

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

***Tuesday 4th March 2025 at 7.30pm***

## MINUTES

### **Present**

Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice- chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Rob Stubbs.

In attendance: Cllr John Duff, Sgt Rory Miller & PC Andy Beattie (Police Scotland), Gill Steele (Aberfeldy Development Trust)

### **Apologies**

Provost McDade and Susan Craik

### **Minutes of previous meeting**

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

### **Matters Arising**

Enforcement of pavement parking was now in place.

The wall at Bridgend has been repaired.

Locus Breadalbane are addressing the issue of poor lighting at the back of the hall.

Jean Duff had now taken over running of the website.

The CC was currently trying to move on the road safety equipment stored locally so that we no longer have responsibility for insuring it.

There are some discussions ongoing re providing a new banking hub in Highland Perthshire. However, the likelihood is that this would be in Pitlochry.

### **Crime Prevention and Community Safety**

Sgt Miller was known to all present. There were no ongoing issues to be aware of at present.

### **Focus Topics:**

#### *Taymouth Development/ Moness Resort*

Work at Taymouth itself seemed to be progressing well, with the castle open, and 2024 being used to prepare the golf course to the required standard. There were ongoing meetings with community council reps.

A Pre- application notification (PAN) had been published for Moness Resort, setting out intention to seek planning permission to convert 77/103 former timeshare cottages in to employee accommodation, with flexibility to use as visitor accommodation as required. There will be an open drop-in event on 18<sup>th</sup> March at Moness setting out plans, with a follow up event in April, before application in early summer. All welcome to attend events. This will potentially be the most significant development that the community council will be asked to give a view on this year.

### Moness trees

It is now understand (post- meeting) that felling permission has been granted to take down trees. However, it is now bird nesting season, so work cannot take place before July.

### Resilience Plan

PKC hwere happy with our resilience plan. but one key contact number yet to finalize.

### Community planning

A lot of work was going on at the moment to finalize the current plan. A launch event is planned for 26<sup>th</sup> March in the Birks Cinema. The community council have agreed to take on a list of action points, and should be aware of the various initiatives to be taken forwards by others.

There will be a presentation on community planning at April CC meeting, to be presented by Rob Stubbs and Gill Steele.

### Graveyard

There had been no progress made on this yet, much to our frustration.

## **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

### Micro grants

One application to discuss after meeting. Funds for the year had not yet been received.

### Main Fund

The next meeting was Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> March.

## **Reports**

### Chair

No additional report

### Secretary

There was a significant issue of dog fouling at Tomchulan Court. PKC were aware.

### Treasurer

We currently had £446.75 of administration grant money, £254.22 of resilience money, £1580 of defib money and £165.11 of micro grant money.

A defib cabinet has recently been replaced at a cost of £250. This is why funds are now held, so that all units can be upgraded over a period of time.

At the recent budget, PKC had agreed to increase administration grant money to £1000, after the approach by our treasurer to Cllr Duff who included this as an amendment to budget.

## **Housing/Planning**

ADT now have funds to purchase the former slaughterhouse site, and where expecting to submit a planning application in the summer. There where some issues around access from Appin Place.

**Cllr Reports**

The budget had passed a 9.5% increase in council tax, to be followed by subsequent increases of another 9.5% and 6% in the next two years.

There would be no change to library provision.

There was to be a consultation on a visitor levy to support better visitor infra structure, although there were concerns about how this might work in practice, and whether existing provision would now be paid through this mechanism instead.

The Cross- Tay link was to be opened shortly by the First Minister.

**AOCB**

There were no matters arising.

**Date of Next Meeting**    Tues 1st April 2025