

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice- Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Val Ferguson, Karen Mackay, Rob Stubbs, Susan Craik.

In attendance: Provost McDade & 9 members of the public.

Apologies

Jean Duff, John Duff, Pat Spicer, Mike Williamson.

Minutes of previous meeting

Taken as read. Proposed by EFM, seconded by LR.

Matters Arising

VC had written to Feldy Roo, thanking them for their good work on the fitness trail. It was now an excellent facility for Aberfeldy.

The caravan abandoned at green triangle was now gone.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

No matters discussed.

Focus Topics:

Taymouth Development/ Moness

The new owners of Taymouth Castle, the Discovery Land Company (DLC) had recently bought over the Moness resort, seemingly to allocate at least part of the timeshare accommodation to their permanent employees going forwards, but leaving the hotel and some of the cottages available for visitors, and possibly making some available for non- DLC use. There was little concrete information available at the moment, but there is likely to be a meeting held in the near future to give people the opportunity to ask questions. Any change of use to permanent residential use would require planning approval, and this will provide people the opportunity to have their say.

The one business owner and members of the public present at the meeting were largely anxious about the development, aware that any significant loss of visitors to the town will have a significant impact across a wide variety of businesses and facilities.

Our initial community council view was a bit more positive, but ultimately, we have heard from only a very small number of people on this. For this reason, the CC have agreed to leaflet all residents and businesses throughout the town to collect feedback. Leaflets can be returned to boxes at several locations within the town.

EFM & VC would be going to see DLC on Monday 9th coming about the Moness trees (see below), meeting them for the first time.

Post Office

It is not known where things are with this issue, a meeting between Londis/ Breadalbane Stores and the PO was postponed, and had yet to take place.

Provost McDade said that PKC had recently passed a motion to trial banking hubs within the council area, with Aberfeldy ear marked as a possible location. There could be some association going forwards between a banking hub and PO provision, but no information on options yet.

This is a very important issue affecting businesses in the town which we all need to pay attention to.

Moness trees

EFM & VC had been to see DLC re getting trees removed. It was a very good meeting, with contractors already being approached. A felling licence will be required, and this will take some time to process. Community council will lend support to efforts to have the offending trees removed. We seem to be on the same wavelength as new owners on this issue.

Graveyard

Derek Wittman had been in contact with farmer re possible site. Concern that soil may not be deep enough. Will follow up as appropriate.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

No new applications.

Main Fund

Endowment fund yet to be established. The Griffin Fund now had just 12 years to run.

Reports

Chair

The toilets at the Co-op had been operational for a few days in early September, but now closed again, at least partially because of vandalism. VC to check what position now is, and whether it is planned to try and re-open them.

The Kenmore Xmas market had been scheduled for same day as Aberfeldy, but that is apparently no longer the case. It would be a problem for both if events both on at the same time.

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

No report. November meeting will be AGM when accounts to 31st August will be presented.

Housing/Planning

The sports hub had now received planning approval. It is hoped that work will begin to demolish the existing building in the New Year/ early spring.

CIr Reports

A public consultation on the proposed national park will be open for two months until early December. All encouraged to participate. There will be a drop in event at the community campus on Thursday 9th November from 3.30 pm until after six.

PKC are looking to re-structure some of their buildings to save costs. There are no implications for Aberfeldy.

AOCB

There have been changes to operation of recycling centres elsewhere, but nothing proposed for Aberfeldy.

Discussion about the difficulties at present in getting a doctor appointment, although experience of some was that the local practice where actually very good in this respect.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 7th November 2023