

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 9th June 2022 at 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

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Willie McKenna, CNPA
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland
Johnnie Grant, Rothiemurchus

2. Apologies for absence

Bill Lobban, Highland Council

Muriel Cockburn tried to attend but the door was locked and she could not gain entry.

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long expressed sorrow at the death of Joe Kirby and said how passionate he had been about the community. Al Dargie agreed and said that Joe had been the initiator of many excellent projects in Aviemore. He would be a big loss to the community. Willie McKenna said that Joe Kirby was able to generate conversation about important issues – he made people think. The community council meeting held a few minutes of quiet reflection to remember Joe Kirby. Our thoughts are with his family at this sad time.

4. Declarations of interest – none.

5. Minutes of May meeting

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

6. Matters arising from May meeting

Peter Long said that the Aviemore Royal Garden Party on the Village Green was a successful event and he thanked all those who participated. Kathleen Cameron said that £112.13 had been received in donations at the event.

Elsbeth Byrne confirmed that she had submitted the response to Murdo Fraser's bill on fly tipping

Peter Long confirmed that he had written to Debbie Sutton, Area Amenities Manager, about the state of the pond outside The Vault.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's Report. She said that the craft fairs were generating funds for the community council. She said that the organisers of the food and drink festival had had to pay for a Highland Council Events License. Clarification of the rules around licensing were being sought.

Jeni Pacitti proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that a new Inspector would be appointed when the current Inspector retires at the end of July. He said that there had been 114 incidents in the area in the last month. The police had done a few speed checks at the north of Aviemore and would continue to do more. The road works were a problem at the moment and were causing frustration for drivers with traffic backed up from the Happy Haggis to the road works on some occasions.

Action: Peter Long to write to Bill Lobban about the problems being caused by the road works.

9. Business

a. Lights on the Village Green – quotations from Blachere Illumination

Kathleen Cameron and Elspeth Byrne had met with the Blachere salesman. The meeting agreed that the priorities should be lighting the statue, the trees at the front and the big tree at the side. Three quotations would be required.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to obtain information about repair of the statue and obtain more information about costs.

b. Funding request from Additional Support Need Department at Aviemore Primary School

Jeni Pacitti described what the sensory bus is and value of it. Kathleen Cameron said that, because the bus is located outwith the school, this causes fewer problems for the school.

Jeni Pacitti proposed that the community council fund a maximum of two sessions, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to write to Murray Ferguson of CNPA to ask for funds for one session.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to liaise with the school.

c. CNPA Call-in Notification – 2022/0167/DET – relocation of sewer pumping station (response by 17th June)

Al Dargie proposed no action, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

d. 22/02131/FUL – installation of surface tow and related infrastructure on White Lady (response by 14th June)

Al Dargie proposed that we support the application, seconded by Beth Hay.

Action: Peter Long to submit a response.

e. 22/00015/RBREF

Al Dargie proposed that the community council support should stand, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Action: Peter Long to confirm that AVCCs previous decision was ruled to be competent by Highland Council.

f. Proposed developments at Macdonald Highland Resort

Al Dargie said that more information about affordable housing and staff accommodation was required before the community council could express an opinion. Peter Long said that we can ask for a community presentation.

Al Dargie proposed that we ask for a presentation to the August meeting, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Action: Peter Long to request a presentation.

g. Aviemore to Carrbridge non-motorised user route (response by 15th June)

Beth Hay proposed that we support the development, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to respond supporting the development plans.

h. Aviemore Community Action Plan

Peter Long said that a meeting was being organised by VABS with AVCC, ACE and AGCT. He would attend on behalf of AVCC.

Al Dargie said that the AGCT boundaries were not the same as AVCC and ACE. He said that a huge amount of work had gone into the action plan by AVCC, most is still relevant and a lot has been delivered.

The meeting discussed the problem of lack of housing.

In response to being asked about progress at An Camas Mòr, Johnnie Grant said that there has been some good news, but there remains insufficient confidence to take forward the plans. Following the AVCC initiative for a new sustainable community, Rothiemurchus took the proposal forward on the understanding that it would be progressed through private/public partnership. Since the initial decision to grant permission in 2010, there has been insufficient confidence to attract private sector investment to this long-term plan. An Camas Mòr had several mentions at the Housing Summit and it was mentioned in the Scottish Parliament National Parks debate on 7 June 2022.

Al Dargie said that this was discussed at the December meeting attended by local and national politicians and other relevant organisations. He said that we needed to hold those responsible for provision of housing to account.

Action: Peter Long to draft a letter to Highland Council, CNPA and the Scottish Government, referring to discussions at the December meeting.

Action: Al Dargie to add to the draft.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Willie McKenna said that he was attending a meeting tomorrow where he hoped that the Cairngorm National Park Plan would be agreed.

He said that the Scottish Government was keen to see beavers introduced. There would be a review of capercaillie management. The plan for Cairngorm had been passed. There

would be improved signage on long distance routes including the Speyside Way and reduction of gradients at Kinrara.

b. Highland Council report – none.

c. ACE board member report

Beth Hay said that hanging baskets and banners were being arranged.

Beth Hay said that Sheena Rayburn, the landscape architect being funded by money that ACE had received, had provided information about what could be developed at Myrtlefield if permission could be obtained from the site owners. The proposals were very attractive. The ACE board should see the full report from Sheena Rayburn at the July meeting.

d. AGCT report – none.

11. AOCB

Kathleen Cameron said that from next month the AVCC meetings would move back to the community centre but would have to stop by 9pm.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to book the community centre for future meetings.

Willie McKenna asked if the repairs to walls at the south end of Aviemore had been completed. Elspeth Byrne thought they had but would check.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to check that repairs to walls completed.

Peter Long said that AVCC can have up to 10 members. It cannot function if membership drops below five members including co-opted members. He said that we need to advertise available slots at the next elections in September, with nominations being submitted by August. He said that co-opted members were encouraged to put their names forward. The current elected members, Peter Long, Kathleen Cameron, Al Dargie and Beth Hay, do not need to be re-elected at the same time.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to check the process and rules with Lewis Hannah, the Ward manager.

Beth Hay said that flowers from Highland Council, for Aviemore, would be arriving any day and all the tubs were ready. Help would be required for planting.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14th July 2022

13. Close 9.20pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 9th June 2022

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 30 th April 2022		£3175.23

Income

Interest

Expenditure

SSE Electric

Balance at 31st May 2022		£3,175.23
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Cyclists Club_balance £135.00

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 30th April2022		£4,511.14
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Income

Craft fair	£345.00	£ 345.00
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Craic events	£305.00	
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H cooney (electricity)	£ 10.00	
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Interest	0.43	
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Expenditure

Any jobs VG maintanance	£120.00	
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Balance at 31st may 2022		£ 5,051.57
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Deposit CooneyJM	£ 50.00	
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Craic events	£ 50.00	
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