

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the Green Room, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 4th April 2023 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice- Chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Karen McKay, Rob Stubbs, Susan Craik.

In Attendance: Cllr John Duff, Pat Spicer (Road Safety Group), Norma Carr (Community warden).

Apologies

Provost McDade, Elaine Fraser Murdoch, Mary MacDougall.

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes were taken as read, proposed by RS and seconded by JD.

Matters Arising

There was no further information on the major cycling event in August.

ETAPE would be going forwards as usual in May.

EFM had followed up the suggestion of enhanced disclosure for hospitality workers, but it was felt that this was not a workable initiative locally.

There was no more takeaway rubbish lying in the Moness Burn behind Must Eat, so the previous incident seems to have been a once- off event.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Things had been fairly quiet recently in the town.

Norma would be changing her hours, and would now be able to do more back shifts in the town, which would help with the current situation, providing for more night time cover.

There had been a problem with the defibrillator unit at the cinema, possibly vandalism, but I was not possible to change position of the unit due to location of electricity supply.

Focus Topics:

Moness trees

Cllr Duff had been to see Moness, but no progress made. We would need to consider carefully at next meeting how to take this issue forwards.

Graveyard

VC had been in contact with Derek Wittman re graveyard, but no progress yet in getting a meeting with landowner.

Road safety

PS gave an update on the road safety situation. He would be running an online survey to gauge support for various potential initiatives within the town, and to try and prioritize them. If needs

be, the CC might be able to do a follow-up survey/ questionnaire. PS to report results back before May meeting.

Aberfeldy Coach Garage site

VC & JD had been to speak to the Stewarts re the Aberfeldy Coach Garage site, and to let them know that we intended to discuss the subject and decide whether we would express a community interest in the site. They said they had their own plans for the site, and that it would not affect them.

There was a discussion at CC meeting about whether we should look to register an interest or not, with a registration at least giving us an option on the site in the future.

The CC agreed unanimously to try and register an interest, and it was suggested that we would try to do that through the Aberfeldy Development Trust. If they were not interested, then we would let the matter drop. VC to approach ADT. We would go back to the Stewarts and let them know what we were doing.

Banking Hub

Angela Hanvey would like to see a banking hub in the town, and had been in contact with John Swinney and Pete Wishart about this. There were 7 X other hubs in Scotland. It would be especially useful for some of her CAP clients who could no afford to travel to Perth to do their banking business, but there was the issue of handling cash more generally, that the Post Office could deal with in theory, and routine banking business. Bank vans were coming to the town on a weekly basis, but this did not suit everyone.

VC to speak to ASBA about business requirements at the moment, and all to educate themselves about bank hubs and how they might work. The major concern was one of security, with different personnel using the same premises on subsequent days.

The TSB will be closing in May, and is the last bank in town.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There were 2 X micro grant applications to be determined after the meeting.

Main Fund

Nothing to report

Reports

Chair

VC had spoken to Locus Breadalbane about disabled parking bay at town hall. They was to be marked out by June this year.

There had been problems with sewage running along Taybridge Drive. Scottish Water had now located the problem, and the area had been dug up, but was yet to be re-instated. Hopefully, the issue is now resolved.

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

We still had £15,000 of the community warden money, £20.87 of road safety money, just £0.24 of community benefit funds which were yet to be made up to £5000, and £433.45 of administration money.

Housing/Planning

Cottage Hospital

No further developments on this

Other

VC had written to PKC Development Control re chalets at Drumcroy, and how they might be landscaped/ whether they were in line with planning approval. The site was already on PKC radar.

Cllr Reports

The Poplar Avenue would be closed for periods over the next month from 11th April to carry out the essential surface repairs postponed from last year. There are no other upcoming road repairs that are known about this spring, although there are to be 16 X movements of equipment to the SSEN sub station that is in construction between Keltneyburn and Tummel Bridge.

The Aberfeldy Sports hub had received another £300,000 of funding. Outcome of planning application not yet known.

There will be a COVID Memorial bench installed at Logierait, to remember all victims of the pandemic, to cover the Highland ward area.

PKC are introducing a 4th bin, splitting out paper/ cardboard from other recyclable materials. This is to be operational from the autumn.

AOCB

The Aberfeldy Development Trust (ADT) had a good turnout for their AGM. They were looking to appoint some-one to try and take forwards a range of projects in the area.

Concern was expressed about the community garden at Camserney and whether it was being properly looked after. VC to investigate.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 2nd May 2023