

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

In the Green Room, Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 2nd May 2023 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

The Chair welcomed those present to May meeting of Aberfeldy CC.

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Karen Mackay, Susan Craik, Rob Stubbs.

In attendance: Provost McDade, Sally Murray & Adam Hobson (Aberfeldy Development Trust) and one member of the public.

Apologies

Val Ferguson, Norma Carr (community warden), Cllr John Duff, Pat Spicer (Road Safety Group).

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

The ETAPE would be taking place as usual in later in the month.

The defibrillator at the cinema had been fixed.

Sewage problem on Taybridge Drive was in hand, although situation not yet complete as water still not getting away.

Reminder that the Poplar Avenue would be closed for periods over next few weeks, with detours in operation.

VC had been out to see community garden at Camserney, which was getting cleaned up prior to new season.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There had been some incidents of youths lighting fires within the Cottage Hospital.

Complaint about state of Victoria Park toilets to PKC. Will observe to see if repeated.

Lots of reports of dog fouling at the moment, particularly in Lower Birks.

Focus Topics:

Aberfeldy Coaches site

The CC had approached Aberfeldy Development Trust to see if they would be willing to register a community interest in the site. However, ADT would prefer to register an interest for housing. This being the case, the CC had decided to let our interest go.

The CC voted 6:1 to support ADT in their bid should they wish to progress with that.

In addition, there was a discussion on control zones for holiday accommodation, whereby anyone setting up their property for this purpose would have to go through the planning system for permission. PKC were considering whether to implement such a zone in Highland Perthshire.

The CC voted to support such an initiative in principle, given the problems we had locally with housing.

ADT were making progress with developing the slaughterhouse site, and had also just taken on a development officer to help them take forwards projects.

Moness trees

There was no progress being made on this, with more residents coming forwards to express their concerns. We would need to think carefully how to progress. It did not reflect well on the CC if we could not help people with this.

Graveyard

VC to contact Derek Wittman again re site above the town.

Road safety

Pat Spicer had undertaken a survey re priorities in Aberfeldy, with the road at Victoria Park/ toilet block coming out top. Due to his absence a written report had been submitted detailing the results (interested parties may view this on the ACC website). Aberfeldy had however received a lot of money in recent years for traffic calming works and it was suggested that we should “manage expectations” a bit over what might now be possible going forwards.

Banking Hub

No feedback as yet.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

Three applications to be discussed after meeting.

Main Fund

Nothing to report.

Reports

Chair

The Feldy Roo riverside path had been upgraded and looked well, with new users already in evidence. Well done to all concerned, particularly Gordon Leighton who managed the works.

A query was made about the “use at own risk” sign on the Wobbly Bridge across the Tay, and whether I was needed, or even legally compliant. VC to contact golf course to get an update on the bridge.

RS will take up the issue of buses parked at the Black Watch Monument with the school, to see if they can park elsewhere. There had been a number of complaints been made about this.

The CC would continue to pay for website provision. However, the ACC did not wish to pay the increased fee sought by Spanglefish, so as to benefit from the up-graded platform being offered by the host, at this stage.

Secretary

No additional report

Treasurer

A cheque was now ready to sign to return £15,000 of community warden money.

Just £0.24 in Griffin account, but this to be topped up to £5000 shortly, with several projects awaiting their funding.

We had £387.65 in our administration account left, and £20.95 of road safety money.

CC agreed to renew insurance for traffic slowing equipment for another year.

We would also renew website payment to Spanglefish.

Housing/Planning

Cottage Hospital

No update.

Other

No other issues to discuss.

Clr Reports

PKC had put forwards Highland Perthshire as a potential National Park, in response to Scottish Government consultation on the issue. This would be a major development within the area if it were to happen. It is not known what the chances might be, with other areas such as Galloway strong contenders.

PKC also proposing an Area Committee for Highland Perthshire, similar to what is in operation in Kinross- shire. This would potentially give communities a much stronger voice in allocation of resources, and there would be a requirement for community council involvement. It would be an important role for us to undertake. RS said he would consider being nominated when details became known.

AOCB

Children at the school/ campus were looking for opportunities for volunteering through the town.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 6th June 2023