

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Zoom meeting

**Tuesday 5th October 2021 at 7.30pm**

## **MINUTES DRAFT**

### **Welcome**

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

In attendance: Cllr John Duff, Norma Carr (Community warden), Mary MacDougall, Ramsay Beattie (Heartland Radio)

### **Apologies**

Xander Mc Dade, Karen Mackay, Pat Spicer

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

### **Matters Arising**

JoD was still looking at the disabled parking signage. The bent pole had been replaced, and the lightning conductor on the Black Watch Memorial had now been fixed.

The ETAPE seemed to have went off smoothly enough, although it was a bit late in starting.

The CC will have Zoom meeting for the rest of 2021.

VC wrote to the Aberfeldy Sports Initiative endorsing the principle of their joint pavilion.

VC also wrote to Scottish Canoe Association saying it was not appropriate to endorse their funding applications.

VF had made contact with SSE re liaison group for new sub station at Loch Kinardochoy.

Rubbish at shingle bank above bridge had been cleared up.

Hand pushed grit spreaders were available again this winter.

The lighting on Breadalbane Terrace had been fixed.

Parking signage in the town would be addressed on a slightly longer term timescale.

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

NC had been dealing with an issue regarding youths using the Cottage Hospital area.

The PKC rangers initiative has been working well.

The defibulator at the cinema needs battery changed. JoD to action.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### Coronavirus

Recent case numbers within PKC had peaked and are coming down again.

There had been a number of cases at the school.

The weekly tested at the Fire Station was now using lateral flow only, which didn't seem to be appropriate because these are easily available anyway. It was suggested this is because of cut backs. St John's Ambulance is now running this.

#### Toilet provision

VC to write to PKC re CC thoughts on this. Our preference would be for toilet facilities in the centre of the town, although the options for doing this were not obvious. People were more sceptical about comfort schemes, which were not always open, and there was a lot of work required to keep them clean in current COVID circumstances.

#### Healthiest town initiative

Initiative is progressing. Angus Cameron to come back to us if he feels that is useful.

#### Graveyard

VC had been in contact with minister, and will now put short article in The Quair, and put up a post on Facebook.

#### Housing

Dunkeld & Birnam CC had been in touch. They have all the same issues. Nothing else to report for now, but we will keep this on the Agenda and try to form a nucleus of people who are able to take this forwards.

#### Resilience Plan

Nothing to report. Looking to finalize plan by December meeting. VC & VF to liaise.

#### No Mow/ No Spray

Agreed that CC would try and organize a garden competition in 2022, for those promoting wildlife/ low input garden maintenance. There already was a Feldy in Bloom initiative, so this would be an additional category within that. EFM to liaise and advise.

#### Road Safety

Group was looking for new helpers for pop up policemen.

Driving Safety event in Aberfeldy, 16<sup>th</sup> November, 2.30 pm.

Looking to promote uniform approach to traffic calming across Highland Perthshire.

Looking at calming efforts in Tayside Crescent.

Also looking at Victoria Park road configuration, and also the Crieff Rd build out.

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

#### Micro grants

One application to discuss after meeting.

There was still a lot of money left for this year, so action point for all is to encourage applications.

#### Main Fund

Endowment fund should be up and running shortly. It is expected that a considerable fund will be invested at the outset.

## **Reports**

### Chair

Mary MacDougall had represented Aberfeldy on the CIF panel, with £38,000 distributed, and 1/15 projects supported. Projects in Aberfeldy did well out of the application process.

The bridge at the Ballinluig Junction was to be repaired over a ten week period from late October, with traffic management in place. Likely to cause some disruption.

### Secretary

The Menzies family had thanked the community council for help in installing Crofty's bench beside the Black Watch memorial.

### Treasurer

We currently held £15k of community warden money, £20.87 of road safety group money, £4269.84 micro grant money and £419.98 of administration grant money.

The accounts had been prepared, and we would hold our AGM at November meeting.

## **Planning**

Nothing to report

## **Cllrs Reports**

The lights at Black Watch Monument have been coloured red again.

All the drains have been cleaned in Aberfeldy, bar any that cars may have been sitting over at the time.

JoD is looking at parking restrictions in Mill St to prevent people parking and blocking the road down in to Homer.

PKC looking at properly marking the bus bays in the Moness carpark.

## **AOCB**

VC to write to Richard Pearson re getting a debrief on the Aberfeldy Multi sports event, which it is felt has grown to a size to rival ETAPE now.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 2nd November 2021. This will also be the 2021 AGM meeting.