

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Zoom meeting

Tuesday 7th September 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: Cllrs John Duff & Xander McDade, Keith Moncrieff & Bill Bruce (Aberfeldy Sports Club), Ramsay Beattie (Heartland Radio) and two members of public.

Apologies

Norma Carr (Community warden), Pat Spicer, Alistair Smith (Heartland Radio)

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

JoD still looking in to disabled parking signage for square, and also replacement lightning conductor for Black Watch Memorial. It is thought that there has been a temporary repair.

VC had been in contact with Avril Taylor and KM re Action Partnerships. Mary MacDougal was to consider fulfilling this role for us.

The ETAPE would be taking place on 19th September.

VC had looked in to doing a blended meeting in town hall for September but we would need cameras to make that work, and was unsure about wifi provision and whether it would be strong enough for such a meeting. September meeting has therefore been held again online only.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Nothing to report.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

Infection levels in the town remained relatively low. Most businesses are open and the town is busy. Very good vaccination rate across PKC. On Tayside, there are 40 people in hospital and 6 in ICU.

KM was taking forward a project to record the pandemic and how it affected the town, liaising with others as required.

Toilet provision

Discussion about toilet provision in Aberfeldy. Preference among CC members was definitely for a staffed facility over an expanded comfort scheme, but little idea as yet as to where and how.

CC would consult and discuss again at October meeting before submitting views to PKC. VC to liaise with ASBA re their reply. It is thought that fewer people now take bus trips, preferring to travel in smaller groups, and this had relevance to the debate on toilet provision in the town.

Aberfeldy Sports Club Initiative

The CC decided to unanimously endorse the principle of having a new multi- sports building on the site of the current golf club house, the project being taken forwards by the golf and rugby clubs with independent support as well. The group is properly constituted and chaired by Robin Yellowlees. The objective is to provide a modern multi- use building that would support a range of sports clubs in the town, but be available for wider community and visitor usage as well.

A great deal of development work was currently ongoing to take the project forward.

Graveyard

VC had been in touch with Neil Glover re local demand and any relevant church politics that we might need to be aware of.

Housing

There was a discussion about community housing trusts, led by Cllr McDade, and how they worked elsewhere. Demand for housing in Aberfeldy was very significant at present, with many young people struggling to find somewhere to live. Community housing trusts had the advantage of being able to apply different eligibility criteria than local authorities, including for people who were working locally. CC to keep this subject on agenda at subsequent meetings.

Resilience Plan

No discussion due to time pressure.

No Mow/ No Spray

This issue was now getting more of a profile, and good prospects for doing something meaningful in Aberfeldy in 2022. Feldy in Flower where concerned about eastern entrance to the town as it was important that a positive message was portrayed to visitors entering from that side. There are few if any other sensitive areas in the town.

Road Safety

PS had provided written report.

PKC still considering 20 mph report. Pop up policemen deployed again. Night driving/ motorcycles/older driver training to be provided in Aberfeldy in due course, following event in Pitlochry.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

Applications to be dealt with after meeting.

Main Fund

Endowment fund was close to being ready to launch.

Reports

Chair

Meeting agreed that a letter of support would not be appropriate for the Scottish Canoe Association in their fundraising efforts at Grandtully.

SSE are looking for a CC volunteer to take part in a liaison group regarding the new electricity sub station at Kinardochy. VF to represent ACC.

A complaint had been received re the state of the shingle beach below Wade's Bridge. Matter had been referred to community warden to investigate and resolve.

The sewer leak under the bridge at Brigend had been fixed.

Secretary

Nothing to report

Treasurer

No changes.

Planning

Nothing to report

Cllrs Reports

Cllr McDade reported that PKC were now to use frozen meals in schools and this was to be implemented after much debate.

There was to be a Climate Change Commission locally to direct PKC thinking on actions required going forwards, to include up to 25 percent of young people.

An initiative to keep children in residential care in the community had been a big success locally. ScotRail had a new timetable, regarded locally as being much inferior to what was available before in terms of timing and frequency.

Cllr Duff reported that PKC had homed six families from Afghanistan locally.

PKC would be supplying hand gritters for those who wanted them again.

PKC had a new Chief Executive, Thomas Glenn.

AOCB

There was discussion about getting better signage to show that there was parking at the campus.

There was a problem with lighting on Breadalbane Terrace.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 5th October 2021.