

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 1st October 2024 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Susan Craik, Rob Stubbs

In attendance: Cllr John Duff, Community Police Officers Andy Beattie and Mark Peebles. No members of the public attended.

Apologies

Provost McDade and Norma Carr (community warden)

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

VC to contact Ewan MacDougall again re potential trophy/ plaque in honour of his mother for the wildlife garden competition.

As always, we are looking to recruit new people. Currently, we can co-opt up to three new people, and this would give us more options and capacity going forwards,

VC to liaise with JoD about going to see the caravan park re flooding risk assessments.

Local farmer had offered Xmas tree for use in the square if that was required.

PKC had given consent for the large PH20 development in Perth, on the Thimble Row carpark area. That would have allowed Dewars Rink to be demolished and used in other ways, but it now appears that it might become listed, and this would greatly complicate over council plans. There is likely to be much debate over this yet.

New legislation against parking on pavements will come in to operation over the next few months.

There are still problems with staffing for LiveActive facilities at the campus, and this is causing difficulties for people who want to participate in activities there.

The interim head teacher at the school, Lynn Lambert, has now been recruited on a permanent basis.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

The two community policing officers introduced themselves and left contact details. There was nothing specific relating to Aberfeldy, and no areas of concern from community council members. The community warden role works well with the police, with many potential problems being taken up early before they are able to develop into something more serious. There has been an increase in problems within schools in general since COVID, but this is something that teachers are aware

off, and they often have a presence within the town at lunchtime to keep track of what is going on. There are few significant issues at the moment here.

Focus Topics:

Taymouth Development

SEPA had objected to planning applications for houses on the floodplain near the castle, on the grounds that such houses would be at risk. However, protection of such houses would reduce the floodplain, and potentially create problems in Aberfeldy. VC to write to PKC supporting the SEPA objections. The next CC meeting with Taymouth would be in November.

Moness trees

There has been no feedback on this, either from Taymouth, or the contractor. No felling application has been submitted yet, and it is not clear whether this is going to progress or not.

Resilience Plan

VC to forward draft plan to PKC resilience planning officer. VC & VF to make sure that emergency rucksacks are prepared and ready to go should they be required.

Community planning

There is going to be a community information day in the town hall on Saturday 26th October. VC/ RS/ SC & VF would be on duty to help out on different themed tables, and members of the public will vote on what they think priorities for the town should be. The draft report contains some criticisms of the community council, so it may become a useful opportunity to recruit new members.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There were a number of applications to be dealt with after the meeting. WE are to get an additional £2500 this year due to higher demand.

Main Fund

Meeting had taken place at start of October. The endowment fund was now progressing, and it is hoped it should be complete within a few months.

Reports

Chair

There was some discussion about motorhomes paying for using the parking spaces by the cemetery, and whether this was allowed with the planning permission that they had. JoD is looking in to this, and will report at the next meeting.

Secretary

Some grey squirrels had been spotted within the area. Any sightings should be reported through the Saving Scotland's Red Squirrels website. RS is active in this initiative.

Treasurer

Report given in AGM before this meeting.

Housing/Planning

As above, VC would write to PKC re flooding issues from developments at Taymouth Castle.

Cllr Reports

The Friends of Wade's Bridge were becoming more active, and planning what might be possible going forwards. It will soon be the 300 anniversary of the bridge, which is of national significance, and an iconic symbol of the town.

The Community Investment Fund met recently to distribute funds to local projects.

There was money set aside in the CC accounts for upgrading the defibrillator units as required.

AOCB

There was no other competent business.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 5th November 2024