

# ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Regular Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

***Wednesday 7th December 2016 at 7.30pm***

## **Draft Minutes**

### **Welcome**

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Ron Young (Vice Chair), Jean Duff (Treasurer), Duncan Curran, Ian Menzies, Lorraine Reed, Pat Spicer.

In Attendance: Cllr Ian Campbell, Cllr Mike Williamson, Sgt MacNaughton & PC, Norma Carr (Community Warden) & seven members of the public.

### **Apologies**

Cllr Kate Howie

### **Minutes of the previous meeting**

No changes to what was circulated. Proposed for approval by Jean Duff, seconded by Ron Young.

### **Matters Arising**

VC attended the HPCP AGM Nov 28. The forward plan is to try to hive off the Broadband entity to protect what has been achieved so far and then to regroup. The trustees/executive will carry things forward to the end of the financial year in March and consider what if any future there is for HPCP.

Lorraine's co-option has been notified to PKC and so she is now fully re-instated.

Proposed meeting with Moness re the caravan park is slated for Tuesday Dec 13 (IC, VC to attend).

Still no minutes secretary. Review of our budget suggests we can only afford to offer the minimum wage. A proposal was made to take a different tack in advertising the post. There was also a proposal to look at shifting our meetings to a free location to save money.

Crossburns Windfarm public enquiry took place. Result will not emerge until next year.

VC has written to PKC planning confirming the ACC support for the application for houses at Duntium.

Ian Campbell reported that the possibility of re-use/upcycling centres in Pitlochry and Aberfeldy is being taken forward and there will be a meeting next week. However, he stressed available government funding to kick things off was limited.

IM laid the wreath at War Memorial on behalf of the Community Council.

The condition of the pavement outside the Breadalbane Hotel was discussed, to be taken forward in due course.

Mike Williamson has been looking in to the problem with the trees in the burn at the Watermill. In hand.

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

Sergeant MacNaughton reported that the official opening of the safety hub had taken place. The new policing model is expected to go live 17/1/17. It is hoped this will have two community focussed PCs. It is also hoped that by then IT and phone links from the safety hub to Pitlochry will be installed making use of the Hub by the Police much more useful. Mention was made of the accident outside the hotel (driver over the legal alcohol limit) and two warrants issued in connection with drug offences. Much stress was put on the need for intelligence from the community to help with policing as resources are so limited. This can be supplied anonymously. The value of SelectaDNA kits for marking of property was promoted. Contact the police or visit website (<https://www.selectadna.co.uk/>). Sgt MacNaughton offered to clarify mixed messages received re use of private CCTV security systems.

Norma reported on progress on the slaughterhouse, dog fouling, fly-tipping and problems with bottles. Sorted problem with partial failure of the Xmas lights. No new requests made for Norma to attend to.

It was reported that we are 16 days (1/2 way) into a programme putting a focus on Domestic Abuse issues.

Progress has been made with PKC Environmental to deploy speed data gathering equipment in Aberfeldy. Looking to hopefully start in January, monitoring the four main arterial roads.

### **Resilience Planning – Defibrillators**

John Duff reported on progress with deploying the defibrillators. They were handed over by Lucky2be here at an event in the Town Hall on Wed 9th November. Training was given to all those attending. Four of the units are now deployed at the Co-op, the Birks Cinema, Bowling Club and Fire Station. Work to deploy the fifth in the Moness Crescent area is ongoing. A lengthier written report was presented and is available with the full minutes.

Training of the first responders group has progressed and it is understood that the group is now 11-12 strong. More are needed however and further training will be arranged next year. Aberfeldy is now well placed with the progress made.

### **Regeneration of Town Square**

Ian Campbell has meeting next week with Historic Scotland about possibility of more funding. However, the meeting is a legacy from when the Co-op building might have come into local ownership, so not optimistic.

### **Common Good**

Nothing to report

### **Griffin Community Benefit Panel**

The setting up of two new funds one for Enterprise and one for Endowment was reported. The Enterprise fund would receive a one off funding of £250K. The Endowment fund will start with £250K and it is aimed to run this, including periodic adds, so it is sustained beyond the 25 year term of the wind farm funding. More details to emerge. The ACC expressed the view that applications be restricted to the five impacted CC areas rather than all of Highland Perthshire. Views of the other four CCs to be gathered. Volunteers being sought for panels. JD volunteered.

## **Reports**    Chair

It was reported that the town should anticipate either actual road closures or parking restrictions/restricted access in January for work on installing the fibre for high speed broadband.

There was a discussion about recycling issues in Aberfeldy. This to be given prominence on our Agenda at next meeting in February.

There was problem with parking in some areas of the town. MW would arrange for traffic warden to come up for a day, with any outcomes to be reported back to community council.

Billy Chung raised a complaint about CC business, including who was eligible for micro-grants, the publication of minutes of meetings, and a comment in the October 2016 minutes. All issues were dealt with within the meeting.

Secretary – none (office still vacant)

Treasurer – We have £547-24 in our funds and £1266-11 of grant money, plus the balance of the defibrillator funding.

## **Planning**

Nothing to report.

## **Councillors Report**

*Ian Campbell* – mentioned that the 5 year funding plan for PKC by central government will be notified next week and that expectation is bleak. A 5% cut is current guesstimate, but could be as high as 8%. By February will need to set budget for start in April. It was stated that a 3 ½% cut equated to c £13m.

A process is being formulated to enable grants to be sought from the Community Partnership Fund. The expected pot is c £7000 with a max award of £1500.

*Mike Williamson* – mentioned plans for co-operation between the Community Campus and the Birks cinema, the Rural Crime Forum to happen in January and the Tayside Waders who now are ready to consult on a resilience plan.

## **AOCB**

Bill Hoare reported on the ETAP organisers looking for a route extension which would result in more disruption for local folk. Expectation is that this will not happen for 2017, but might for future years due to insufficient time. He also reported that the legal issues have been completed to transfer the field adjacent to the Lower Birks into ownership by the HPCLT. A plaque recording the donation will eventually be erected. Options for use will be sought with something in the Quair in February.

Work on conversion of part of Dalweem to serve the community in lieu of the Cottage Hospital is underway for completion by end February. There was mention of what was to happen to the cottage hospital building (possible accommodation building for staff or outright sale by NHS), but no definitive answer available.

Jimmy Wallace raised the derelict state of the grounds surrounding the old church building adjacent to the school and whether anything could be done to get the owners to maintain it better. A letter is to be sent. PKC has no powers to enforce.

Problem of the smoothness of the new paving surface on Taybridge Road was raised as a safety concern with winter approaching and the existence of two care homes on the street. Two people had been observed slipping and falling. To be raised with PKC roads. Concern that if not raised this surface might become standard.

There was discussion about how community council communication could be improved.

There was discussion of how the Community Warden position could be maintained in the long term. Aim to have a more informed discussion at the February meeting.

**Date of Next Meeting    Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017**