

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Zoom Discussion

Tuesday 1st June 2021 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (VC) (Chair), Lorraine Reed (LR) (Vice- chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (EFM) (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson (VF).

In attendance: Cllr John Duff (JoD), Mary MacDougall (MMcD)

Apologies

Karen Mackay (KM), Cllr Xander McDade

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

EFM had put up post re dog fouling in park. Work with kids to put up signs and distribute more bags was ongoing.

VC had written in support of drinking fountain in the square.

JoD was looking at better signage for disabled parking places in square. Parking wardens have been more in evidence to enforce current parking arrangements.

A car had been abandoned in lower Birks. Community warden is aware.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Nothing to report.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

The town was opening up well, with few obvious problems. Obviously, there would now be fewer restrictions on people moving, and numbers of people visiting the town would likely increase quickly.

KM had been in contact with PKC re recording experiences of people in Aberfeldy during the pandemic, and it is likely that the Birks Cinema will take an interest in this once they are fully open.

Cases were going up again within PKC area, although not yet locally. 72% of people in PKC had received first vaccine, 45% had received both vaccines.

Resilience Plan

VC & VF had met to discuss plan. VF to contact PKC re finalizing Flooding Plan, and then that can be attached as an Appendix to main plan and distributed.

Benches

Bench at Black watch Memorial should be installed shortly.

VC in contact with Dalweem and Brian Mackie about getting other bench installed there.

The CC had received an enquiry about a young people's group wanting to improve benches in Victoria park. Query directed to Community Greenspace.

No Mow/ No Spray

MMcD was in communication with Cllr McDade about this. Nothing else to report. Looking to see if anything might be possible for 2022.

Road Safety

CC receiving regular updates from Pat Spicer. Nothing specific for this meeting.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

One application to address after meeting.

Main Fund

Significant number of applications coming in at the moment.

ETAPE

The closed road cycle race was being postponed to 19th Sept. Farmers were concerned this would disrupt harvest operations, and there was a proposal to ease this concern by reversing direction of race. Although this would impact others, it would certainly help Aberfeldy, so as a CC, we decided we would endorse any decision to change the direction of the race. We have no position on whether the race should be run or not.

Reports

Chair

JoD to look at path alongside river, from caravan park to golf course. It was difficult to navigate in wet weather. Ownership of area was unclear, and it would be good to delegate responsibility for upkeeping it properly.

Secretary

Black watch memorial lightning conductor had become detached from earth. JoD to action.

Treasurer

We currently held £15,000 in community warden money, £20.87 in road safety money, £600.08 in administration money and £4956.44 in micro grant money.

JoD to advise PKC that the £15k was no longer required, and that it could therefore be allocated to some other project, preferably in relation to rangering locally.

Planning

Nothing to report

Clrs Reports

AOCB

Pitlochry CC had gone into abeyance.

Mention made by JoD of Action Plan for town, looking at community projects going forwards. VC to forward 2013 questionnaire to JoD.

VC to speak to Avril Taylor about whether she wished to remain as contact for Action partnerships. MMcD expressed an interest in taking on this role.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 3rd August 2021. We would have no meeting in July.