

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2022 at 7pm  
at the Community Centre

## 1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC	Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC	Willie McKenna, CNPA
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC	Johnnie Grant, Rothiemurchus
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC	Audrey Turner, Visitor
Beth Hay, AVCC	Roddy Stevens, Visitor
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC	Anna Ronayne, Active Aviemore

2. **Apologies for absence** - Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

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

4. **Declarations of interest** – none

## 5. Minutes of July meeting

Beth Hay proposed acceptance, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

## 6. Matters arising from July meeting

Item 6, 1<sup>st</sup> para - Village Green lights

Kathleen Cameron said that an electrician had suggested that lighting up the statue, as is done at the War Memorial, would be a cost-effective solution. She is waiting for a quotation.

Item 6, 2<sup>nd</sup> para, on July minutes - Funding request from Additional Support Need Dept  
Elsbeth Byrne has written to Murray Ferguson of CNPA.

Aviemore Community Action Plan

**Action cf: Al Dargie to add to the draft letter produced by Peter Long.**

Jubilee spending – fully accounted for.

Item 8, 3<sup>rd</sup> para, on July minutes – ‘CycleMore’

Kathleen Cameron and Peter Long were liaising with Neil Maciver of Police Scotland.

Item 9c on July minutes - Permanent 20mph speed limit - Elspeth Byrne had responded.

Item 9e on July minutes – Tulloch development on the pony field

Elsbeth has written to David Clyne, CNPA, to ask for clarification on closed footpath and flood impact. (See 11a)

## 7. Treasurer’s report

Kathleen Cameron said that £822.11 had been received from the Highland Council.

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

## 8. Anna Ronayne, CNPA – talk on the Active Aviemore Project followed by questions

Anna Ronayne, CNPA, gave an interesting presentation on the Active Aviemore Project. Her presentation slides are attached.

## 9. Mobility Access issues

Willie McKenna said he gets lots of phone calls about the railway underpass to the hospital. He said that this is Network Rail's problem and has been going on for a year. The deadlock needs to be broken. Bill Lobban said that Highland Council have agreed to improve the road up to the railway underpass and the steepness on the town side. Network Rail want Highland Council to take overall responsibility.

Roddy Stevens said that he and his wife get to the GP via the railway underpass. He said that Aviemore is dreadful for mobility access and had sent photographs (which were circulated with the agenda). He said that the main road was generally OK but not 100% - dropped kerbs should be marked and flat to the ground. Today his wife got stuck when her mobility scooter got stuck on the path up to Strathspey railway where the stones used were the same as the ones on railway lines and are not suitable for a mobility scooter.

Peter Long wondered if there was some way that this can be fed in via Anna Ronayne's project but some issues were just maintenance. Bill Lobban said that a substantial sum of money was required to sort out all of the problems and the council does not have the budget, but this project could help. Anna Ronayne said that the CNPA Active Aviemore project can help if it can secure funding.

Roddy Stevens suggested that, because of the scale of the problem, it would be best to target a few things at a time eg the route to the GP/hospital.

## 10. Business

- a. **22/03005/FUL - Alterations and extension at Macdonald Aviemore Hotel** adding two additional floors (called in by CNPA - response by 22/8/22)  
(Bill Lobban and Willie McKenna did not take part in these discussions.)

Al Dargie said that the current buildings are unattractive – a flat roof with bits sticking up. He thought that the addition of one floor with a pitched roof would be better but thought that two floors would make the building too high. Kathleen Cameron agreed.

**Al Dargie proposed objecting on the grounds of scale, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

**Action: Peter Long to submit comments.**

- b. **Village notice board**

Elsbeth Byrne read the letter received from ACE which proposed a notice board on the wall facing the Post Office. Al Dargie said that a Community Notice Board should be at the heart of the community ie the Co-op rather than the Post Office.

**Beth Hay proposed applying to the Co-op for a notice board there, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.**

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to respond to ACE.**

- c. **Consultation Request for Application 2022/0172/DET – Installation of surface tow and related infrastructure, White Lady - Amendment to red line boundary**

**Al Dargie proposed no action, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.**

**d. Business advertising boards**

Peter Long said that concerns had been raised that advertising boards at Myrtlefield and elsewhere are unsightly and hazardous to those with disabilities.

**Action: Bill Lobban will raise this issue with Highland Council on behalf of the Community Council.**

**e. Community-Led Vision Fund**

Elspeth Byrne said that information had been received about this fund. Bill Lobban suggested that this could fund moving the orbital crossing from where it is currently to half way back towards the Robertson's estate and include the necessary footpath.

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to find out if this is possible.**

**11. Reports from other organisations**

**a. CNPA report**

Tulloch Development on the pony field

Willie McKenna had spoken to Adam Streeter-Smith of Highland Council planning who said that the footpath diverted by Tulloch was temporary and assured the CNPA that when the work was completed the proper path will be reinstated. Willie McKenna said that the path was never declared a core path or right of way and that this could be rectified now.

**Action: Peter Long to check core paths marked on Local Development Plan.**

Loch Morlich loch-side

Willie McKenna said that Loch Morlich loch-side was a mess with lots of plastic cones. He said that the trees that Forestry and Land Scotland claimed were being damaged will have fencing put round them. Bill Lobban said that Forestry and land Scotland want concrete bollards along the side of the road to protect the trees and Highland Council has turned down this request. He said that if parking at the loch-side was going to be removed then it would have to be provided somewhere else. Willie McKenna was reassured that consultants had been hired to produce a management plan for transport, parking, etc in Glenmore. Bill Lobban said that there had been a proposal for a park-and-ride site but the proposed area was now a dog walking area.

**b. Highland Council report**

Bill Lobban said that the Council had been in recess for the past month.

He said that newspaper reports about progress on access to the Macdonald Highland swimming pool were not accurate. No proposals have been put to elected members. He suggested that, in the short term, the best that might be achieved is to bus children to Grantown on Spey pool. Al Dargie and Beth Hay were in favour of Aviemore having it's own swimming pool.

Kathleen Cameron asked Bill Lobban if the community payback scheme could be used to tidy up the gardens around the community centre as discussed at the June meeting.

**Action: Bill Lobban to look into using the community payback scheme for the gardening work at the community centre.**

### c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that the AGM was a success with around 15 members of the public attending.

Tulloch are going to let ACE on site to put up the outdoor classroom.

Tulloch portacabin site office

Tulloch have offered their site office portacabin to the community. ACE are considering where it can be stored and/or used – it could be a great asset for the community. ACE have two weeks to decide. Bill Lobban pointed out that planning permission would be required to put it up and that it would cost a lot to provide the necessary services ie water, sewage, heating, etc. Johnnie Grant said that Rothimurchus could store the portacabin.

Myrtlefield

ACE has been looking at options for improving the Myrtlefield site.

**Action: Peter Long to send plans to Malcolm Macleod and Bill Lobban.**

### d. AGCT report - none

## 12. AOCB

'CycleMore' cycling event on 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Kathleen Cameron said she was discussing arrangements with Bruce Cranston and Paul Jarvis. She asked if the Community Council could provide £250 for up-front costs.

**Kathleen proposed £250 from the Community Council, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.**

Al Dargie said that the road surface on Railway Terrace was very rough and the pavement on the train side was poor and narrow. This causes difficulties for residents using Zimmer frames etc. He asked that surfacing of the pavement be prioritised.

**Action: Bill Lobban to take to Highland Council.**

Beth Hay said that a Litter Pick was happening on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> August from 10am-12.

Community Council elections

Peter Long said that the process had been triggered and that there were 6 vacancies.

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to find out if we can co-opt more members if we get 10 full members.**

Potential planning issue – residents and local business had raised concerns about a potential combination and expansion of B & Bs in Craig-na-Gower. A second planning application may be imminent. AVCC will consider any representations at that stage.

Street Naming - Peter Long said that the Community Council will be asked to consider street names for the new houses by the golf course at the September meeting.

**13. Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th September 2022 - Jeni Pacitti gave her apologies.**

**14. Close 9pm**

## Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

### TREASURER'S REPORT 11<sup>th</sup> Aug 2022 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>		<b>£2536.92</b>
<u>Income</u>		
HC	£822.11	
Interest	£ .44	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE	£ 44.64	
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>		<b>£3,314.39</b>
<b>Cyclists Club_balance</b>	<b>£135.00</b>	
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
<b>Balance at 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022</b>		<b>£5,337.00</b>
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fair	£390.00	
Craig events (VG)	£255.00	
Interest	£ .44	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Any jobs VG maintenance	£120.00	
<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> July 2022</b>		<b>£ 5,862.44</b>
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
Highland Brass band	£ 50.00	