

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Meeting

### Zoom Discussion

***Tuesday 4th May 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: Alistair Smith and Ashleigh Keenan- Bryce (Heartland Radio), Richard Pearson (Live Active), Cllr Xander McDade and two members of public.

### **Apologies**

Cllr John Duff, Jenny Langrish (ASBA), Norma Carr (Community Warden), Pat Spicer.

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

### **Matters Arising**

VC had written a letter of support for the proposed canoeing/ kayaking facility at Grandtully, and received confirmation of support from the community council there.

The CC were still looking for a minutes secretary, and encouraged people to apply.

VF had been in contact with PKC re proposed flood prevention wall.

The grounds at old church on Crieff Rd had been very significantly improved and the building made secure. VC had sourced owner contact details.

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

#### **Focus Topics:**

#### *No Mow/ No Spray proposal*

Mary McDougal brought up a suggestion of looking at trialling a No Mow/ No Spray policy in areas of green space within the town. There has been a successful initiative in Stirling. There was support from several CC members for the idea. Cllr McDade to work with MMCD in wording a motion to be put to PKC committee to see if the matter could be addressed or taken forwards.

### Aberfeldy 2021 Triathlon

This was scheduled for 21/22 August, and would involve a Scotland/ UK wide group of competitors. Live Active were very sensitive to local situation, and are aware that they need to be flexible enough to deal with whatever situation is in place at that time. CC members in full support of the initiative and hope it progresses. Live Active currently checking with churches on Strathtay Rd re services on the Sunday morning. As well as the triathlon on the Sunday, there would be activities taking place at the Taymouth Arena and also the Drummond Hill trial race.

Richard Pearson would report back to July CC meeting.

### Coronavirus

The current situation was positive. Infection rates are very low, the town is opening up again. ^7% of PKC residents have had one vaccine dose, 35% have had their second dose. 46% of the 40-49 age category also had first vaccine. Feldy Roo wound up on 25<sup>th</sup> April, having served just over 50,000 meals. They had some money left, and are in discussion with funders how this is used, or whether it can be retained in case of future need.

There were more people around, and caravan park was now open. There were some problems with campers, although the cold weather was deterring people. Significant number of penalty notices issued in Glen Lyon in particular.

There was some restriction of vaccine at the moment, but NHS was planning around this.

Some concern about people becoming a bit complacent after receiving vaccine. A spike in Moray was being investigated at the moment, seemingly well developed in the community.

The mobile testing unit was present in Aberfeldy behind Fire Station on Tuesdays, and would be for the foreseeable future. Few people know they are there, and communications have been poor on this. Heartland radio will try to highlight this issue.

VC had written to Birks Cinema, Campus and Aberfeldy Museum Group re Recording the Panemic. Little feedback as yet. MMcD would speak to Birks Cinema about this.

### Communications

The CC needed a minutes secretary, and all encouraged to think of people who might be suitable.

Heartland attending meetings was good for us getting stories out. We were making good use of Facebook, and Pat Spicer was updating website and experimenting with download of recordings of meetings.

### Resilience Plan

VC and VF to meet to finalize plan.

### Benches

The bench for Crofty at the Black watch memorial was almost ready to install.

It will not be possible to put the other bench at Moness, but PKC have offered a picnic table instead, which we agreed to accept.

The bench from the Square would now be offered to Dalweem, who had indicated that they could use it.

### 20 mph speed trial

Provisional data was now available re 20 mph zone throughout town, although it would take time to analyse fully. The trial had been badly disrupted by COVID. Data was mixed, showing improvements in some areas such as Kenmore St, less in the way of progress elsewhere. Difficult to distinguish effect of 20 mph limit from other road safety measures.

After discussion, CC view was that 20 mph zone should be continued, albeit with knowledge that evidence base was incomplete. There was a legal mechanism allowing for the zone that would lapse in late summer if we did not state a view on the process just now. PKC staff under pressure with a lot of other road safety issues elsewhere, and the time for proper analysis was very constrained.

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

#### Micro grants

One application to process after meeting.

#### Main Fund

Next meeting in June.

### **Reports**

#### Chair

There had been damage to the Rabbin statue in the Birks. VC reported to Community Greenspace to get it repaired. It appears it has had regular repairs in the past.

Fireworks let off above town had caused significant distress to horses, and were a potential fire risk. Possibly locals involved.

Bill Hoare had reported a sewage leak below Bank St bridge to Scottish water, who had attended very quickly.

Crannog Centre were looking for accommodation for summer students, and asking for options locally.

#### Secretary

Significant dog fouling in the play area at Victoria Park. EFM to work with LR & KM to get signs produced by children, and EFM to put message on FB giving contact details for dog warden. Bag dispensers already in use.

## **Planning**

VC to write in support of planning application to put a water bottle re- filling station in the Square, being taken forwards by Scottish Water.

Community council had been contacted re an application for a private development, but felt it was inappropriate to get involved. However, we could support applicant if, as suggested, the route for a road being apparently forced on him was going to cause environmental damage when there were other options.

## **Clrs Reports**

Cllr McDade said PKC committees were to begin again shortly.

Election on 6<sup>th</sup> May. Avoid peak periods of voting if possible. Polling cards not required.

Three of the new PKC rangers would be located in Highland Perthshire.

## **John Duff written comments**

The church on Crieff Rd had been tidied up.

The ETAPE cycle race was scheduled for Sept 19<sup>th</sup>. Farmers have concerns re harvest operations at that time of year.

Coronavirus update mentioned in notes above.

## **AOCB**

The issue was raised re parking in Square, especially improper use of disabled parking bays. VC to bring matter up with community warden re parking wardens, and look at whether additional signage is required.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 1st June 2021.