

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the Lesser Hall, Aberfeldy Town Hall

Tuesday 4th October 2022 at 7.30pm

Draft MINUTES

This meeting followed on from the main AGM meeting.

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

The work had been finished or repointing the inner walls on Wade's Bridge. There is still some work to do removing trees.

JoD was still to submit an application to Griffin re pads/ batteries for defibrillators, but the units have currently had their replacements, and there are enough in reserve for another year or so.

FeldyRoo had put in place some concrete bases for benches in the North Meadow. They are pursuing permissions for their proposed riverside path.

VC was helping Locus Centre source funding for getting an architect to investigate options for expanding toilets on lower floor of Locus Centre.

The MOD will be in Perth, for a week starting 14th October.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There had been some cars getting damaged in Appin Place.

Police profile was generally higher in Aberfeldy at the moment than for many years. There seems to be a range of ongoing issues to be dealt with.

Changes to bus timetable

The consultation on this was extremely poor, but the early morning bus has been saved, which was the priority consideration locally. The new changes will take effect at the start of November.

Aberfeldy CC elections

There were 8 X nominations for the community council, including 2 X new members. The first meeting of the new CC will take place on Tues 8th November, 7.30 pm in the Green Room of the Town Hall, at which new office bearers will be elected, and other functions delegated.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

There were still cases around, with some events having been cancelled due to participants being ill. All encouraged to get their vaccination when invited.

Housing

Adam Hobson gave an update on progress, following meeting the week before, which was well attended. There was a need for 300 new houses for local people in the area. The Aberfeldy Development Trust was exploring options and looking for funding, and were well supported by PKC staff. The most promising site was the old Slaughterhouse, potentially being suitable for 6 X houses. The group now had a website, and were keeping a record of potential sites. The PKC development plan is being revised in 2023, and that will be an opportunity to bring forward additional sites. There were discussions going on regarding the potential 240 house scheme on eastern side of town, 65 of which would have to be affordable.

ADT was constituted as a limited company, and was looking to be set up as a charity as well.

ADT had been advised that the Cottage Hospital site would be difficult and expensive to develop, so this is not their first option. A planning application for that site was currently being considered by PKC for a developer looking to build holiday accommodation.

Resilience Plan

No progress made.

No Mow/ No Spray/ Garden Competition

We had 10 X entries for the Wildlife Friendly Garden competition, with judging complete and winners chosen. It seemed to be a good initiative, and we would consider if and how it should be taken forwards in 2023. It is hoped that the provost would present prizes to the winners of the large and small garden categories.

Road Safety

No report available.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There was one micro grant application to decide after the meeting.

Main Fund

No additional report

Reports

Chair

VC had attended an Upper Tay Transport Group meeting on expanding local bus services, looking to provide coverage to Killin, to Rannoch, and to the A9 corridor to tie in with bus and train provision there. Potentially looking to purchase a mini- bus for this purpose.

Secretary

Residents at Moness had gathered over 100 signatures from people complaining about the high trees disrupting television signals. VC had spoken to Moness resort. They would like to develop the site, but PKC were reluctant, and they felt they would not get permission to remove the trees. VC had checked with Scottish Forestry, who confirmed that it was possible to remove the trees for woodland management and safety purposes if not development purposes, permission for which would have to be done separately. It is anticipated that the residents will use the petition to raise their case more widely.

Treasurer

Report given at AGM at start of meeting

Planning

VC to write to PKC again confirming our view that we should object to the current planning application for the Cottage Hospital. The applicant had changed the boundaries, and increased off-street parking, but it was not the sort of development that people felt we needed in the town.

Cllr Reports

JoD reported that any objections by a community council would now mean that a planning application would automatically have to go to committee.

PKC had made available a £470,000 fund to tackle poverty in the area brought on by the cost of living crisis.

Teachers had rejected a pay offer of 5%, and are now to be balloted on industrial action.

People are still working from home for PKC, but Pullar House & the High Street offices are to open again shortly. The previous system of appointments had actually worked very well, with people being more prepared when they came in, so some useful lessons had been learned during the pandemic.

AOCB

No other matters were raised.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 8th November 2022 . This will be the first meeting of a new community council.