

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting

### Snap Chat Discussion

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 7.30pm**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Welcome**

Present: Victor Clements (chair), Lorraine Reed (vice- Chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Karen Mackay. In attendance: Norma Carr (Community warden), Ross Dempster (Beyond Adventure)

### **Apologies**

Elaine Murdoch (Secretary), Ian Menzies

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

### **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

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

NC was highly involved dealing with wild camping issues elsewhere in Highland Perthshire. Thankfully, this was not an issue within the Aberfeldy CC area, and there have been no subsequent issues in the Birks.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### Coronavirus- Opening up

The town was now very busy, which was good to see, but a lot of people are anxious about the numbers of people, particularly as many were not respecting social distancing rules. There also appeared to be an issue with some business premises not taking the issue as seriously as they should. VC would draft a message for other CC members which could be used on community FB page and elsewhere. The tone of that will be important.

The Festive Committee have decided to cancel the Xmas market, as many of the key attractions associated with that would require close social contact.

Feldy Roo had wound down their activities as most volunteers were returning to work, and shielding for people had ended. They had delivered almost 40,000 meals, which was an astonishing achievement. VC had written on behalf of CC to congratulate them on their efforts.

#### Completing the Square

The works to complete the square would be complete in another week or so. They are a nuisance at the moment, but ASBA felt it was better to get these completed now and out of the way. The road at bottom of Old Crieff Road was to be fixed. Move2Improve had hung their flower baskets in square again which looked very good.

### BT Phonebox

It was agreed that VC should write to BT and say that we wished to maintain the phone box beside cinema as an operational phone.

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

#### Micro grants

No applications discussed.

#### Main Fund

No issues discussed.

### **Reports**

No Chair or Secretary reports

JD will draw up accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> August, with a view to having AGM in October.

### **Planning**

#### Welfare Facilities Building at Beyond Adventure/ cemetery

RD of Beyond Adventure gave some background to the proposal and how it was structured, and answered questions from those present.

The CC agreed by 5: 1 to support this proposal. VC to write to PKC to insist that any lease should be for 20 years and not ten years. There was some confusion as to what the term of the lease was to be.

#### Former Fishers Laundry Site

The developer had now received final planning permission for the site, subject to the heritage value of the building being documented before demolition. This should be a good development for Aberfeldy.

### **AOCB**

There had been some concern expressed about dog dirt in Victoria Park play area, and possible illness in young children. VC to speak to John Duff about gathering information on this to see if there was an issue or not.

There was a discussion about availability of council houses in Aberfeldy. It was agreed to keep this issue on the agenda.

A query was made about getting a mirror installed at the junction of Strulach and Old Crieff Road, which was becoming more dangerous. VC to contact John Duff.

There was also a query about who owned the Portaloo in Tayside Place. VC to contact John Duff.

There was a discussion about how the Birks Cinema operated, in that they had been asking for donations during lockdown, but also appeared to have very high reserves. VC to forward accounts to CC members.

Finally, the CC needed a better way of conducting these meeting, looking at Zoom or other options. VC to investigate, and revert to CC members before September meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.