

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 12th May 2022 at 7.30pm
at the Hub and via Microsoft Teams

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Beth Hay, AVCC
Elspeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC

Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Willie McKenna, CNPA (via MS Teams)
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

2. Apologies for absence

Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC
Joe Kirby, AVCC

Kirsty Bryce, AGCT

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long congratulated Bill Lobban on his re-election to Highland Council. He sends his congratulations to the other successful candidates namely John Bruce, Muriel Cockburn and Russell Jones.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of April meeting

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

6. Matters arising from April meeting

Traffic too fast at North of Aviemore

Bill Lobban said that the Highland Council is in recess so there will be no meetings and no contact until Monday.

Elspeth Byrne said that Neil Maciver, Police Scotland, was arranging for speed checks.

Queen's Jubilee 4th June

Elspeth Byrne gave an update on plans for the event. Beth Hay, Elspeth Byrne and Donna Shaw are meeting again tomorrow. Kathleen Cameron suggested using the stocks at the event and getting a small face space added for children.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to ask Jenni Pacitti if her husband could amend the stocks.

Neil Maciver joined the meeting.

Dalfaber Drive junction

Bill Lobban said that Highland Council were proceeding with the works.

Insurance

Elspeth Byrne said that Zurich Insurance said that the amount paid had just been an additional sum and that there was still £236.23 owing. She had asked Zurich for clarification.

Emergency planning

Peter Long said that it had been difficult to get a group together. Elspeth Byrne had not applied to SSEN for funds for MS Teams licenses as the free version would suit our needs. The template from Carole Butler had been distributed and an updated template would be distributed when provided.

Rothiemurchus Triangle

Peter Long had received a copy of the lease documents from John Grierson.

Draft response to Murdo Fraser's Bill on Fly Tipping

Beth Hay and Elspeth Byrne had prepared a draft response. Bill Lobban said that if responsibility was taken away from the land owner, then this would have a terrible impact on the council. Neil Maciver said that two pieces of evidence are required and the driver of the vehicle has to be identified, not just the company they are working for.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to amend point 4 and submit response.

7. Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's report had been distributed prior to the meeting. Kathleen Cameron said that two craft fairs were being held on the Village Green per month. She said that the new electricity sockets were a great improvement.

Elspeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Beth Hay.

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 111 incidents from 14/4/2022 to 11/5/2022 and gave a description of the types of incidents. He said that there had been no more cycle thefts.

Bill Lobban said that the house builder at Dalfaber had ordered equipment for the Dalfaber level crossing half-barriers. This was being jointly funded by the developer, Highland Council and the steam railway.

Neil Maciver will arrange speed checks at the north of Aviemore on Monday/Tuesday.

9. Business

a. Community Centre gardens tidy-up

Kathleen Cameron said that, prior to Covid lockdown, there had been a discussion that Community Payback Orders could be used to tidy up the community centre gardens.

Action: Bill Lobban to find out who runs the scheme.

Bill Lobban was concerned about the state of the pond outside The Vault – the entire waterfall area is knee-deep in weeds. He said that Highland Council had spent a lot of money, pre Covid, tidying this up.

Action: Peter Long to write to Debbie Sutton, Area Amenities Manager.

b. Glenmore – parking and visitor management

Peter Long had met Glenmore residents who expressed concern about the way things are going so far this year. The main issues were the volume of visitors and parking problems, dirty camping and fires on the beach which could cause a fire to take

hold. They expressed frustration that the main players – Highland Council and Forest and Land Scotland – have not resolved these issues.

Bill Lobban agreed that there is a problem. He said that there should be no overnight parking by the loch or on the roadside. The National Park, Forest and Land Scotland and the Highland Council had agreed on action in the past. The Council had intended to introduce parking charge on roadside. Bill Lobban said that they could introduce a by-law saying that no fires could be lit on the beach and/or we could supply barbecue areas.

c. Lights on the Village Green

Kathleen Cameron said that the information from a supplier had not yet been received and she would raise this at next month's meeting.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Willie McKenna said that the Glenmore issues were as previously discussed. He said that there is a consultation taking place about the NMU route from Aviemore to Carrbridge.

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said that he does not have a report as the Council is in recess.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said there was nothing to report.

d. AGCT report - none

11. AOCB

Kathleen Cameron said that the local bins were unsightly. She said that Kingussie and Kincaig had painted theirs during lockdown and asked if AVCC would provide funds for paint.
Action: Bill Lobban to find out if Highland Council intends to replace the bins and let Peter Long know.

Elspeth Byrne proposed that if the bins are not going to be replaced then AVCC should pay for paint and brushes to allow for refurbishment. Seconded by Beth Hay.

EB asked if should include the Treasurers report with mins on our Web site etc. Peter Long said she should.

Peter Long said that Liz Cowie is retiring. Lewis Hannah will take on her role.

Peter Long said that AVCC sends it's thanks to Liz Cowie for all her help and advice over the years.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to amend distribution list.

12. Date of next meeting – provisionally Thursday 9th June 2022

13. Close 8.40pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 12th May 2022

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31st March 2022		£3621.87
<u>Income</u>		
Interest		
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE Electric	£ 26.64	
Chq 293 to Bonus Acc	£420.00	
Balance at 30th April 2022		£3,175.23
Cyclists Club_balance £135.00		
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31st March2022		£4,099.84
<u>Income</u>		
Chq28 from treasurer acc	£420.00	
Craft fair	£300.00	
Interest	0.29	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Any jobs VG clear up	£150.00	
R McBean VG sockets	£136.00	
Thank you web site	£ 22.99	
Balance at 30th April 2022		£4,511.14
Deposit CooneyJM	£ 50.00	