

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the Green Room, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

***Tuesday 7th February 2023 at 7.30pm***

## MINUTES

### Welcome

**Present:** Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Karen Mackay, Susan Craik

**In attendance:** Norma Carr (Community warden), Pat Spicer (Road safety group), plus two members of public.

### Apologies

Val Ferguson, Cllr John Duff, Provost McDade, Jean Duff.

### Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes taken as read, proposed by LR, seconded by EFM.

### Matters Arising

Various problems with buses, and lack of drivers. Will look to assess where things are at April meeting.

LR to approach Co-op re lighting outside.

VC to contact Deryck Beaumont re community interest in Cottage Hospital.

### Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There were to be extra Police patrols in the town, given the increased incidents of vandalism and anti-social behaviour recently. The toilet block is locked in the evenings. There is a small group of c 6 individuals responsible for majority of recent incidents, ranging in age 12- 16, and all local. All are working hard to resolve issues.

### Focus Topics:

#### Moness trees

VC/ EFM and JoD had looked at site, and been in contact with Moness, but no progress so far. Moness had denied suggestion that resort had been sold to Taymouth Castle. Difficult to know how to take this forwards. Enquiries had been made about using high hedges legislation, but nothing confirmed with that yet.

#### Road Safety Group

PS gave excellent presentation on road safety within the town, what had been achieved since 2017, what had not been achieved, and plans for the future. The general consensus was that we had achieved quite a lot, perhaps more than we might realistically have expected. It is likely that we will be less influential going forwards, given financial cuts, so important to be clear about what objectives are, and how to go about addressing these to best effect. Will return to road safety in April meeting.

### Common Good register

PKC had put together a register of Common Good assets, which ties in with our own understanding of what they are.

### Graveyard

VC had been to see Derek Wittman, and had identified a possible site, which DW will take up with owner, in advance of meeting with CC.

### Resilience plan

To be progressed

### Coronation

No specific suggestions coming forwards. However, we will contribute to any initiatives that we are asked to support.

## **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

### Micro grants

There were two applications to be discussed after the meeting.

### Main Fund

Nothing to report.

## **Reports**

### Chair

The ETAPE cycle race will be on 14<sup>th</sup> May.

The "Grand Fondo" is a major international cycle multi- sports event taking place in August. There will be a closed road race, taking in part of Highland Perthshire, details unknown as yet. We need to keep an eye on this, and input as required once we know the details.

There was a discussion about whether the community should register a community interest in the Aberfeldy Coaches site, which had recently closed as a business. There was strong support for this, possibly using the area as a car park. To be discussed at march meeting more fully, and a decision taken.

### Secretary

There was a discussion about whether local businesses should have an enhanced level of disclosure for job applicants, following reports of several knife incidents involving staff being recruited from outwith the area. EFM to speak to Explore Aberfeldy, and seek their advice.

### Treasurer

No report, but accounts had been submitted to PKC, with receipt confirmed.

## **Housing/Planning**

### Cottage Hospital

VC to contact DB re looking for signatures to express a community interest in the site.

There was no word re result of planning application.

Other

No other applications to discuss.

**Cllr Reports**

No reports

**AOCB**

Gazeboes were available for anyone wanting to display goods or advertise events or whatever in the square from the Locus Centre. ASBA will try to do a trial run in March/ April, to see how they work in practice.

**Date of Next Meeting**    Tues 7th March 2023