

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting on Thursday 8th December 2022 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Beth Hay, AVCC
Audrey Turner, AVCC
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC

Neil Maciver, Police Scotland
Susie Petty, Visitor
Eilidh McLeod, Visitor
Arthur Lay, Visitor
Gerai Cornfoot, Visitor

2. Apologies for absence

Willie McKenna, CNPA
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC (received after the meeting)

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting. Everyone introduced themselves.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of November meeting

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

6. Matters arising from November meeting

- a. Aviemore Community Action plan (June minutes 9h)
Action cf: Al Dargie to add to the draft letter produced by Peter Long.
- b. Village Notice Board
Siting of a village notice board at the Co-op has been pursued since August.
The meeting agreed to return to this at a later date.
- c. Village Green bookings for the coming year
Kathleen Cameron is continuing liaison with Craic Events.
- d. 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.
- e. 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.
- f. Al Dargie attended the Remembrance Day event on behalf of AVCC.
- g. The Christmas Tree lights switch on and singing around the tree 26th November

The event was a great success. The Council put up the lights and will take them down again.

The meeting expressed it's thanks to Kathleen Cameron and Jeni Pacitti for arranging the tree and the event.

- h. Planning applications in general (November minutes 9d)
Peter Long had been in touch with Gavin Miles of CNPA but had not had a response yet.

7. Treasurer's report

Audrey Turner proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Al Dargie.

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 98 calls between 10th November and today.

Speed checks had been carried out – no tickets issued but some warnings given. They will be carrying out further speed checks.

Neil Maciver said that signs would be erected for the Christmas Eve parade.

9. Business

a. Liquor applications

The Old Bridge Inn

The meeting was concerned about the scale of the application which would mean a lot of people, possibly having had a lot to drink, close to the river and increased problems with parking which is already difficult in this area. The meeting was also concerned about the impact on other river users including canoeists, as this is a canoe loading point, and fishers.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to respond on behalf of AVCC.

The Ptarmigan

The application is to extend opening hours from 11am to 11pm. The meeting agreed not to comment.

b. Pre-planning application – Reindeer Centre - demolition and replacement of the existing visitor centre and paddock walkway along with additional parking facilities.

The meeting thought that this was a positive development with the diagrams showing a nice-looking building, with a clearly defined site and parking, and agreed that a new building was needed.

The meeting agreed to support the development in principle, while reserving the right to comment on the detailed application. Proposed by Kathleen Cameron and seconded to Audrey Turner.

Action: Peter Long to write, supporting the application, on behalf of AVCC.

c. Ukrainian refugees at Macdonald's – update

Peter Long gave a verbal update on correspondence received.

d. Emergency Plan

A meeting was held last week.

Action: Peter Long will write up and discuss it at the January meeting.

e. Dunromin issue

The four visitors to the meeting explained the issue. The Vermont and Dunromin were B&Bs. Vermont had planning permission approved in the spring to change to an 11 bedroomed unmanned accommodation facility. This has caused problems for residents in Craig na Gower with car parking. The accommodation has been changed from class 9 to class 7 (hotel) which means that the short-term let control zone conditions do not apply.

The owner of Vermont has now purchased Dunromin and plans to redevelop it in the same way. Dunromin was a family home with three letting bedrooms and will also be turned into an 11 bedroomed unmanned accommodation facility. The planning application has not yet been submitted.

Residents of Craig na Gower are concerned that two B&Bs being changed to unmanned accommodation will cause problems with drunks, parking, noise and lots of cars coming and going, and is not acceptable or appropriate in a residential street.

The ongoing developments are already causing problems with workmen busy from 7am until 10pm.

Peter Long said that when the Dunromin planning application is made, the community council will review the plans.

f. Tulloch homes

The four visitors to the meeting explained the issue. Many years ago, when the Bynack Mor planning application was made, many residents in Craig na Gower objected given that there are several springs and the area is a flood plain. At a meeting arranged with residents they were told that houses would go ahead at the uphill part of the site only, and no houses would be built on the flood plain and no raised works would be built to stop the burn from spreading into the flood plain.

When it became known that Tulloch were planning changes to the flood plain, this was queried with CNPA. CNPA said that the changes planned were normal and would hold water at peak times to prevent flooding. In February the burn flooded slightly and Tulloch then excavated the flood plain down to hard clay. Water will sit in this area, until it evaporates, as there is nowhere else for it to go. They had built a dyke to prevent water from the burn going onto the flood plain which would cause any flood water to go into the houses in Craig na Gower.

CNPA officials visited the site and Tulloch were given notice to remove the dyke on 22nd June and were given 6 weeks to comply. The dyke has not yet been removed.

A response from CNPA is due next week. Peter Long asked that he be told what the response is. If there is no response, the Community Council will contact Gavin Miles of CNPA.

The residents have been in touch with Kate Forbes and Drew Hendry about this issue.

10. Reports from other organisations

- a. **CNPA report** - none
- b. **Highland Council report** - none
- c. **ACE board member report**

Kathleen Cameron said that the Winter Lights were up including the new nights. ACE were seeking volunteers to help with the Christmas Eve Parade – names to Peter Long or Kathleen Cameron. The parade leaves at 6pm from the Fire Station.

d. **AGCT report**

AGCT are meeting with residents that back onto Dalfaber Drive next Wednesday. Peter Long (for AVCC) and Kathleen Cameron (for ACE) are attending. This is regarding development of a Community Facility, to make sure residents understand what is planned.

11.AOCB

a. **A9 dualling**

Al Dargie had attended a meeting for all community councils in the Strath on behalf of AVCC. High on the agenda was lack of an update about A9 dualling which was promised by Christmas. An action from the meeting was to write collectively to Scottish Government Ministers to ask for a timeline.

Beth Hay moved that AVCC should be added to the letter, seconded by Al Dargie.

Action: Peter Long to arrange for AVCC to be added to the letter.

b. **Glenmore Campsite**

Peter Long said that the new tenants had taken over Glenmore campsite.

12.Date of next meeting Thursday 12th January 2023

13.Close

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TREASURER'S REPORT

December 8th 2022 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31st October 2022		£3,500.89
<u>Income</u>		
Sum up donation	£ 0.98	
Christmas tree donations	£153.24	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
CHQ 301	£203.00	
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Balance at 30th November 2022		£3286.21
Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31st October 2022		£7,417.41
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fair	£350.00	
Interest	£ 4.36	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Any jobs VG maintenance	£185.21	
Balance at 30th November 2022		£7,586.56
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	