acknowledged that this might be controversial.

ASBA were looking at expanding the opening hours of the Locus centre as an information hub by asking local businesses to volunteer to man the space on a rota, providing an opportunity for them to network and potentially advertise their businesses. Proposals still being developed, but there seemed to be considered promise in the idea.

A review of education in Highland Perthshire had been undertaken, to be discussed by PKC the following day. Aberfeldy CC have said that we would help the Breadalbane Academy Parents Association if we were asked to do so.

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

Report not requested.

Planning

No planning items

Cllrs Reports

Xander Report.....

JoD had visited former Fishers site with develop. The site now has planning permission, but some communications with PKC are still ongoing before work can begin.

AOCB

There were some saplings growing on the road bridge over the Moness Burn. JoD to follow this up. He was already taking forwards issue with saplings growing on Wade's Bridge.

There was some discussion on whether the CC should convene a sub committee to look at communications throughout the town, perhaps connected to suggestions for new set- up without Locus Centre. This was a major undertaking. ACC agreed in principle with the idea, but needed some specific proposals to come forwards from those putting forward the idea. If there is a viable proposal, a sub group could be taken forwards by the incoming community council.

CC approved wording provided by PS for prospective CC website.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 1st October 2019

ACTION LIST:

Who:	Action	By When
VC	Contact Aberfeldy Angling Club re riverside area	October meet
VC	VC to contact other main contacts on resilience plan	Oct meeting
JoD	Follow up defibrillator change of location	Sept meeting
ALL	Submit CC nomination forms	26 th September
JoD	Speak to owner re Moness hedge, plus growth at Dyers Court and Appin Place	Oct meeting
VC	Write to Mark Ruskell MSP re Heart 200	15 th September
VC	Look at traffic issue re Victoria park/ Taybridge Terrace, and check pop up policeman situation with PS.	Oct meeting
VC	Contact developer re speeding traffic at Duntaylor	15 th Sept
JoD	Clarify options re using bus stop as taxi rank.	Sept meeting
VC	Write to PKC re Cultulich Burn works	15 th Sept
EF	Draft letter re Stone of Destiny	29 th Sept