

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

***Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 7.30pm***

## MINUTES

**Welcome – Present:** Lorraine Reed, Val Ferguson, Jean Duff, Elaine Murdoch, Susan Craik, Rob Stubbs, Cllr John Duff, Gill Steele & Helen Stockham (Aberfeldy Development Trust) & Lesley Campbell from STAR – no members of the public.

**Apologies** – Victor Clements (chair), Karen MacKay, Norma Carr, Provost Xander McDade

**Minutes of previous meeting** - Previous minutes agreed - RS & JD

**Matters Arising** – Still waiting on feedback from PKC re contract for caravan site.

**Crime Prevention and Community Safety** – A few cold callers at doors for repairs – public should be vigilant.

### **Focus Topics:**

**ADT town planning initiative** – Gill, Helen & Lesley came along to discuss the plans for a new community action plan. The purpose of the CAP is to gather and prioritize information from the community, bringing everyone's ideas together. They are hoping to lead this with a steering group, made up of representatives from local groups, CC and from across the wider community. They will gather information through community engagement events, questionnaires/surveys. They are looking to recruit a new community connections worker to help liaise with groups and the community, and to help organise local meetings/events. Timescale for the consultation will be 4-6 months, with community event to share findings. CAP's have proven to be really useful in other communities, gaining support from the Local Authority and have helped in providing some additional funding opportunities.

**Resilience Plan** – VF & VC to organise a time soon to finalise the resilience plan and to look at how best to share emergency procedures/contact details with the community. Jean happy to host CC members to discuss further.

**Taymouth Development** – No further meetings or information to date.

**Moness trees** – No further action taken yet. EF explained that DLC had perhaps changed their plans for removing the trees which had originally been asked about, but have plans to remove some others, but no progress to date.

**Post Office** – Hopefully the change over will be happening in April. The Post office may be closed for a day or two while the equipment is moved to the new premises.

**Graveyard** – No further action since last meeting

**Meeting times** – CC members present took a vote regarding maybe changing the time of the monthly community council meetings from 7.30pm to 7.00pm. 5 members would prefer a 7.00pm meeting and 1 member didn't mind either time. To be discussed further at our next meeting, with

suggestions that, if keeping the meeting to 7.30pm, that we have a time limit to save our meetings running on too late.

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

**Micro grants** – no new micro grant applications this month. There is a Panel meeting later this week, and we have asked for time to discuss an increase in our annual award.

**Main Fund** – Panel meeting this week and we will hopefully have more news on the progress of the endowment fund.

**Reports** - Chair – No chair report this month. Secretary – No updates. Treasurer – Still waiting for micro grant award.

**Housing/Planning** – No planning updates regarding Cottage Hospital

**CLlr Reports** – John Duff advised that the bus service is under review and there is a consultation until 10<sup>th</sup> March. Friends of Wade Bridge group has held their first meeting to set up the group. Mary is the Secretary of the group and SC is also a representative of the group. Road closure at Grandtully this weekend. There has been significant police presence in the Town over the last few weeks.

**AOCB** – Still no disabled parking bays at Town Hall. Town Hall users would really benefit from better lighting at the front door. It is quite dark at the top of the steps and is also really difficult to use the key box without a light. The toilet at the co-op seems to be operating now and open to the public. Lots of work being carried out a caravan park over the last few weeks.

**Date of Next Meeting**    Tues 2nd April 2024