

# AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 7pm  
at the Community Centre

## 1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC  
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC  
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC  
Beth Hay, AVCC  
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC  
Audrey Turner, AVCC  
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC  
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

Bill Lobban, Highland Council  
Kirsty Bruce, AGCT  
Paul Hibberd, FLS  
Paul Aarden, Visitor  
Brian Fulton, Twinflower

## 2. Apologies for absence

Willie McKenna, CNPA

## 3. Welcome and introductions

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

## 4. Declarations of interest

Peter Long, Kathleen Cameron and Beth Hay declared interest in item 9G as they are directors of ACE.

## 5. Minutes of January meeting

Kathleen Cameron proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

## 6. Matters arising from January meeting

- a. Aviemore Community Action plan (June minutes 9h)  
**Action cf: Al Dargie to add to the draft letter produced by Peter Long.**
- b. 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.**
- c. 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.**
- d. Training for AVCC on the planning process (January minutes 11d)  
**Action cf: Elspeth Byrne to find suitable dates for AVCC members – a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday evening in the Community Centre meeting room.**

## 7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's report.

**Jeni Pacitti proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Beth Hay.**

## **8. Police report**

Neil Maciver said that there had been 106 incidents since 12/1/23.

Elsbeth Byrne said that a resident on Dalfaber Road had complained about the number of cars parked on the street, causing problems with access to their house and preventing use of the pavement. She asked who the resident should raise this with. Neil Maciver said that they could email him and he would pass this on to Highland Council.

## **9. Business**

- a. **Planning – 22/06101/PIP – Residential development, staff accommodation and infrastructure, Macdonald Aviemore Resort, Grampian Road (response by 11/2/2023)**

**Al Dargie proposed that we object on the grounds that it is not clear how many affordable units are planned and that we would prefer 60% affordable/staff accommodation units. Seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.**

- b. **Planning – 22/06154/FUL – Demolition of the existing paddock structures, replacement with visitor centre and parking, Reindeer Centre, Glenmore Lodge Road (response by 12/2/2023)**

**Jeni Pacitti proposed support of the development, seconded by Al Dargie.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.**

- c. **Planning – 22/06152/FUL – Ptarmigan restaurant, external seating area (response by 23/2/2023)**

**Beth Hay proposed objecting to the development on the grounds that the visualisations were of poor quality and did not show a view from the side or above. Seconded by Jeni Pacitti.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.**

- d. **Planning – 22/06121/FUL – Glenmore Public Toilets (response by 19/2/2023)**

**Al Dargie proposed support for the development, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.**

- e. **Brian Fulton, Holdfast Entertainment – update re Glenmore Campsite**

Brian Fulton said that they had taken over the Glenmore Campsite on 1<sup>st</sup> December. They were 'finding their feet' and bookings were satisfactory. Although 29 lodges had been planned, they were not going to progress these – they would retain the site as a campsite for people to enjoy the outdoors. They were putting aside funds for community engagement. Facilities would not change within the first year. They were talking to campers to find out what they want.

Future developments might include, retarmacing, provision of toilet blocks, an external shower, dry room and bike station. Some drainage work was required and some pitches require hard standing for winter use.

Brian Fulton would be pleased to receive feed-back on anything that might be useful and also if they weren't getting something right.

They were linking with local organisations to try to help with visitor management.

**f. FLS update (agenda item 10e)**

**Action: EB to send the FLS update to attendees after this meeting.**

Paul Hubberd said that FLS would from now on provide monthly updates. He updated the meeting regarding staffing and parking/traffic management issues and plans.

Al Dargie raised concerns about sections of the old logging way where there are drainage issues and where the path is narrower than the original 2m – in some places it is not possible for two bikes to pass each other. He was concerned that there were lots of areas where it would not be possible to get a fire appliance through. Paul Hubberd thanked Al Dargie for bringing this to his attention.

The meeting discussed parking and the need for this to be taken forward before the tourist season begins.

The lack of dog waste bins was also discussed. Bill Lobban said that the council could site these at bus stops.

**g. Aviemore Community Action Plan – 2023 update**

Peter Long said that the current plan was produced in 2017 by VABS and now needs to be updated. Peter Long (Chair of AVCC), Kathleen Cameron (Chair of ACE) and Kirsty Long (Chair of AGCT) are on the Steering Group. A leaflet will be sent to all households and priorities will be identified.

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to send the current plan to AVCC members.**

**h. Village Green and other assets**

Peter Long said that we need to get everything aligned at this end then get back to the lawyers. ACE directors have discussed taking the transfer of the Village Green and are in agreement. There is a meeting on Tuesday of ACE and AVCC office holders to discuss the issue.

Kathleen Cameron has received a quote to repair the statue but will get further quotes. We will then see if Highland Council can help with the cost of repair.

**Action: Kathleen Cameron to obtain other quotes for repair of the statue.**

**i. Nomination of two community council members to ACE board**

The ACE board has 10 members which shall include two nominees from AVCC. These cannot be ACE office holders.

**Beth Hay proposed Al Dargie, seconded by Audrey Turner.**

**Beth Hay proposed Jeni Pacitti, seconded by Al Dargie.**

## **j. Possible CycleMore event 2023**

Scott Burn-Smith is co-ordinating BikeMore, a set of events 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> May including guided bike rides and displays. He suggested a CycleMore event as the community part of the events. This would be on the Sunday. There will be a lot of publicity through Bikemore at no cost to AVCC.

**Jeni Pacitti proposed a cost of £15 per adult and £5 for children.**

Elsbeth Byrne thought this was too expensive at £40 for a couple with two children.

**The meeting voted and agreed to £15 per adult and £5 per child.**

## **10. Reports from other organisations**

### **a. CNPA report - none**

### **b. Highland Council report**

Kathleen Cameron said that the tree was still on the Village Green.

It was mentioned that the lights at Myrtlefield had all been off, but that this was possibly due to a timing issue in the area a few weeks ago.

### **c. ACE board member report**

Peter Long said that Myrtlefield had been sold before Christmas and now belonged to Savills – the 3<sup>rd</sup> owners in 9 months.

### **d. AGCT report**

Kirsty Bruce said that the ice rink was into its 2<sup>nd</sup> season. There was enthusiasm for ice hockey and a club had been formed, separate from AGCT. There had been 9,000 visitors last year. Aviemore Primary school children had had the chance to try curling. AGCT would like to extend this opportunity to all P7 school children in Strathspey which would cost £5,000 for a four-week block. Bill Lobban suggested asking Highland Council for funding. AGCT are looking to purchase their own chillers which would be a similar cost to rental.

AGCT should have the drawings for the Dalfaber park development by the end of this week. AGCT will look at the proposals and then put them out to the wider community.

AGCT are meeting residents of Glenmore. They are still pursuing community ownership of the campsite, the beach, etc. Following the meeting with residents then will then consult in the wider community.

## **11.AOCB**

- a. Beth Hay said that the primary school had asked if children could help with a litter pick. Peter Long said that this would only be possible if the parents were present to be responsible for their children.

**Action: Beth Hay to let the school know that the children can be present, with parental supervision, and to set a date in late March/early April for a litter pick.**

- b. Al Dargie said that there was a lot of rubbish on the Tulloch site.
- c. Planning - 23/00410/FUL – Erection of 14 houses at former Aviemore primary school site (response by 25/2/2023)

**AVCC support proposed by Kathleen Cameron, seconded by Beth Hay.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.**

- d. Peter Long said that Scott MacDonald wanted to set up a Badenoch football team and had requested £400-£600 for set up.

**Peter Long proposed giving them £50, seconded by Beth Hay.**

**12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

**13. Close 9.20pm**

# Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

## TREASURER'S REPORT

### February 2023 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022		<b>£3,785.58</b>

#### Income

Interest	£	
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#### Expenditure

CHQ 305	£203.00	
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SSE	£ 46.96	
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<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>		<b>£3,535.62</b>
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Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
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#### Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2022		<b>£7,736.62</b>
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#### Income

Interest		
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#### Expenditure

<b>Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023</b>		<b>£7,736.62</b>
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Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
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