

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Zoom Discussion

Tuesday 2nd March 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

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

In attendance: Cllrs John Duff & Xander McDade, Norma Carr (Community warden), Pat Spicer (Road Safety Group), Alistair Smith & Ramsey Beattie (Heartland Radio). Two members of the public were also present.

The meeting was recorded with the intention to publish the link to recording after the meeting. All were informed of this at outset of the meeting.

Apologies

Karen Mackay

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes were taken as read, proposed by JD, seconded by EFM.

Matters Arising

EFM had been in contact with Heartland Radio re dog fouling, and would continue with that, and a post was to be put up on the Aberfeldy Community Facebook group for information.

Cllr Duff confirmed that there were no accesses to Victoria Park which would allow for machine gritting. He was to clarify situation with regards to using gritting barrows located elsewhere in the town.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Dog wardens had been operating in the town, with there appearing to be a particular problem coming out of winter.

There was an ongoing situation at the old church on Crieff Road. NC unable to say anything as it was a live investigation, the broad details of which had been published in the Press.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

The general feeling was positive at the moment. Cases in Aberfeldy were very low, numbers of people had been vaccinated, and a lot of businesses were anticipating a busy summer ahead. Schools and nurseries were open for some age groups, with further opening up expected on 15th March. Some 41% of people on Tayside had already had their first vaccination, well ahead of the national average. It was acknowledged that we had much higher capacity for vaccinations than

stocks of vaccine, and this meant that capacity was being under used. However, this constriction in supply at this time had been expected, and was built in to overall plans. Pitlochry was one of three community vaccination within the PKC area. It was well organized, taking people from throughout Highland Perthshire.

PKC had frozen council tax, in part to help those who may be struggling to pay bills at the moment. We were encouraged to ask SSE for a similar allocation of microgrant funding again this year as we had spent our £11,000 allocation in 2020.

Most PKC committees had been suspended to help the council focus on the current situation, and while there were frustrations with that, the council were generally held to be responding very well.

Resilience Plan

VC had circulated a raft of current plan with roles and contact details. Some contact details had to be corrected, and we needed to update section showing what equipment might be available locally in case of emergency. General policy was to not be too prescriptive about what was in plan, as we knew from experience that people in the town were fairly nimble when required. ALL to read through document and come back with comments.

Benches

EFM was working with Cllr Duff to instal the old square bench up at Moness. A micro grant application will be forwarded to cover cost. The memorial bench for Ian Crofty Menzies will replace the bench currently beside monument, and PKC will deal with installing the other Square bench in the cemetery.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There was one micro grant application to be discussed after the meeting.

Main Fund

No comments

Reports

Chair

LR had met with feldy Roo and Scottish water to instal a drinking fountain in the Square. Scottish water were covering the cost of this, which should be a good facility within the town. A planning application was likely to come forwards in due course.

Secretary

Nothing additional to report

Treasurer

We currently had £15,000 of community warden money, £20.87 of road safety group money, £347.64 of micro grant money and £600.08 of administration grant money.

Planning

We had been approached by the Scottish Canoe Association about supporting a new facility at Grandtully. The facility had majority CC support on the grounds that it was beneficial to have a good network of infra structure throughout Highland Perthshire, but it was unclear about what the view of the community council at Grandtully was. VC to contact them with a view to ascertaining their view. If they are supportive, we too would write in support.

Cllrs Reports

Largely covered above.

JoD emphasized freeze in council tax and the likelihood of having a lot of visitors this summer due to people being unlikely to holiday abroad.

XMCD mentioned that all quasi- judicial PKC committees were still taking place. Eg Planning development.

AOCB

ACC were encouraged to ask SSE Griffin/ Calliacher for as much micro grant money as 2020.

The road safety group were still keeping an eye on projects within the town. The 20 mph zone was being monitored. The puffin crossing on Kenmore St seems to be working well. An issue with the white zig zag lines has now been resolved. RSG aware of problems with build out on Crieff Road, but this seems to be less of an issue now as people have become accustomed to it.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 6th April 2021.