

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 14th April 2022

7pm at The Hub

1. Present

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

Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC
Beth Hay, AVCC
Bill Lobban, Highland Council

2. Apologies for absence

Neil Maciver, Police Scotland
Willie McKenna, CNPA

Kirsty Bruce, AGCT

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

4. **Declarations of interest** – none.

5. Minutes of March meeting

Kathleen Cameron proposed that the minutes be accepted. Seconded by Beth Hay.

6. Matters arising from March meeting

Web site

Steve Byrne has now fixed the items that were going to cost £600 and done backups and maintenance. The meeting thanked Steve for his work.

Traffic too fast at North of Aviemore

HiTrans have secured solar lights for the orbital crossing. Highland Council Planning propose a site visit in the next few weeks Roads, Road Safety and the Community Council to discuss possible improvements.

Action: Bill Lobban will write to Highland Council suggesting that the 30mph speed limit be extended to the A9 junction.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to contact Neil Maciver, Police Scotland, to ask for speed checks to be carried out at the orbital crossing point and opposite the caravan site.

Queen's Jubilee 4th June

Highland Council cannot make funds available for the event so any catering has to be from voluntary sources – possibly 'bring your own picnic' with food and drink available to buy.

Elsbeth Byrne proposed that £200 be made available from Community Council funds for the event. Seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Action: Beth Hay, Elspeth Byrne and Donna Shaw to meet on Friday 22nd April at 2pm to progress plans.

Dalfaber Drive junction

Elsbeth Byrne had emailed the consultants, aecom, pointing out the lack of information provided to AVCC and that we are only getting updates informally. Peter Leslie of aecom replied, apologising for the oversight. The works are due to start by the end of April.

Strathspey Avenue play area

Elsbeth Byrne has emailed Carole Butler to find out who the contacts are for the play equipment group and the food growing group.

Village Green maintenance

Beth Hay said that this was done today and looks lovely.

Wall needing repair at South end of Aviemore

Photographs of the areas requiring repair was sent to Highland Council and they have passed this to their contractor.

Insurance

The amended schedule has been received with a quote for £487.95.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to check the schedule.

Kathleen Cameron proposed that the quote be accepted if the schedule is correct. Seconded by Beth Hay.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the report. The Mikes Bikes money has been taken out of the Reserve Account. A cheque needs to be paid in from the Treasurer's Account. She is still trying to get the electricity moved to the Treasurers Account. There is still £135 available for the cycling. Sally Devlin has this in hand. A deposit has been received from the Cairngorm School of Dance for the event on the Village Green.

Al Dargie proposed acceptance of the report. Seconded by Beth Hay.

8. Police report - The meeting discussed the police report.

9. Business

a. Emergency planning

The meeting agreed to set aside a half day to do the work. Peter Long, Al Dargie, Beth Hay, Elspeth Byrne and Kathleen Cameron (if possible) all agreed to take part in the exercise. Beth Hay offered her home for the work. Al Dargie will bring screens, laptop, etc. The work would be carried out in May.

Action: Al Dargie to let Peter Long know his availability for May.

Action: Peter Long to set up a framework.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to apply for funds for MS Teams licenses from SSEN by 13/5/22.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to get template from Carole Butler and circulate before the meeting.

b. Managing for visitors

Peter Long had attended a meeting with CNPA and the Cairngorms Business Partnership a few weeks ago. Work done to learn lessons from previous years showed likely trends for visitor numbers. Bill Lobban said that Forest and Land Scotland are objecting to work being done to improve parking and the road side on the road out to Cairngorm. He said that the new toilet block will be open soon at the tunnel below the Youth Hostel and the tunnel will be made safe.

c. Active Aviemore

Peter Long met with an Active Aviemore representative and ACE to discuss the Active Aviemore role. Potentially funds are available for small/medium projects eg footpaths.

d. PH22 Housing Group – update PL

The group was set up following the housing conference. It is an alliance of 25-30 people committed to living in the area who cannot get housing. There was an interesting presentation from The Community Housing Trust who support small scale developments in rural locations. The PH22 Housing Group are looking at developments in the local area but outwith Aviemore. People might have different tenures, costs, shared ownership, etc. There were lots of ideas and enthusiasm but it will not be a quick fix. The group will contact Peter Long if developments are progressed.

Action: Peter Long to let the PH22 Housing Group know that the Community Council would be inclined to support any developments, subject to normal planning conditions.

e. Welcoming refugees

Peter Long said that he and Bill Lobban had attended a meeting organised by Frank Anderson with people across Strath – organisations and concerned individuals. There was a lot of passion and good will, and ideas to provide homes and join up services. Bill Lobban said that there were 98 potential homes but only 34 refugee families and that we can expect 5/6 refugee families in Badenoch & Strathspey. The big problem is the inability of both Governments to get people here and no one has arrived yet. He said that people should consider what's best for refugee families who might be best served being close to central services rather than remote locations.

f. Planning criteria

Peter Long had been considering which planning applications should come to the Community Council. He suggested the following criteria:

- Issues of significance for Aviemore, particularly the village centre
- Anything called in by the CNPA
- Anything new build
- Anything with a significant environmental impact

Elsbeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the criteria. Seconded by Beth Hay.

g. Community Field Inverdrue ('The Triangle')

Elsbeth Byrne had been unaware that the Community Council had the use of this area but had now arranged Public Liability Insurance for it. Peter Long was progressing arrangements for the maintenance of the area with Liz Cowie. Bill Lobban said that Sarah Murdoch, Highland Council Legal Department, could be contacted if required.

h. Danger being caused by mountain bikers

Elsbeth Byrne raised this. There had been a number of occasions where there had been near misses in the woods at High Burnside and she was concerned that walkers and horse riders were at risk. She was not anti-mountain biking – just keen that there be some education of responsibilities.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to contact the Local Access Forum, talk to Sally Devlin and contact the Badenoch & Strathspey Trail Association.

- i. **Murdo Fraser's Members Bill on Fly Tipping – response by 23rd May**

Action: Beth Hay and Elspeth Byrne to produce draft response for the next meeting.

10. Reports from other organisations

- a. **CNPA report** – none.

- b. **Highland Council report** – Bill Lobban said there was no report as Council in recess.

- c. **ACE board member report**

Kathleen Cameron said that there was nothing to report. Beth Hay said that the hanging baskets and watering of them was in hand. Beth Hay and Jeni Pacitti had decided where to plant bulbs on the Village Green.

- d. **AGCT report** – none.

11. AOCB

The AGM would be held on the same evening as the next Community Council meeting on 12th May with the AGM starting at 7pm and the normal meeting starting at 7.30pm.

Al Dargie asked if the changes to the Dalfaber Drive junction would have any impact on the flower tubs. They will not.

Al Dargie said that cemetery parking was a problem but that it came within the Boat of Garten Community Council area. People were using the car park to go wild swimming and paddle boarding at Loch Va.

Action: Bill Lobban will take this up.

12. Date of next meeting and AGM – Thursday 12th May 2022

13. Close 9.05pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 14th April 2022

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 28 th Feb 2022		£3621.43
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	0.44	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE Electric		
Balance at 31 st march 2022		£3621.87
Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 28 th Feb 2022		£4,519.77
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	£0.04	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
<u>Mikes bikes</u>	£420.00	
<u>Deposit CooneyJM</u>	£50.00	
Balance at 31 st March 2022		£4,099.81