

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

by ZOOM.

**Tuesday 3rd May 2022 at 7.30pm**

## MINUTES

### 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 and Xander McDade, Mary MacDougall (Council election candidate), Alistair Smith & Nathaniel Goddard (Heartland Radio).

### Apologies

Pat Spicer (Road safety group), Norma Carr (Community warden).

### Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were taken as read, proposed by EFM, seconded by LR.

### Matters Arising

VC to write to Moness re trees on adjacent ground to Moness Avenue/ Crescent, with a view to setting up a meeting to discuss.

VC had also replied to e- bike consultation following presentation at previous meeting. The CC were sceptical in relation to demand, and wary of additional infrastructure in the square.

### Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There had been a bench burned in Victoria Park, but the community warden had helped identify who was involved, and the matter was in hand.

Warden has also been patrolling Birks at lunchtime following some previous incidents in that area.

Rabbie was back, but was broken again, the third time or so in 6 months.

### Focus Topics:

#### Coronavirus

Cases were still relatively high, but coming down, and people were adapting to new situation with fewer restrictions.

The CC would meet in the town hall in June, but will also look to set up a Zoom link.

#### Graveyard

Nothing to report

#### Housing

This issue had gained a high profile over the past month or so, with the Cottage Hospital application, a petition set up by Sally Murray, letters to the Press and social media posts giving it a high degree of prominence.

The Cottage Hospital application had received 80 X objections, with no comments in favour.

Efforts were well under way to set up a development trust to try and address the issue, and this was very much to be welcomed. As noted elsewhere, they are to meet next on 9<sup>th</sup> May to progress issues. VC to attend on behalf of the CC.

### Resilience Plan

VC had yet to draft leaflet.

VF had confirmed Co-op arrangements where in place to help as set out in plan.

Resilience is to be an area of priority for the Highland Action Partnership, supporting development of plans, and sharing Best Practice.

### No Mow/ No Spray

Nothing specific to report.

### Road Safety

The group had some mobile monitoring equipment on loan, and would also shortly be analysing data recorded by the more permanent recording equipment in the town.

## **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

### Micro grants

There was one microgrant to be assessed after the meeting.

### Main Fund

Nothing to report

## **Reports**

### Chair

Jeannie Grant was to be leaving her post as ranger with PKC. She had been in position here for a long time and would be missed by many.

There was to be a launch event for Scotland's Healthiest Town on Mon 16<sup>th</sup> May, at 6.30pm in the Birks cinema. KM to attend representing the CC.

The newly proposed Aberfeldy Development Trust was to meet on Monday 9<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm in the Locus Centre. They were particularly focused on trying to address the housing shortage situation.

### Secretary

No additional report

### Treasurer

No report.

## **Planning**

No planning matters.

Activity was noted at the Fishers Laundry site. The development is to be called Fishers Way.

**Cllrs Reports**

X McD said PKC had sold the former council chambers at 1-5 High Street to a developer for £1, and gave them £1.9 million in funding to develop it in to an hotel.

JoD said the building had been on sale for 11 years, parts of it had been empty since the 1980's, and there was an annual upkeep bill of £150,000 which needed to be addressed.

A beacon was to be lit for the Platinum Jubilee at the Black Watch memorial, with a number of activities taking place to celebrate the occasion.

For balance, MMacD was given time to raise her priorities for the election, which were addressing energy costs and insulation, and also looking at a district energy scheme.

**AOCB**

No other business.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 7<sup>th</sup> June 2022