

AVIEMORE & VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on 10th November 2022 at 7pm at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Beth Hay, AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Audrey Turner, AVCC
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC
Willie McKenna, CNPA
Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

Johnnie Grant, Rothiemurchus
Tom Ramage, Local Press
Dmytro Sinerko, Visitor
Abdal Jalil Rejee, Visitor
Pavlo Valevskyi, Visitor
Kateryne Lopushanska, Visitor
Hanna Podliuk, Visitor
Lada Seredina, Visitor
Abdaljalil Rejee, Visitor

2. Apologies for absence

Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting. He explained that the role of the community council was to represent Aviemore and the wider community including commenting on planning applications. Everyone introduced themselves.

4. Declarations of interest

Willie McKenna and Bill Lobban said that they would not take part in discussions regarding planning applications.

5. Minutes of the October meeting

The minutes of the October meeting were accepted – proposed by Jeni Pacitti and seconded by Beth Hay.

6. Matters arising from the October meeting

- a. Aviemore Community Action plan (October minutes 6a)
Action cf: Al Dargie to add to the draft letter produced by Peter Long.
- b. Village notice board (October minutes 6c)
Beth Hay is pursuing this.
- c. Improving road safety at the north end of Aviemore (October minutes 6d)
Neil Young, Highland Council Active Travel, had emailed to say that:
 - a Dragon Teeth feature will be added to the Aviemore north and south gateways
 - a tree blocking visibility at the north end of Aviemore had been removed
 - landing areas at the point where the orbital route crosses the main road would be widened and extended and the barriers removed

He would be back in touch when the third item above was being progressed. He also said that 20mph speed limits were being rolled out across the area and Highland Council would be in touch to explain what this means for Aviemore.

d. Village Green bookings for the coming year (October minutes 6f)

Kathleen Cameron said that Craic Events wanted to run more Food Fairs to build on the success of events this year. They have requested nine dates on Saturdays from spring to autumn. They may want some events to run on into the evenings. It was noted that they still have an issue regarding the cost of the license from Highland Council.

There was agreement in principle to the nine events but more detailed discussion was required regarding events running beyond 5pm. Proposed by Jeni Pacitti and seconded by Beth Hay.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to liaise re dates etc

e. Public consultations (October minutes 6h)

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

f. Wild flowers (October minutes 6j)

Action cf: Audrey Turner to work with two or three people to map out which areas in Aviemore could have grass replaced by wild flowers and to make recommendations.

g. Remembrance Day (October minutes 9d)

Action: Peter Long to message Al Dargie to ask if he is attending.

h. Christmas tree lights switch on and singing around the tree 26th November (October minutes 9e)

Kathleen Cameron said that arrangements were in hand and the lights would be switched on at 4.30pm.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's Report. She said that the Cyclemore event had cleared just over £150.

The Treasurer's Report was accepted – proposed by Audrey Turner, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 102 calls from 13th October until today. He said that speed monitoring at the north and south of the village was in progress.

9. Business

a. **22/04462/PIP Erection of holiday apartments Land West Of Cairngorm Hotel (called in by CNPA, response by 14/11/22)**

The AVCC members discussed the development and decided to object to the development on the grounds that we do not need 25 more holiday apartments, that the building will overlook the Cairngorm Hotel and the Village Green, the building was not in keeping with the area and for traffic management issues.

Objection proposed by Jeni Pacitti and seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

Action: Peter Long to lodge objection on behalf of AVCC.

b. 22/04464/FUL Erection of commercial/office/retail building Macdonald Aviemore Resort (response by 9/11/22 but extension requested)

Elsbeth Byrne proposed no comment, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

c. 2022/0241/DET Revised alterations and extension to Macdonald Aviemore Hotel (response by 21/11/22)

The AVCC members discussed the revised plans and agreed to object to the development on the grounds of height, materials, finish and the building not being in keeping with the area.

Objection proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Action: Peter Long to lodge objection on behalf of AVCC.

d. Planning applications in general

Peter Long said that Gavin Miles, CNPA, said that training in the planning process was available for community councils.

Action: Peter Long to pursue planning training by CNPA.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Willie McKenna said that there was not a lot to report. A new national park in Scotland was being discussed/planned.

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said that speed limits in the area, within towns and villages, will be reduced to 20mph by the middle of next year. Highland is a pilot area and the impact of this change will be assessed. It has made a huge difference in Edinburgh with a reduction in deaths and serious injuries. Enforcement is being discussed with Police Scotland.

The stumps from the old lighting columns outside the rail station will be removed and will be replaced by decorative lighting columns.

Ceiling lights will be put into the tunnel at the Dell. Money has been made available for surfacing the paths network.

Regarding the proliferation of A-boards around Aviemore, this is being worked through but will take several weeks.

The introduction of the short-term lets control zone is being worked through by the Scottish Parliament.

Bill Lobban said that the old-style rubbish bins could not be replaced for budget reasons. It was agreed that AVCC would seek volunteers to strip back and repaint these in the spring/summer.

Willie McKenna said that the seats opposite the shops at Myrtlefield needed attention. Peter Long said that these belonged to the two commercial owners of that piece of ground

and that ACE were trying to get them to address the need for maintenance of the seats along with the planters.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that the Winter Lights were up but some were not working. She said that there would be a Christmas Eve parade starting at the fire station at 6pm and making its way down to the Cairngorm Hotel for a sing-along and fireworks.

Peter Long said that ACE are running a project to try to get the ground at Myrtlefield upgraded. This land is privately owned by two different companies and they need to agree to it being upgraded. There was an exhibition a few weeks ago and comments were received from about 25 people.

Kathleen Cameron said that the Outdoor Classroom (behind the new houses) was large enough for 25 children. Building had started.

d. AGCT report

Peter Long gave the verbal report received from Kirsty Bruce. They were having a Winter Launch at the Ice Rink with competitions and stalls on Friday 2nd December. On Saturday 3rd December the ice hockey team were taking part in their first tournament with teams from Elgin and Inverness and have new strips.

AGCT have had further discussions with FLS regarding the Glenmore campsite and are waiting to hear if they can take on some other assets there.

Peter Long will talk to Kirsty Bruce about recycling skates.

11. AOCB

A number of the visitors to the meeting were Ukrainian refugees and have been in Aviemore for between 2 and 6 months. They expressed their thanks to the Scottish Government, the Highland Council and the community.

They described some issues with their accommodation including problems with lifts not working and families located several floors up, fire alarms going off several times a day, quality and lack of variety of food, broadband speed, mice and building leaks.

Bill Lobban said he would take this matter up with the Scottish Government.

Action: Peter Long to raise these concerns on behalf of AVCC.

12. Date of next meeting - Thursday 8th December 2022

13. Close 20.55

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TREASURER'S REPORT

10th November 2022 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 30th September 2022		£3,750.81
<u>Income</u>		
CycleMore	£170.47	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE HYDRO	£ 42.21	
CycleMore	£378.18	
Balance at 31st October 2022		£3,500.89
Cyclists Club balance	£135.00	
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 30th September 2022		£8,034.46
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fair	£345.00	
CycleMore	£190.00	
Interest	£ 2.64	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Any jobs VG maintenance	£120.00	
CycleMore forestry	£ 90.00	
CycleMore Radio	£100.00	
Festive lights	£844.68	
Balance at 31st October 2022		£7,417.41
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	