

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the GREEN ROOM, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 8th November 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Provost McDade opened the meeting and welcomed the newly elected community councillors, especially Rob Stubbs & Susan Craik who were elected for the first time.

Present: Provost McDade (Chair), Victor Clements, Susan Craik, Elaine Fraser Murdoch, Lorraine Reed, Val Ferguson, Karen Mackay, Rob Stubbs.

In attendance: Mary MacDougall (Aberfeldy Development Trust), and one member of the public.

Apologies

Jean Duff, Pat Spicer, Norma Carr (Community warden), Cllr John Duff.

Election of new community council office bearers

The following office bearers were elected for Aberfeldy Community Council:

Chair: Victor Clements

Vice Chair: Lorraine Reed

Secretary: Elaine Fraser Murdoch

Treasurer: Jean Duff

Other community councilors elected were Val Ferguson, Karen Mackay, Susan Craik and Rob Stubbs.

In addition, Elaine Fraser Murdoch was reappointed as Data Controller, Lorraine Reed as the Griffin & Calliacher Community Benefit Fund representative, and Rob Stubbs would represent us on the Community Investment Fund (CIF) panel. Pat Spicer would continue to run the CC website, and be our representative on the Road Safety Group.

The Code of Conduct, Standing Orders and Constitution were all noted.

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

The new bus timetable was in effect from the beginning of November, and the early bus had been retained. However, re-tendering of bus routes would be taking place in the New Year, so there was scope for services to regress again. We should all keep an eye on the bus situation, but PKC would be trying to maintain core functions.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There had been some cars getting damaged in Appin Place, as well as a range of other low level problems within the town recently.

Focus Topics:

Coronavirus

There were still a significant number of cases locally. Flu/ COVID vaccinations for the Over 50's where ongoing and seemingly working well.

Resilience Plan

VC to distribute current copy of plan to all CC members. VC & VF to liaise regarding how to progress.

Housing

There was a discussion about the Cottage Hospital site. The newly formed Aberfeldy Development Trust (ADT) had been advised to prioritize another site, and the problems associated with this site appeared to be very significant indeed.

The current planning applications for the site had received over 80 objections, and there was a very strong feeling locally that we did not want the site turned in to holiday accommodation.

It was suggested that we should register an interest in the site, with a view to a community right to buy. In addition, it was suggested that in parallel to this, we needed a campaign to try and force the NHS to transfer the site to PKC at zero cost.

It was agreed that the CC should meet again the following week to discuss options and try to plan a way forwards, and report back ay meeting on 6th December.

ADT were looking to develop the old slaughterhouse site, potentially for 6 X houses, and have been receiving advice and support from PKC for that.

Road Safety

No report available.

Moness Trees

There had been a good article in the PA regarding this, mentioning the petition of over 100 people saying they were concerned by the effect of the very tall trees. VC & Cllr Duff were liaising about how to take things forwards. VC had offered to make an application for felling permission on behalf of the applicant, but this had not yet been taken up.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There were 2 X applications to be addressed after the meeting.

Main Fund

There will be a meeting of the main fund shortly.

Reports

Chair

No additional report.

Secretary

We had received information on a Grandmentoring scheme. EFM to highlight on FB.

Treasurer

No report available. Accounts to 31st August and updated financial statement had been provided at October meeting.

Planning

There were no other planning matters.

Cllr Reports

Budget negotiations would be very significant this year, with 10% inflation putting pressure on available funds, and affecting all services.

There was a consultation just announced in to Westminster parliamentary constituencies. Our local area was to be included in a proposed "North Tayside" area, which extended in to Angus, but excluding Perth itself. It would be a large, rural constituency, possibly making it easier to represent common interests. CC to write in support of the proposal, making this point.

AOCB

There was no disabled parking at the town hall. VC to contact Locus Breadalbane.

Lights between the Co-op and PKC carpark above were very poor. Provost McDade to action with council officers.

Query was raised about graveyard situation. VC to contact Derek Wittman again.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 6th December 2022