

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Aberfeldy Town Hall.

Tuesday 4th August 2026 at 7.00pm

MINUTES

Present

Victor Clements (Chair), Lorraine Reed (Vice Chair), Elaine Fraser Murdoch (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Nancy Warren

In attendance: Provost McDade, Cllr John Duff

Apologies

Rob Stubbs, Susan Craik

Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of previous meeting were taken as read, proposed by JD and seconded by LR.

Matters Arising

Resilience insurance and community action plan items to be deferred until September.

The main road at the caravan park was to be realigned later in August. However, it appears that a water pipe is closer to the surface than originally thought, and that this might delay the operation while this is investigated and alternative plans developed around this.

VC to speak to ASBA re use of the square.

At the meeting, Rabbie was yet to return to the Birks, but that matter has since been resolved, and he is now back in place.

The toilets are now open and operational again, with the street sweeper opening them in the mornings, and Richard Deveria volunteering to close them in evenings. Our thanks to Richard for doing this.

There was a discussion about people parking on the bridge over the Moness Burn, which was a problem when people did this, although it did not appear to happen that often.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

At previous meeting, there had been a discussion about speeding cars on Dunkeld St. We have since had a complaint received re speeding on Taybridge Rd, with several houses finding it difficult to drive out safely on to the road. The 20 mph sign was not having much effect on those cars driving too quickly. It was suggested that one of the pop-up policemen be used to see if that reinforces the message for people to slow down. VC to maintain communication with residents.

Focus Topics

Aberfeldy twinning discussion

There was a long discussion about options and principles around this. In short, for a twinning to work, there needed to be genuine links between the towns involved, they should be reasonably

accessible, and if the language was different, then it needed at least to be a language that was taught in schools here. Options in Europe were easier to pursue than options in North America. There were possible options in Ireland as well, north and south.

The obvious cultural and historic links with Aberfeldy were through traditional music, and the Black Watch. At this stage, it was agreed that we should not talk about specific towns, but concentrate on principles.

It was agreed to discuss again in September, potentially setting up an open evening at our October meeting to discuss options from local community. We need to make progress on this within current council cycle before elections next May.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

Micro grants

There were two applications to be decided after meeting. We currently only have £16.61 in micro-grant money.

Main Fund

The SSSEN consultation would report back in due course. The response in Aberfeldy was fairly poor in terms of numbers of people taking part.

Reports

Chair

CC members had distributed survey forms to town businesses re banking provision, and collected again to forward to consultation address. There were more than 30 responses. It was a good way of collecting information from businesses, and perhaps a good method to be used with other issues.

There had been a significant consultation on a big woodland creation scheme for Urlar Estate. This would potentially change the landscape above the town from a largely open hill area to a native woodland.

JD had attended 2 X meetings re headstones in the graveyard in conjunction with other CC areas. Aberfeldy and Pitlochry were especially affected. Provost McDade and Cllr Duff had brought forward a motion at council to try and get a more proportionate response to what was going on. There was a meeting on this at the end of August. JD would look at providing a list of affected headstones, so that we could inform people of what was going on. At the moment, many people simply did not know.

Secretary

There were no other reports.

Treasurer

We currently had £499.60 of administration grant money, £16.61 of microgrant funds, £4504.26 of defibrillator money and £224.22 of resilience money.

Accounts will be made up to 31st August, and it is planned to present these at AGM in November.

Housing/Planning

PKC planning officers have recommended support for the planning application to convert 61 X holiday cottages at Moness for dual purpose use. A decision will be made by the planning/placemaking committee on 12th August.

There has been no feedback on either the Corran Reile or Dun Aluinn applications.

Cllr Reports

There was ongoing pressure on library provision, and important to keep an eye on budget recommendations for next year.

Arrangements to give the council greater oversight of short term lettings through the planning process had been passed by a single vote.

A visitor levy of £4 per room per night has been proposed subject to additional consultation.

The twinning weekend in Perth had been very busy and successful with a range of events covering delegations from several countries.

AOCB

There was a complaint made about the amount of time it was taking to clear broken down vehicles from the A9, with a number of incidents in recent weeks.

There was a Climate Emergency event in the Birks Cinema on 17th August.

Tayside Waders were losing access to their bank account, and asked if the CC could help. VC and VF to liaise on this and report back to September meeting.

Cllr Duff was to arrange a meeting between the CC and ADT, following the differences of opinion that had emerged re Corran Reile earlier in the year. This would probably wait until the outcome of planning application was known.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 1st September 2026