

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Zoom Discussion

Tuesday 2nd February 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice- Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Karen Mackay.

In attendance: Cllr John Duff, Alistair Smith & Ramsay Beattie (Heartland Radio).

Apologies

Norma Carr (Community warden)

Minutes of previous meeting

Taken as read, proposed by EFM, seconded by LR.

Matters Arising

VC had posted list of emergency and other numbers on the Aberfeldy Community FB page.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Police Scotland were not able to participate in Zoom meetings, Community Warden was working and had to give apologies, and no matters for the Police from CC members.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

The consensus is that Aberfeldy is still doing well just now. The little cluster of cases after New Year appeared to have passed. Feldy Roo was set up again, and was well funded, with the community larder and the Timebank operational, and businesses continuing to support people in the way they did in the spring lock down. The community larder was busy, and it is important to support this.

Compliance with the regulations was very good in Highland Perthshire compared to many city areas.

PKC were devoting a high proportion of their time to supporting businesses, and a new discretionary fund was about to be opened to help some of those who may not have premises and had fallen through the cracks to date.

The school was currently open to children of key workers, and from 22nd February will be open to nursery age children, P1-3, with some access to older children in key age groups re preparing for future exams or practical coursework.

There was to be a new vaccination centre opened in Pitlochry from 10th February. In Aberfeldy, it looks like vaccination of those aged 80 years + will be GP led, with those in younger age groups being directed to the vaccination centres. The situation is fluid, but moving quickly, and it looks like numbers are now accumulating significantly.

Resilience Plan

Deferred to next meeting.

Benches

EFM had got permission and draft quote to install bench in memory of Ian Menzies at Black watch Memorial. There was a query re quote, and EFM and Cllr Duff where to chase up and clarify.

It was agreed that we would put second bench from town square in the park at Moness. EFM to seek permissions, and quote to install.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There were two applications to be decided after the meeting.

2020 report had been submitted, and LR to approach SSE to see that 2021 funds of £5000 were forwarded quickly in case demand picked up quickly again.

Main Fund

The CC had endorsed wording for Endowment Fund, and LR was to be the "Subscriber" for Aberfeldy Community Council.

Reports

Chair

PKC had been approached to look at Wade's bridge with a view to restoring the pointing, a number of stones having fallen out of the walls over the course of the winter and lost. The job is on a work list, but there are a number of more pressing bridge repairs throughout PKC ahead of it. We are to check again in 2-3 months what the position is.

Heartland radio had raised over £30,000 to help them through their immediate funding problem, and are confident that this will create a breathing space to allow them to build p their finances in other ways.

Heartland are very keen that we use them more, this being something that Aberfeldy CC has been poor at in the past. Items of interest can be emailed to news@heartland.scot .

They are currently doing a number of business podcasts, and we are encouraged to submit items to their online magazine IRIS, including video clips. This is widely circulated through Highland Perthshire.

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

We had £15,000 of community warden money, £20.87 of safety group money, £867.44 of microgrant money from 2020, and £645 of administration grant money, which had recently been topped up.

Planning

No planning issues

Cllrs Reports

Cllr Duff reported that PKC had reduced the number of committee meetings to allow officers more time to deal with issues relating to the corona virus pandemic. Meetings of the full council would take place on a monthly basis, with no other committee meetings.

There would be a budget meeting in March. The council tax was frozen again, and this would remove a lot of flexibility in how PKC managed its finances.

AOCB

KM raised the issue of gritting around the paths in Victoria park, and would liaise with VF and others re use of gritting barrows. The area was extremely icy at the moment.

Dog fouling was becoming a prominent issue again, as it always is coming out of winter. EFM to write post on community FB page to highlight the problems, and remind people to be responsible.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 2nd March 2021.