

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the Green Room, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

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

## MINUTES

### **Welcome**

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice- Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Rob Stubbs, Susan Craik

In Attendance: Cllr John Duff, Pat Spicer (Road Safety Group) and three members of the public.

### **Apologies**

Karen Mackay, Norma Carr, Provost McDade, Mary MacDougall

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

Taken as read, proposed by LR and seconded by EFM.

### **Matters Arising**

There was to be a major cycling event coming through Aberfeldy on 4<sup>th</sup> August, possibly c 2500 riders. They will come down Crieff Rd and Taybridge Road, before going on to Tummel Bridge as part of a longer Highland Perthshire circuit. There will be a rolling sequence of road closures to accommodate this. There will be significant disruption within the town while the riders pass, which will hopefully happen relatively quickly. The event is the same day as Perth Show.

EFM to follow up enhanced disclosure query with Explore Aberfeldy.

VC had spoken to Deryck Beaumont re: expressing community interest in the Cottage Hospital site. No interest had yet been registered.

### **Crime Prevention and Community Safety**

Things were a little quieter in the town at present.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### Road Safety Group

PS gave an update on current situation. There is to be a meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> May to try and take things forwards again. Road safety on agenda for April meeting.

#### Moness trees

Cllr Duff was to meet with Moness later in the week to discuss.

#### Graveyard

VC had been to see Derek Wittman, and had identified a site above the town near the Cottage Hospital. DW & VC to try to set up meeting with landowner.

### Aberfeldy Coaches site

There was a discussion on whether the CC should express a community interest in this site, given its strategic position in the centre of the town. VC & JD would go to speak to owners first and discuss with them to see what their plans were.

### Banking Hub

VC to contact Angela Hanvey re what support the CC could give to this initiative.

## **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

### Micro grants

No micro grant applications to discuss this month.

### Main Fund

Meeting for main fund is next week.

## **Reports**

### Chair

The Aberfeldy Development Trust (ADT) had its AGM in the Town Hall, 7.30pm, 22<sup>nd</sup> March. All encouraged to attend.

We had a request from Tay FM re a interview on Ed Sheeran song about Aberfeldy. We would not follow this up as none of us knew much about the song, and it was not yet released.

### Secretary

No additional report.

### Treasurer

We had currently £433.45 of administration money, £29.95 of road safety group money, and £15,000 of community warden money, which JD had been in contact with Cllr Duff about. WE currently had no micro-grant money, the 2023 sum yet to be paid.

## **Housing/Planning**

### Cottage Hospital

No update on this site, either from planning perspective, or from attempts to register a community interest in the site.

### Other

There was some discussion about the lodges being built at Drumcroy, and whether they were in line with planning permission consented. VC to write to Development Management to express concern.

## **Cllr Reports**

There was to be a 3.9% increase in council tax, which is approx. £50 on an average bill.

The budget had been very difficult, but there would be no cut in teacher numbers, and the winter maintenance programme would also be protected.

**AOCB**

There had a been a problem with sewage flowing along part of Taybridge Drive, which was hopefully now cleaned up and resolved. It is reported that there have also been problems on Dunkeld Street and also at Tomchulan Court.

Takeaway rubbish was getting dumped in the Moness Burn behind take away, presumably by school children. Volunteers had cleaned it up, but unclear what the longer term solution is. The rubbish was very visible from the Wade's Bridge.

JoD was following up maintenance of defribillator unit at Birks Cinema.

VC to ask Locus Breadalbane about marking out disabled parking spaces at the town hall.

**Date of Next Meeting** Tues 4th April 2023