

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 8th September 2022 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

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

Willie McKenna, CNPA
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland
Johnnie Grant, Rothiemurchus
Roddy Stevens, Visitor

2. Apologies for absence

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC

Bill Lobban, Highland Council

(Al Dargie had sent his apologies but these were not seen prior to the meeting.)

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

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of August meeting

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

6. Matters arising from August meeting

a. Village Green lights (August minutes 6)

Kathleen Cameron had not yet received the quotation for lighting up the statue as is done at the War Memorial.

b. Sensory bus (August minutes 6)

Elspeth Byrne said that CNPA had agreed to fund one session and Kathleen Cameron was liaising with the school to get the two sessions put in place. Kathleen Cameron said that the school were delighted.

c. Aviemore Community Action plan (August minutes 6)

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

d. Permanent 20mph speed limit (August minutes 6)

Elspeth Byrne had received a reply from Highland Council, thanking the Community Council for their support of making the 20mph limit permanent and noting our desire for this to be extended. They said that existing mean average speeds preclude this from being included at the present time but will keep the scheme under review.

e. Mobility access issues (August minutes 8 and 9)

Roddy Stevens had a useful visit with Anna Ronayne and her colleague. Willy McKenna said that local residents told him that obstacles to mobility caused a lot of anxiety in case

something went wrong e.g. concern that they would get stuck at the underpass going to the hospital.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to write to Anna Ronayne, Bill Lobban, Neil Young and Colin Simpson (CNPA) recognising the progress made but asking for the problem resolution to be expedited, particularly the hospital underpass.

- f. Tulloch development on the pony field (August minutes 6)
Elspeth Byrne had received a reply from CNPA saying that blocking of the path was agreed during the planning process and that the diversion would be removed when work was complete. There had been a breach of planning conditions re the floodplain and CNPA were working with the developer to ensure resolution of the issue.
- g. 22/03005/FUL – Alterations and extension at Macdonald Aviemore Hotel (Aug mins 6)
Peter Long had submitted the comments agreed.
- h. Village notice board (August minutes 10b)
Elspeth Byrne had responded to ACE.
Action: Beth Hay to write to the local Co-op to ask if a notice board could be placed there.
- i. Community-Led Vision Fund (August minutes 10e)
Elspeth Byrne had written to Neil Young (Highland Council Planning & Environment) to ask if anything had been decided re improving safety at the north end of Aviemore. He replied that £10,000 of funding has been committed to enable safety improvement works to take place and HiTrans have offered two solar street lights for use at the Orbital crossing. An on-line meeting will be held on 22 September from 10-11am.
Action: Elspeth Byrne to attend along with Jeni Pacitti and Beth Hay if possible.
- j. Myrtlefield (August minutes 11c)
Peter Long had sent the plans to Bill Lobban.
- k. Emergency planning (May minutes 6)
No progress had been made so far due to lack of availability.
Action: Elspeth Byrne to email people to find out best date and time for a meeting.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's Report. She had received back £17 from Zurich Insurance. She had paid £35 to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for this year's Data Protection registration.

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

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 141 calls from 11/8/22 to 8/9/22 and summarised the types of calls. They had been very busy in the last three months. The police are aware of the CycleMore event on Sunday 2nd October.

9. Business

a. Outcome of Interim Elections and resignation of co-opted member

Peter Long congratulated Elspeth Byrne, Jeni Pacitti and Audrey Turner who are now elected members. There are three spaces for co-opted members. He said that Sally Devlin, a co-opted member, had resigned and thanked her for all the work she had done.

b. Village Green bookings for the coming year

The meeting discussed the pros and cons of the West Coast Harley's booking vs. the Highland Home Centre.

Kathleen Cameron proposed asking the Highland Home Centre what they were proposing. Seconded by Beth Hay.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to discuss proposals with Highland Home Centre.

The meeting agreed to the proposed change to Terms and Conditions for use of the Village Green so that craft fair stalls would now pay £20 per stall.

Mike Causey has proposed holding 6 food festivals per year with provision of some facilities by AVCC.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to discuss the proposal with Mike Causey.

c. CycleMore

Kathleen Cameron said that 14 people were signed-up to the event.

Lots of volunteers were required for putting tents up/down, signage, marshalling, etc. She thought 6 people would be required on Saturday and 6 on Sunday. Three first-aiders were available including Beth Hay and Peter Long. There would need to be a minimum of 25 participants for the event to go ahead and the maximum was 100.

Action: Kathleen Cameron and Elspeth Byrne to agree and put up web site and Facebook requests for volunteers.

Kathleen Cameron was putting up posters at schools, holiday locations, etc, as well as the event being on our web site and Facebook page.

Action: Everyone to share with social media pages they use.

Action: Kathleen to send information to Audrey Turner who will distribute to local ramblers and cycling groups.

d. Street naming request

A response was required by the end of September.

The meeting agreed the following names:

Pityoulish Place, Farm Road, Heather Lane and Pig Park Circus.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to respond to Highland Council.

e. Speed of vehicles at north end of Aviemore

Beth Hay said that she had been contacted by a man whose dog had nearly been hit by a car when crossing the road at the orbital route. Neil Maciver will bring this up again with his colleagues. He has sent a speed gun for calibration and will ask for additional speed checks when it is returned.

Neil Maciver suggested a speed bump at north end of Aviemore as per the one at Inverdrue.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to contact Neil Young to ask if Neil Maciver can attend the on-line meeting to discuss safety improvements at the north of Aviemore and let Neil Maciver know date and time.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Willie McKenna gave a summary of the many areas of work that are on-going including looking at fresh water systems, introduction of beavers, launch of the Partnership Plan, peatland restoration, moorland management, deer management, consultation with land owners re forest damage by storms this year.

There is a Community Councils meeting in October – Peter Long said that he is attending.

Willie McKenna said that some repairs are required to the Speyside Way e.g. to get rid of steep sections on the Aviemore to Kincairdie section.

He said that a meeting was being held at Glenmore Lodge on 22nd September to discuss travel in the Glenmore area. Peter Long is attending.

Willie McKenna encouraged AVCC to apply for Heritage Horizons funding.

He was sad to report that the planning application which included the demolition of Dalfaber farmhouse has been approved.

b. Highland Council report - none

Elspeth Byrne said that she was concerned at the lack of response to public engagements/consultations e.g. the Highland Council's 'EngageHighland' web site. She also said that it would be useful for AVCC to have a number of 'oven ready' proposed projects/developments to pursue for when funding was available.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to include a 'Public Consultations' section on our web site along with information for AVCC members about funding streams.

The meeting discussed the difficulties of adding information to some of the public consultations and the difficulties of getting people to participate.

Action: Peter Long to raise this at the October Community Councils forum along with the benefits of local Community Councils acting together on some items.

There are a number of items with Bill Lobban: clear-up at the Dell, lack of recycling bins, community payback scheme, proliferation of unsightly A-frame advertising boards, bin required at the top of Dalfaber drive and to see if Highland Council can provide bins to replace the old ones.

Action: Peter Long to contact Bill Lobban.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that ACE were going to take the portacabin on offer from the Pony Field development. It will be delivered to Rothiemurchus next week for temporary storage. She has been in touch with local groups to see how it can best be used, where it should be located, etc.

ACE has started the paperwork for the Christmas Eve parade. Assistance with marshalling will be required

d. AGCT report

Peter Long had received an email from Kirsty Bruce saying that AGCT had not been shortlisted for taking over the Glenmore campsite. Willie McKenna was disappointed and said that this had been an opportunity for return of this facility to the Community. He said that CNPA had backed the community application but that Forest and Land Scotland had made the decision.

Elsbeth Byrne to ask Kirsty Bruce if she would like AVCC to object.

11. AOCB

a. Wild flowers

Elsbeth Byrne passed around a Facebook article about another local area that is working with Highland Council to replace grass with wild flowers and suggested that Aviemore should do this too. Willie McKenna said that Heritage Horizons funding might be available to help with this.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to write to Bill Lobban asking for a list of areas of grass for which Highland Council is responsible.

b. Jane McDonald Christmas filming

Elsbeth Byrne said that Jane McDonald would be filming a Christmas Special for Channel 5 from 22-24 November. The contact was interested in using the Village Green bandstand for Jane McDonald to sing from, and asked if the Christmas tree would be up and lit.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to see if the program can provide a Christmas tree for their timescales and to let the program contact know that the official Christmas lights switch on, by the local Christmas light design competition winners, can happen on a date to suit the Jane McDonald singing.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 13th October 2022

Peter Long said that he was not available for this meeting and Al Dargie has not yet been able to confirm his attendance. This may require a Chair to be nominated on the night.

13. Close

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TREASURER'S REPORT

8th September 2022 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31st July 2022		£3,314.39
<u>Income</u>		
CycleMore	£25.00	
Zurich	£27.00	
Interest	£ .00	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
ICO	£35.00	
CHQ 298 Elspeth	£182.39	
Balance at 31st August 2022		£3,149.00

Cyclists Club_balance £135.00

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31st July 2022		£5,862.44
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fair	£240.00	
West coast Harleys	£1800.00	
Interest	£ .60	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Any jobs VG maintenance	£120.00	
Balance at 31st August 2022		£7,783.04
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
Highland Brass band	£ 50.00	
West Coast Harleys	£ 50.00	