

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the SCHOOL ROOM, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 6th December 2022 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice Chair), Val Ferguson, Rob Stubbs, Karen Mackay, Pat Spicer, Cllr John Duff, Keith Moncrieff, Laurie Dempster & Bill Bruce (Aberfeldy Sports Club), Rob MacPherson & Oliver Hardman (Eolas Architects) and 5 X members of public.

Apologies

Susan Craik, Jean Duff, Elaine Fraser Murdoch, Norma Carr (Community warden), Provost McDade

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

There have been ongoing complaints about what has become an unreliable bus service, especially in relation to poor provision of inter-connecting buses at Ballinluig. There was also a driver shortage at present, with some buses getting cancelled at short notice. JoD to bring issue up within PKC.

The CC had written to Electoral Commission, stating our support for changing the boundary to local Westminster parliamentary constituency.

There was currently no disabled parking at Town Hall, but this was being rectified in the early New Year.

LR still to approach the Co-op in relation to poor lighting on steps coming down from carpark above.

VC to contact Derek Wittman again re provision of graveyard space in Aberfeldy.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Progress had been made in identifying those responsible for a series of low-level acts of vandalism throughout the town, and a multi-agency approach was being used to try and address the situation. Police patrols were being stepped up within the area, including the use of special constables.

Housing/Planning

Duntium Development

Eolas Architects gave a presentation on Phases 5, 6 & 7 of this development, which include provision of the children's play area to be taken forwards in 2023. There were to be 39 x new houses, of differing sizes, and some of them may be self builds.

The CC voted unanimously in favour of the development, but would ask PKC planners to look closely at flooding prevention giving that this had become a problem at Duntaylor. We would also mention the issue of sewage/ foul water capacity, although it was thought that this has been greatly extended in the town.

Aberfeldy Sports Club Development

There was also a presentation on this proposed development, with over £500,000 already secured to help build an all purpose multi-sports hub on the site of the existing Golf Club clubhouse.

A full planning application had been submitted.

The CC again unanimously supported the application, with no comments or caveats.

Cottage Hospital

VC had taken advice about community right to buy, had spoken to the Aberfeldy Development Trust, and to a retired doctor from Brechin who had experience of trying to purchase a hospital site from Tayside NHS.

There followed an extensive discussion over whether trying to purchase and develop the site as a community was realistic or not.

The CC voted 3:2 to support an initiative to register a community interest in the property, led by Deryck Beaumont. He would need ten people to sign documentation, and once the registration was complete, there would be an eight month period in which to develop proposals.

Other

There were no other matters to discuss.

Focus Topics:

Resilience Plan

VC & VF to discuss in New Year. VC had circulated current document to CC members.

Road Safety

Cuts to council budgets allied to staff shortages, meant that projects being taken forwards from now on are likely to be much more modest. We will give some priority to the road safety situation at our next meeting in February.

There was some discussion on gritting provision in the town, especially up around the new Duntium development. Push along gritting barrows could be supplied if volunteers could be identified to do this.

Moness Trees

VC and John Duff to discuss approach to this that could be taken. The issue was an ongoing problem for residents.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There was one application to be decided after the meeting.

Main Fund

No additional report

Reports

Chair

No additional report

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

No report

Cllr Reports

Proposals to give community councils a stronger voice in planning matters had now been approved. An objection from a CC would now mean that the application would automatically have to go to committee for decision.

The spring budget was going to be extremely difficult. PKC had a £30 million annual deficit, with very little in reserves. ScotGov funding was reduced, and increasing wage demands were putting massive pressure on overall finances.

AOCB

There was no other competent business.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 7th February 2023