

ABERFELDY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting

Aberfeldy Town Hall

Wednesday 5th December 2018 at 7.30pm

MINUTES DRAFT

Welcome

Present: Victor Clements (Chair), Avril Taylor (Secretary), Ian Menzies, Lorraine Reed and three members of public.

In attendance: Cllr Xander McDade, Norma Carr (Community warden), Jake Kitt & Steve Dolzanski (Scottish Fire & Rescue Service)

Apologies: Cllr John Duff, Jean Duff, Pat Spicer, Mark Jenkins, Elaine Murdoch.

Minutes of previous meeting

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

Matters Arising

VC had problems with computer and had not been able to forward draft resilience plan. Defer to February.

A User Group had been established for the Birks.

PKC guidelines do not allow pedestrians to take items to recycling centre on foot, following a fatality at the recycling centre at Friarton some years ago. Aberfeldy CC had received a representation on this, but it did not appear to be a widespread concern in the town.

NC to follow up branches obscuring roundabout signs on Kenmore street.

All 2019 CC meetings would now be held on a Tuesday to enable cllrs to attend more meetings. The CC would not be meeting in January or July.

AT still to set up generic CC email address and confirm to PKC and VC.

Publicity was in place re Action Partnership funding applications.

Information had been obtained re PKC policy to inspecting and clearing drains. Detail to be discussed at Feb 2019 meeting.

Crime Prevention & Community Safety

The Police were not in attendance. No particular areas of concern at present.

The Fire & Rescue Service currently only had 8 personnel out of a target number of 12. This allowed the service to operate out of normal working hours, but it was very difficult to form a crew of four within the 9-

5 pm time period. Many potentially suitable people were now working outwith the town, and the expectations placed on retained personnel were significant. There were currently three applications for positions in Aberfeldy, but it would take some time before they were trained and available. ACC would highlight the need for members of public to come forwards, and ASBA would speak to businesses to see if they could help. It may be that another full time employee could provide a useful input, perhaps shared between a number of stations in Highland Perthshire. The problem of finding suitable personnel was widespread throughout rural Scotland. Personnel had to be 18 years old, be able to pass a fitness test, and be able to commit sufficient time to be able to keep the various skills needed up to date.

The pads on defibrulators needed to be replaced, and the Co-op had removed their unit from outside the premises, and installed their own inside the shop. John Duff was investigating what to do with existing unit and to arrange for pads to be replaced.

Resilience Plan

Deferred to February 2019 meeting

Focus Topics:

Action Partnerships

Applications for funding were currently being invited, and there seemed to be a good level of awareness around the process.

Speeding/ Road Safety Group

No report received. ACC had received invoice for insurance for equipment.

There was now an initiative to monitor speed of timber lorries locally, which the timber industry and contractors were buying in to.

Cultullich Bridge

Cllr Duff was leading on this but had given apologies for meeting. VC to clarify current position. It was reported previously that options were being evaluated.

Town Square Re- development

PKC had reported that funding was now all in place, and that clarifications had been provided that there were no issues re shared space schemes or this project in particular.

A planning application would be submitted shortly, and a tendering process instigated in the early spring, with a view to taking forward the scheme in summer 2019. PKC were in communications with local business. This would be a major project in Aberfeldy in 2019. The CC had asked for community representation on group overseeing the tendering process, to make sure that appropriate weighting would be given to those bids that properly considered the full range of community issues that might arise from the development.

Common Good Fund

No updates.

Griffin Community Benefit Fund

The CC had allocated all micro grant money for 2018, and there were no applications to be considered.

Reports

Treasurer

We held £6000 for the Community Warden position. All microgrant money for 2018 had been allocated. There was £803.54 in the account in connection with the speeding group, and we had £457.60 of administration money still outstanding.

Councillors Reports

Xander McDade reported that there were some significant funding issues locally. The Health & Social Care budget was over- spent by £4 million, but there were other areas of pressure as well.

There was an independent review of mental health provision on Tayside currently under way.

A proposal had come forwards to centralize the preparation of school meals in Dundee.

PKC were currently operating a Micro- enterprise Fund, providing grants of £1500- 10,000 for new businesses starting up.

Planning

No issues brought up.

AOCB

NC reported on the Safe Drive Stay Alive initiative in Perth where pupils at school had been shown some very hard hitting materials about the need for new drivers to drive safely. It was considered to be a very effective initiative.

The lights had been left on all night again at the Community Campus football pitch, but this had been resolved.

Date of next meeting: Tuesday 5th February 2019

ACTION LIST:

Who:	Action	By When
VC	Finalize Resilience Plan by 16 th January 2019	16 th January 2019
NC	Report on branches at Kenmore St roundabout	Feb meeting
AT	Set up and confirm generic CC address	31 st January
JoD	Discussion on Aberfeldy drains policy	Feb meeting
JoD	Replacement pads for defibrulators	1 st January 2019
JD	Pay speeding group insurance invoice	31 st January
JoD	Clarify position re Cultullich Bridge	Feb meeting
VC	Try to get community representation on Town Square tendering group	Feb meeting