

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the AGM on Thursday 9th May 2024 at 8.40pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC
Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC

Elspeth Byrne (Minutes) AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Bill Lobban, Highland Council

2. Apologies for absence

Laura Nicholl, FLS

3. Declarations of interest - none

4. Minutes of previous AGM in 2023

Peter Long proposed acceptance of the 2023 AGM minutes, seconded by Al Dargie.

5. Chairperson's annual report

Al Dargie presented the Chairperson's report.

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council – Chairs Report May 2024

It's always a pleasure to pause and look back on a busy year to see the many accomplishments achieved by a community group such as the Community Council. This year is no different and has seen changes within the Community Council having had elections last Autumn. At the elections Beth Hay and Audrey Turner stood down, special thanks go to Beth for her many years of service, which she continues in her other volunteering roles. Thanks go to the office bearers prior to the election of Peter Long (Chair), Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer) and Elspeth Byrne (Secretary).

Following the elections I, Alastair Dargie took on the role of Chair, Peter Long moved over to Secretary, Kathleen Cameron continued as Treasurer with Eilidh McLeod joining as Vice chair. I must thank all office bearers and councillors for their support and wise council as we continue to represent the community to the best of our ability. Thanks also to Bill Lobban our local Highland Councillor (HC) and Lauren MacCallum CNPA Board Member for the support they provide to us and the members of our community.

It has been a busy year with several key planning applications that the community council have responded to with the Highland Council, CNPA and the Scottish Government Reporter. At times a frustrating process, but we

continue to engage with the community to represent their views as much as possible.

We will continue to work with the CNPA on the next Local Development in the hope that they can deliver the long-term strategic master plan that is so badly needed for Aviemore and the surrounding area.

A significant time has been spent to assist with visitor pressures in Glenmore. This has included consultations on traffic regulations, parking charges, dirty camping and recently a significant consultation on the potential introduction of a byelaw to ban campfires within the National Park area. The community Council also supported Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust in their successful bid for a Community Asset Transfer of the Visitor Centre and Café.

The Community Council continued to operate and develop the village green over the last year. It is with great pleasure that we can announce that the ownership and transfer of the village green to Aviemore Community Enterprise company has now concluded just 2 days prior to the AGM. This concludes many years work started by former Chair John Grierson and completed by our previous Chair and now Secretary Peter Long. This has been a significant piece of work, and it should not go underestimated how time consuming this has been for everyone involved.

The Community Council in collaboration with Voluntary Action Badenoch and Strathspey, along with other community organisations have been working on the next version of the Community Action Plan, which will help set the priorities for our community over the next 5 years.

We are proud to continue our work to keep Aviemore attractive, through planting out our flower planters and flower beds. We also continue regular litter-picks, which are

a great community activity though, of course, we would all rather they weren't necessary!

As always, we welcome members of the community to come along to our regular meetings and hope some may wish to join us in the future as Councillors.

Alastair Dargie
Chair, Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

Peter Long proposed acceptance of the Chairperson's report, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

6. Treasurer's financial statement

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's financial statement. (Attached below)

Jeni Pacitti proposed acceptance of the financial statement, seconded by Peter Long.

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

Al Dargie handed the Chair to Bill Lobban. Current office bearers were demitted.

OFFICE	NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairperson	Al Dargie	Kathleen Cameron	Jeni Pacitti
Secretary	Peter Long	Jeni Pacitti	Kathleen Cameron
Treasurer	Kathleen Cameron	Al Dargie	Jeni Pacitti
Vice Chair	Eilidh McLeod	Al Dargie	Jeni Pacitti
Associate	Lauren MacCallum	Peter Long	Eilidh McLeod
AVCC on ACE board	Al Dargie	Jeni Pacitti	Eilidh McLeod
AVCC on ACE board	Jeni Pacitti	Al Dargie	Peter Long

The Chair was handed back to Al Dargie.

8. Provisional date of next AGM – Thursday 8th May 2025.

9. Close 8.53pm

Bank Reconciliation at 31st March 2024

Treasurers Account	£	£
Balance at 1st April 2023	3,527.41	4,586.57
Add: Income	1,467.28	
less: Expenditure	1,609.39	

Balance at 31 March 2024	3,385.30
Bank Statement	
Balance per the statement at 31 March 2024	
Less Unpresented cheques	
Add: Unbanked income	
Balance at 31 March 2024	3,385.30

Bonus saver account	Account		£	in	£	out	£
Balance at 1 April 2023						8,276.22	
Add Interest Received						£125.44	
						£8,401.66	
Expenditure							
VG clear up			£1,270.00				
VG ownership			£1,519.00				
VG Maintenance			£402.98				
Insurance			£723.81				
VG deposit			£90.00				
Craft fairs returned due to poor weather			£220.00				
1.com			£110.24				
			£4,296.03				
Add Income							
VG hire						1,070.00	
Craft Fairs						£4,070.00	
Deposit						50.00	
Insurance						£723.81	
1.com						£110.24	

Balance at 31 March 2024	£10,129.68
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Balance per the statement	£10,129.68