

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7pm at the Hub and via Microsoft Teams

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC

Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC

Beth Hay, AVCC

Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC

Bill Lobban, Highland Council

Willie McKenna, CNPA (via MS Teams)

2. Apologies for absence

Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC

Joe Kirby, AVCC

Kirsty Bruce, AGCT

3. Declarations of interest - none

4. Minutes of previous AGM 2021

Kathleen Cameron proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Beth Hay.

5. Chairperson's Annual Report

It has been an honour to serve as Community Council Chair over the past year. I am glad to report that AVCC has continued to grow and develop and is more robust than this time last year.

Particular thanks must go to my fellow Office Bearers. As Secretary, Elspeth Byrne has taken on a considerable administrative burden, and ensures that meetings run smoothly. Elspeth has also put a great deal of effort into sorting out our website and insurance cover. Our Treasurer, Kathleen Cameron not only keeps on top of our finances, but manages the bookings and management of the Village Green. And Al Dargie, as Vice Chair has been happy to step in when required and remains an invaluable source of help and advice.

As relatively recent Office Bearers we all continue to learn as things arise, and we thank our fellow Community Councillors Beth Hay, Jeni Miller, Sally Devlin, Joe Kirby and Willie McKenna for their continuing support and patience.

I would like also to record my thanks to Councillor Bill Lobban, and to Liz Cowie and the other Highland Council officials who do so much to help keep Community Councils functioning.

The past year has of course seen us continue to operate under various covid regulations and restrictions. On a practical level, this has meant some meetings being held virtually, and has restricted some of the activities and events we would normally hope to deliver. We were delighted to host (jointly with Aviemore Community Enterprise Company) a re-opening day on the Village Green last August. The weather was kind, and a range of local groups participated in a hugely successful and enjoyable event. Equally, it was a delight to resume the annual Christmas lights event, and to see local children having such fun singing on our new stage. We hope that there will be more such events in the coming year.

Thanks to the hard work of Sally Devlin, we were awarded funding from Cycling Scotland to promote and encourage cycling for "new" cyclists. This resulted in a successful

programme of guided rides for beginners and cycle maintenance classes. On a related note, we are planning our first Cyclethon for early October, to encourage local families to explore Rothiemurchus and Glenmore in a friendly and fun event.

The relaxation of covid restrictions seems likely to bring more changes to the number and profile of visitors to the area. We have been involved in discussions with CNPA and other local bodies regarding preparations to ensure everyone is able to enjoy the area responsibly. We very much hope that these will help to ensure that there is a reduction in the unacceptable behaviour of a small number of visitors which has blighted the past couple of summers.

Planning issues remain at the fore. The Community Council has considered and commented on several high-profile applications, including the Grampian Road hotel development, and several on Cairngorm Mountain. Balancing the drive for economic development with the need to maintain the quality of the local environment can be a challenge for all involved, and we continue to take our role in the planning process seriously.

Other issues arise regularly, and we have made representations to the relevant bodies regarding the felling of trees around the Horse Field development, the traffic management issues at the north of the village, and the proposed BT broadband poles.

The pressure on local housing supply is one of the biggest issues facing the Strath, and Aviemore in particular. The Community Council fully supports the Highland Council's proposed measures to restrict the leakage of local homes to the short-term holiday let market.

The terrible events in Ukraine continue to remind us all how fortunate we are to live in peace and relative stability. We have joined with community groups from across the Strath to discuss how we can best work together to welcome and support refugees from the conflict as and when they arrive here. We all hope that our input will not be required, but we stand ready to assist if the need arises.

Beth Hay proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

6. Treasurer's Financial Statement

See attached. Peter Long thanked Kathleen Cameron for keeping good financial records.
Elsbeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the Statement, seconded by Beth Hay.

7. Demit of current office bearers and election of office bearers

Bill Lobban took the Chair for the nomination of the Chairperson.

OFFICE	NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairperson	Peter Long	Kathleen Cameron	Beth Hay
Secretary	Elsbeth Byrne	Kathleen Cameron	Beth Hay
Treasurer	Kathleen Cameron	Beth Hay	Elsbeth Byrne

The Vicechair is not an officer and will be appointed at an AVCC meeting. Willie McKenna was reappointed as CNPA representative.

8. Provisional date of next AGM - 11th May 2023

9. Closure 7.15pm