

# **AVIEMORE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7pm via Microsoft Teams**

### **1. Present**

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC  
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC

Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC  
Beth Hay, AVCC

### **2. Apologies for absence**

Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC  
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC  
Joe Kirby, AVCC  
Paul Jarvis, Visitor

Bill Lobban, Highland Council  
Willie McKenna, CNPA  
Kirsty Bruce, AGCT

**3. Welcome and introductions** – Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**4. Meeting etiquette** – Peter Long reminded everyone about meeting etiquette.

### **5. Declarations of interest**

Beth Hay recorded a non-financial interest in agenda item 9k.

### **6. Minutes of last (June) meeting**

**The minutes of the June 2021 meeting were accepted – proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Beth Hay.**

### **7. Matters arising from last (June) meeting**

#### Stalls at village green

Beth Hay said she had not been able to obtain any information from Highland Council but, given that lots of other local areas are having markets, we could probably go ahead. Kathleen Cameron had put a post on Facebook asking for people interested in running a stall to get in contact but no one had done so.

**The meeting agreed to a charge of £15 per stall.**

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to prepare a poster.**

#### Unightly roundabout at Blacks/Retail Park

Peter Long had informed the concerned local resident that Bill Lobban was taking this forward.

### **8. Treasurer's report**

**The AGM treasurer's financial statement was accepted – proposed by Beth Hay and seconded by Elspeth Byrne.**

Kathleen Cameron said that £396 funding had been agreed by CNPA and the money would be received when the litter pick was done. She had reimbursed Peter Long for the £490.86 spent on litter pick equipment.

The insurance had been paid.

A donation of £300 had been received from a running group.

The clean-up of the village green had been carried out at a cost of £380. The arrangements for electricity supply to the village green had been clarified and the electricity account is £1.76 in credit.

Bank statements were now coming to Kathleen Cameron. There was access to both AVCC accounts and two signatories for each.

**The treasurer's report was accepted - proposed by Elspeth Byrne and seconded by Beth Hay.**

## 9. Business

### a. Village Green legal work

Peter Long had asked for more information on likely conveyancing costs. The solicitors are not able to confirm the amount but it is likely to cost around £300 for valuation of the site (the amount to register the site as belonging to AVCC depends on the valuation). The registration costs are not very expensive. Peter Long suggested that the community council goes forward as far as registration and then get an estimate of final cost. The meeting agreed.

**Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Beth Hay.**

### b. Paths' funding

Peter Long said that we had run out of time on what was a very complex process. The work had not been wasted as it had established what needs to be done. In future we need to have people working on this earlier and have a contractor on board who could specify the work to the required standard.

**Action: Peter Long to find out if there is anything we can learn from the areas that got funding.**

### c. Litter picking

Peter Long said that the gloves and litter pickers had cost £500. We will receive Green Recovery funding following the litter picking event and use of the Green Recovery logos in publicity for the event.

**The meeting agreed on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> August from 10am to 12 noon, meeting at the school at 9.45am.**

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to prepare poster including logos.**

**Action: Kathleen Cameron to put poster on Facebook.**

### d. Flowers

Peter Long expressed massive thanks to Beth Hay for the work done. Beth Hay said the volunteers had been wonderful and passed on her thanks to them.

**Action: Kathleen Cameron to reimburse £24 to Beth Hay for topsoil.**

### e. Safe Water research by Stirling University.

Elspeth Byrne was interviewed by Heather Anderson from the University of Stirling for a project seeking to understand how people in Scotland, who have experience of a water dispute, construct their understanding of safe water. Heather Anderson said that the research might influence the Drinking Water Quality Regulator to consider consumer perception of taste etc, not just check scientific analysis.

### f. Cairngorm masterplan

Peter Long said that the Cairngorm masterplan does not include our representations and does not seek comments. He and Willie McKenna are meeting with Susan Smith of Cairngorm Mountain next week and Peter will report back on their discussions.

**g. Dalfaber junction**

Elsbeth Byrne had submitted the AVCC response and had received an acknowledgement.

**h. Opening of the village green**

Kathleen Cameron suggested that, now that the work has been completed on the village green, there should be an opening event. ACE were happy for it to be a joint venture with the community council. This would be an event for families to enjoy with stalls, games, music etc then an official opening at 4pm. The community council would do a bottle stall and ACE would also do a stall. There should be something for children to participate in.

**The event would be held on 28<sup>th</sup> August and start at midday.**

**Action: Peter Long to arrange for someone to do the official opening.**

**Action: AVCC members who are available to help put up the tents am.**

**Action: Kathleen Cameron to arrange for children's activities.**

**i. New woodland creation consultation – Aviemore Lost Forest**

The meeting agreed the community council should support this development. This was proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Beth Hay.

**Action: Peter Long to send message of support on consultation.**

**j. Short term lets consultation**

Peter Long asked for comments. The meeting expressed concern about short-term lets and second homes with little accommodation for working people.

**Action: Peter Long to respond to the consultation.**

**k. Lاراig View – erection of 7 houses, restaurant and production building**

Beth Hay declared an interest in this development. Peter Long said that the development is outwith the Aviemore boundary but will enhance the appearance of the area, the only concern being traffic. The meeting wondered whether the houses were intended as permanent homes that would be available for sale to local people.

**Action: Peter Long to comment as above on the proposed development.**

**10. Reports from other organisations**

**a. CNPA report – no update**

**b. Highland Council report – no update**

**c. ACE board member report – comments on Village Green opening above**

Kathleen Cameron said that flowers and hanging baskets were up. The JBC company will do the watering and will get paid at the end of the work.

The winter lights competition finishes at the end of August.

ACE have contacted Highland Council regarding problems with the banners.

The Hundred Club is doing well and they now have 'Amazon Smile' and a 'Just Giving' page. The web site is up and running [www.aviemorecommunity.org](http://www.aviemorecommunity.org)

#### d. AGCT report

Kirsty Bruce had provided a written update for the meeting which said "AGCT continue to work on progressing the Aviemore Community Ice project. Since February 2021 £27,500 has been raised from online donations and community fundraising. What has been most encouraging is that there is broad support from many parts of our community for the ice project from locals, holidaymakers, local business, holiday let owners and second home owners. The Trust were also successful in achieving £25,000 from CNPA/Cairngorm Trust GRF. Both the rink and marquee have been sourced and deposits paid. The Trust are hoping to have the rink operational from mid-October through to end of the Easter holidays. The marquee (30m x 15m) will be made available to community groups when not being used for ice."

#### 11. AOCB

Beth Hay said that the notice board required repair/replacement.

**Action: Beth Hay to request written quotations for both repair and replacement options.**

Peter Long said that CNPA are going to have volunteer rangers on the Aviemore to Boat of Garten track. **The community council support this initiative.**

Peter Long said that Al Dargie will represent the community Council at the CNPA 'Managing for Visitors' event.

Peter Long said that there is another tree planting consultation for land at Abernethy and the other side of Cairngorm which will allow trees to self-regenerate. **The community council support this development.**

Peter Long said that the Cycling UK Shift project were inviting grant applications from communities to increase/improve cycling opportunities.

**Action: Sally Devlin to prepare a draft funding application.**

Peter Long said that a local person had requested to discuss a café development with the community council. Peter Long had told him that the community council cannot take a position ahead of a formal planning consultation.

#### 12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August 2021

#### 13. Meeting closed 9.20 pm