

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

Tuesday 5th March 2019 at 7.30pm

Minutes Draft

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Elaine Fraser (Vice- Chair), Avril Taylor (Secretary), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Ian Menzies, Pat Spicer, 1 member of public.

In Attendance, Cllr John Duff, Cllr Xander McDade, Norma Carr (Community warden), Steve Dolzanska and Matt McLay (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service), Mike Morgan (PKC), Jill Davies (Rural Wisdom), Jenny Langrish (ASBA).

Apologies

Police Scotland, Lorraine Reed.

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

EF would do some research on odour monitoring equipment and report back to April meeting with findings. It was important that the CC support efforts to resolve the odour problem surrounding the sewage works.

PS would look at supplementary planning guidance with regards to the conservation area. Otherwise, there did not appear to be anything in particular for Aberfeldy CC to respond to in the current consultation which extends to 14th March.

John Duff had received pads for defribulators, distributed by Norma Carr.

VC had written to PKC in support of Dunolly planning application, which has since been given consent.

Crime Prevention and Community Safety

The Police had given apologies, with few incidents taking place since last meeting.

SD and MMcL gave an update on the Kenmore fire situation. One candidate would be coming forward to training in May, and the Kenmore fire had brought another five people forwards, two of whom are going forwards to training in October. One current member was leaving, but the net increase would put the local crew in a much better position to respond once training had been undertaken. Fire crew had been carrying out home visits with regards to fire alarms and fire safety,

and this had been given a warm response. There had been 6 incidents since the Kenmore fire, three of which had been false alarms. Aberfeldy had attended three incidents overall.

The additional local full time fire fighter was giving extra flexibility, and was able to work in conjunction with community warden in raising fire safety awareness.

NC reported that the old slaughterhouse had to be boarded up again after youths had gotten access to it.

Resilience Plan

VC had yet to complete plan, to be available in April.

Focus Topics:

Flood defence options

PKC personnel unable to attend meeting. Hopefully will be able to attend April or May meeting. John Duff to clarify.

Tay Valley time bank

Jill Davies gave a presentation on local transport initiatives which she was helping co-ordinate through the Public Transport Unit, in particular use of the No 91 bus and volunteer car drivers. Ian Menzies would provide input for Aberfeldy CC.

Ongoing areas of interest:

Action Partnerships

These were starting to develop in to more substantial initiatives. Jean Duff would input to the Community Care sub Group, Pat Spicer to the Road safety sub group and Avril Taylor to the Local Sustainability group covering housing , childcare and transport, as well as being our main representative on the overall panel.

£50,000 of grant funding has been awarded to groups within Highland ward, with Aberfeldy groups doing well in the process. The application window would open again in the summer for 2019/20.

Speeding/Road Safety Group

Vehicle activated signs are likely to be installed shortly. The Group has some money in place to buy more pop-up police, which can be loaned to other local areas. There is some frustration over build- outs. Money is available to install them, but there are not sufficient personnel in place to develop and design the projects properly. Speeding surveys had taken place on Taybridge Terrace, with 22% of vehicles going more than 30 mph and 91% doing more than 20 mph.

Dalweem

There was a positive feel about this at the moment, with preparations taking place for a number of new clinics, the medical car being stationed there, and ongoing efforts to recruit suitable staff.

Dog Fouling

A meeting was arranged for 3.30pm on 20th March to discuss how we might best address this in Aberfeldy. 2-3 CC members plus community warden to attend and to report back with any recommendations to April meeting.

Town Square Re-development

The job would shortly be going out to tender with a planning application being submitted shortly. The intention is for work to begin in June, and end by November. This is a major project, and there is likely to be some disruption during the period of construction. A liaison officer is to be appointed as part of the process.

Common Good Fund

The next meeting will be in June.

Griffin Community Benefit Panel

No report.

Reports

Chair

There have been some changes following the review of how community councils are run, with the obvious change being that the financial year will change. Aberfeldy CC had no problem with the suggested changes.

PS had been attending the A9 dualling meetings, and he considered the project to be well run, with good community liaison and opportunities for inputting views.

Secretary

Communications reported elsewhere in meeting.

Treasurer

We had £119.66 of speeding money, £452.28 of administration money, and funding for the community warden for 2019/20.

Councillors Reports

X McD reported on the council budget which featured a 4% increase in council tax. There would be no changes to the recycling centre as suggested before the meeting. Dundee would be leading on the Tay Cities Deal.

JoD reported that Highland ward drains were inspected and cleared on a two year cycle. He had attended a meeting on ETAPE 2019, and considered the current operators to be well organized.

Planning

An application for Aberfeldy Town Square was to be submitted shortly.

The Dunolly application had been approved.

There had been a review meeting in to the rejection of the Fishers laundry development, the result of which was unknown at the time of this meeting.

AOCB

VC would write to Mike Williamson with regards to seeing if the playpark at Victoria park could be fenced off against dogs to reduce the amount of dog dirt in that area. This would also serve as a useful exercise in to how community engagement with the Common Good Fund could be better achieved.

JoD was to chase up the bench from Old Crieff Road which had been taken away for repair.

PS had been working with Cllr JoD to implement an initiative for telling visitors about parking opportunities in the town, with a parking layby potentially being set aside for this purpose on the eastern edge of town.

PS was also working with PKC ranger and others to try and bring improvements to the path along the river side between the Wades Bridge and Dunolly.

Communications have been slipping again, partly due to us not having a minutes secretary at present. Subject to be discussed at April meeting.

Date of Next Meeting Tues 2nd April 2019

ACTION LIST:

Who:	Action	By When
VC	Finalize Resilience Plan & distribute	1st April
EF	Research odour recording equipment	April meeting
AT	Bring up Campus ca parking at Parents Association meeting	April meeting
JoD	Get PKC staff to attend CC meeting, April or May, to discuss flood defences	April meeting
JoD	Chase up bench for Old Crieff Road	April meeting
VC	Meet with MW to discuss excluding dogs from playpark.	April meeting
VC	Meeting re dog fouling	20 th March