

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 2nd April 2024 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Susan Craik, Karen Mackay

In attendance: Provost McDade, Norma Carr (Community warden). No members of public in attendance.

Apologies

Rob Stubbs, Cllr John Duff, Lorraine Reed, Val Ferguson

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes taken as read, proposed by EFM and seconded by JD.

Matters Arising

VC to contact Locus Breadalbane re disabled parking provision at Town Hall. Suggestion that any place should be at the end of the ramp, not beside the steps. There is also a concern that there is no light outside door.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

There had been an incident with a dog biting a child. Police are aware and investigating.

There had been a fire in an abandoned car up in the Birks. Not possible to access area due to low bar erected at entrance to deter vans or caravans from using the upper carpark, but this was now a safety concern when something like this happens. NC liaising to make sure that emergency services have number of a combination lock to access the area if needs be.

The investigation in to the killing of Brian Low was ongoing. Things were quiet at the moment, but it is understood that Police Scotland had a significant team working on the enquiry, and everyone wants to see a successful detection to this incident, for the sake of his family, and the town more generally.

Focus Topics:

Taymouth Development

There had been no meetings in past month. It is likely that a planning application will appear in the next month or so regarding change of use for some of the cottages at Moness, and we will have to pay attention to this.

Moness trees

There has been no sign of progress on this. VC had been in contact to see if we can get a report.

Post Office

PO on schedule for moving to Breadalbane Stores by mid April. Frustration at two week gap from closure of other store.

Graveyard

No recent update, but PKC are believed to have spoken to farmer re site.

Meeting times

Decision on this will be deferred to May meeting. The proposal is to change meeting time to 7 pm, but there is an argument to retain current time.

Resilience Plan

VF & VC would be meeting PKC on 17th April for discussion on how to take forwards resilience plan.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

No applications for this meeting. We had received £5000 for this year, with another £2500 potentially available if required.

Main Fund

Discussions on endowment fund still ongoing, hopefully coming to a conclusion now.

Reports

Chair

Agreement in principle to run the garden competition again this year. VC to liaise with EFM re rules, with a view to reducing prize fund, and running competition earlier, with judging in July. VC would ask Mary MacDougall to submit micro grant application again.

The Tay Forest Park proposal was moving forwards, now one of five candidate areas with five others having dropped out. PKC campaign was well organized, and arguably ahead of others. VC had written to the Courier with an article on the proposal, saying we were broadly supportive, but with some key caveats.

Secretary

No additional report

Treasurer

Currently £4503.11 micro grant money, £416.50 administration grant money and £2200 for defibrillator update programme.

Housing/Planning

Nothing to report.

Possible that there may be an application in for change of use of cottages at Moness for next meeting.

CLlr Reports

There had been a difficult budget settlement in March. The good things were some additional funding for public transport, help to promote the community usage of campuses, farmers markets being exempted from road closure costs and the removal of any threat to libraries.

There was however a £4 million cut to additional support needs, and PKC trying very hard not to draw down upon their reserves any further, which they had been doing over the past decade.

The No 23 bus service was now down to four buses a day, with many other routes now being regarded as being less viable. The various initiatives regarding free usage for younger people and pensioners were not properly funded.

AOCB

There was some concern about beavers taking down trees along the Poplar Avenue. At present there was a process in place for making trees safe and this seemed to be working fairly well.

Suggestion that Victoria Park toilets would not be re-opened, and that there might be what appeared a very unrealistic cost of £10,000 to repair them. Provost Mc Dade to clarify what current situation was.

The CC thanked PKC for its work in fixing the A827 at Grandtully.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 7th May 2024