

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Zoom Discussion

Tuesday 6th April 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, Jenny Langrish (ASBA), Alistair Smith, Ramsay Beattie & Ashleigh Keenan-Bryce (Heartland Radio), Pat Spicer (Road Safety Group) and two members of public.

Apologies

Norma Carr (Community warden), Cllr Xander McDade

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

EFM had been in contact with Heartland re dog fouling, and they had ran a piece. EFM had also put up a post on community notice board advising of ongoing issue.

VC had written to Grandtully CC re proposals to build canoe infra structure at Grandtully, but had no reply yet.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There was some discussion re a number of young girls out in Aberfeldy all night and causing a nuisance, with few people seemingly concerned for their welfare or why they were out. VC & LR to draft a message for the community FB page, emphasizing it is the responsibility of all of us to be aware of child welfare.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

63% of people in Tayside had now been vaccinated, with 12.5% having had a second vaccination. The centre at Pitlochry was working well. Things were now beginning to open up again, with additional businesses now able to operate, and visitors expected again before the end of the month.

Feldy Roo would be winding up again on 25th April, having worked very quietly and effectively over the winter months.

There was a COVID history project setting up in Pitlochry and it was agreed that this would be a good thing to organize in Aberfeldy as well. VC to contact Heartland Radio, the Aberfeldy Museum Group, the Campus and the Birks Cinema.

Communications

The Zoom recording of previous meeting was published. Pat Spicer had undertaken some good work to split up the footage and create audio- only versions, and Heartland Radio had used a section on discussion of the COVID situation locally. We will continue to try and develop this, although a lot of work is required.

More generally, we are missing not having a minutes secretary, and all to encourage anyone who might be interested to apply.

Resilience Plan

VC and VF to liaise over next few weeks to finalize plan.

Benches

The bench at the monument was now organized. Cllr Duff and others had to locate a better spot for the bench at Moness, and EFM would organize to have a microgrant application submitted to cover installation.

Flooding prevention

VF would contact PKC officers to advise on latest timeline envisaged for flood prevention works, and to obtain some photographs of the sort of walls being suggested. This is a very significant infra structure project, designed to protect the town against a 1 in 200 year flood, but it is likely to significantly affect the amenity of the town, and there is a great deal of feeling against it. Any works are likely to be 10+ years down the line. We need to be paying greater attention to this proposal while it is still in the early planning stages.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

No applications for this month. 2021 allocation of funds has been received. There had been a useful meeting to discuss co-ordination of micro grant applications across different CC areas, which was a situation which sometimes arose.

Main Fund

Next meeting was in June. The endowment fund is almost ready to be set up.

Reports

Chair

No report

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

We currently have £15,000 of community warden money, £20.87 of Road Safety Group money, £5367.44 of microgrant money and £600.80 of administration grant money.

Planning

No planning matters this month.

Cllrs Reports

PKC already have a strong focus on visitor management issues, following the problems last summer. They have already issued 29 fixed penalty notices and 25 parking fines, the majority of which have been in Glen Lyon, with others on the Foss road. Feedback from residents has been good.

PKC have a budget for 7 X wardens for a trial period of 2 X years, a number of whom will be deployed in Highland Perthshire. They will be advertising for posts shortly, with a view to getting people trained quickly, and in position before the main visitor period begins.

PKC are providing free wifi within the centre of town at the moment, which will be good for visitors in the coming season.

The ETAPE has been delayed until September, with a date of the 19th being provisionally pencilled in, but not yet fully approved. There is some concern from farmers about the race disrupting seasonal farming activity at that time of year. PKC will have to authorize any change of date.

AOCB

Mention was made again of the old church on Crieff Rd, especially following recent events. The property needed to be secured properly, but beyond this, it was becoming an eyesore. VC to check land registry re ownership.

The Road Safety Group were meeting next week, looking at road traffic procedures and other matters. There is a campaign at the moment to make people aware of safe driving after lock down.

The RSG will be getting access to data gathered within 20 mph trial area.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 4th May 2021.