

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 3rd December 2024 at 7.30pm

MINUTES

Present

Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Rob Stubbs

In attendance: Cllr John Duff

Apologies

Val Ferguson, Elaine Fraser Murdoch, Susan Craik, Norma Carr (Community warden), Provost McDade

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

VC and Cllr Duff had been to see the caravan park, with reference to the flooding that had taken place in October 2023. A number of changes to communications had been made, with more information provided to and expected from those staying in the park. It was felt that the park were now in a much stronger position to deal with any future incident. The CC would look to integrate our own resilience plan with the caravan park risk assessments, and CC meetings were always available to bring up topics of concern or to share information.

VC to reply to PKC re Taymouth Castle planning applications in which constriction of the existing floodplain might be a consideration.

VC to check “frayed” cables on Wobbly Bridge, to see if they were frayed, or was some sort of debris caught on them.

The beaver situation on the Poplar Avenue now seemed to be under control, with unsafe trees felled, and all the rest of the trees wrapped with wire.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

Traffic wardens were already issuing £0 warning tickets for cars parked on pavements. These will be upgraded to full fine tickets from January. LR to put up post on FB on this.

It was felt that there is a growing problem with drink driving in the town, but with Police Scotland lacking resources to effectively deal with this. Cllr Duff happy to support efforts to reduce this, or to help with specific concerns. It is important that people do not ignore or tolerate drink driving if they become aware of it.

NC reports other things in the town as being fairly quiet at the moment.

Focus Topics:

Taymouth Development

VC & VF had attended community councils liaison meeting with DLC in November.

The castle open day had been warmly welcomed by many in the community, and had worked well for Taymouth Castle as well. DLC were supporting a range of local projects in the area.

Work on the golf course was progressing well now, with much of the area sown out. There was a requirement to bring in external supplies of sand/ gravel, which was being sourced in Alloa. To this end, there would be 25 X lorry loads a day going to Taymouth until early December. It was felt that this was not a significant increase on current traffic pressure, and there had been no reported problems with this.

ACC were keen to understand the implications with reference to flooding from the building of new houses in the castle grounds, some of which would require bunds and other protections built around them, potentially constricting the natural flood plain and increasing risk of flooding in Aberfeldy. DLC would forward reference codes for the planning applications involved.

Moness trees

DLC had now submitted a planning application for tree felling. This was likely to take some months to process.

Resilience Plan

VC to finalize wording of plan with PKC, and look to put out something in the Quair in early New Year.

The emergency back packs were very good, with 4 X of these now available to us, and Tayside Waders have also got access to a wider range of equipment, including generators.

The recent accident on the A9 resulted in a lot of traffic coming through the town from both directions, but especially from the south, including a lot of big lorries which slowed everything down and created a lot of problems. Efforts had been made to stack lorries up on the A9, but many lorries will have been able to bypass this by diverting further back. The roads locally were too narrow to allow 2 X large vehicles to easily pass by one another, especially on the Crieff Road coming down in to town.

Community planning

A final report was currently being drafted to summarize outputs from community consultation process, and there will be a need to take forwards recommendations in this during 2025. It is likely that a draft will be produced by end of December, with final report in March. There will be a parallel Place Making exercise to help inform Local Development Plan, a new version of which is currently in development.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There was one microgrant to be discussed after the meeting.

Main Fund

There were still ongoing problems with getting an endowment fund set up, with Foundation Scotland adding in new requirements including the setting up of a charitable company to oversee

things. There was currently a lot of frustration around this. The Griffin/ Calliacher Fund is now 15 years old, with only 10 years still to run, so it is crucially important to have a endowment fund set up if we are to still have some source of community funding available beyond 2035.

Reports

Chair

The Aberfeldy Common Good Fund had agreed a policy of capping payments each year at £1000 to try and grow the size of the fund, and ensure, like Griffin/ Calliacher, that funding options would be there in the future.

Secretary

No report

Treasurer

We currently had £1180 of defibrillator money, £665.11 in micro-grants and £254.22 in resilience money. The administration grant has not been paid in to account yet, but is expected shortly. As such, JD has some small cheques yet to pay out, awaiting funds coming in.

Housing/Planning

It was noted that the Cottage Hospital had now been sold, and that fencing had been erected to secure the premises. No sign yet of any revised planning application.

Cllr Reports

A motion was coming before the council asking that they develop a mapping resource that people can access to show them all renewable energy projects in their area, so that they can put any new applications in a better overall context.

AOCB

There was no other competent business.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 4th February 2025