

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting on Thursday 9th March 2023 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

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

Neil Maciver, Police Scotland
Johnnie Grant, Rothiemurchus
Paul Agnew, Visitor

2. Apologies for absence

Willie McKenna, AVCC
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Bill Lobban, Highland Council (not seen until after the meeting)

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting.
This would have been Willie McKenna's last AVCC meeting. Along with his apologies he had passed on his thanks for all the support from the community council over the years.

4. Declarations of interest

Peter Long, Kathleen Cameron and Beth Hay declared interest in items involving Aviemore Community Enterprise (ACE).

5. Minutes of February meeting

There was an incorrect name spelling to be corrected.
With this correction, Beth Hay proposed acceptance, seconded by Audrey Turner.

6. Matters arising from February meeting

- a. Training for AVCC on the planning process (January minutes 11d)
Elsbeth Byrne said that the training is booked for 22nd March at the Community Centre from 7 to 9pm.
Action: Elsbeth Byrne to email everyone to remind them of date, time and venue.
- b. Peter Long had carried out the various planning actions in the February minutes.
- c. Elsbeth Byrne had carried out the actions at 9f. and 9g. in the February minutes.
- d. Possible CycleMore event 2023 (February minutes 9j).
Peter Long said that it would not be possible for AVCC to join in with the BikeMore events being planned for 12th to 14th May. It had not been possible to get the previous route agreed with FLS due to ground nesting birds at that time of year and there was not time

to re-plan the route. The AVCC CycleMore event will go ahead later in the year using the same route as previously.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's report.

Audrey Turner proposed acceptance, seconded by Beth Hay.

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 107 calls from 9th February to today.

With regard to Agenda item 9e he was very supportive of any improvements to visibility and/or slowing traffic at the north end of Aviemore.

9. Business

a. Anna Ronayne, CNPA – Active Aviemore Presentation

Peter Long said that this was postponed to next month due to a slip in timescales. The intention is that proposals will be circulated on 23rd March with the deadline for comments being 14th April. Anna Ronayne will attend the AVCC meeting on 13th April.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to circulate the proposals to AVCC when they are received.

b. Village Green and other assets

Village Green

Peter Long said that there had been a productive meeting with VABS, attended by Kathleen Cameron and himself. Lots of organisations were in the same situation as AVCC. VABS had been able to recommend a lawyer which ACE are picking up on. Peter Long said that he had heard back from our lawyers today that they are ready to progress the non-domino application. He will sign an affidavit that AVCC were using the Village Green. There would be a 60 days process to get ownership of the Village Green transferred to AVCC. ACE can instruct their lawyer to work in tandem to transfer the Village Green from the AVCC to ACE.

Other assets – the Rothiemurchus Triangle

Peter Long said that we will go back to Highland Council asking if we can leave the arrangement early. The Triangle could stay with Highland Council or the lease could possibly be transferred to ACE. Peter Long said that the spirit of the arrangement would be maintained ie that the area be used for recreation and for non-commercial activity.

Other assets – marquees, sound system, etc

Audrey Turner proposed that the marquees be given to ACE now, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

Kathleen Cameron proposed that the sound system be given to the school now, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

Audrey Turner proposed that the lights be given to ACE now, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

ACE also own two benches, the wishing well and the stocks.

Other assets – the Olympic Statue

Peter Long said that the statue had been moved to the front of the Village Green and someone had cleaned it, causing serious damage to the surface. Kathleen Cameron said

that Black Isle Bronze, who made the statue, had quoted £8,000 for repair. Another three quotations had been received – one just over £1,000 and the other two in-between. She had talked to Dudley Evans, the sculptor, about the quotes. He advised against the statue travelling down for repair work, recommending that the repairer come up to carry out the work. Alternatively, Dudley Evans could travel down with the statue. He will contact the three quoters to find out exactly what repair work they are proposing to do.

It was agreed to wait for Dudley Evans' advice before making any decision.

c. Village Green maintenance

Kathleen Cameron said that Any Jobs Aviemore did a good job of maintaining the Village Green last year. They charged £120 per month for two visits. They were quoting the same price this year but with the first and last visits being more expensive.

Audrey Turner proposed acceptance of their quote, seconded by Beth Hay.

Kathleen Cameron had spoken to A&D Landscaping about the stones at the Olympic statue. They do not have the equipment to do the resin work that Al Dargie had suggested. She is awaiting quotations from A&D Landscaping for setting the stones at the statue and also for setting the Heart stones.

d. German orchestra in May looking for seating

Kathleen Cameron had been contacted by the representative of a German orchestra who is arranging performances all over Scotland by 60-70 student musicians. The orchestra have offered to perform on the Village Green on 29th or 30th May but require 50-60 seats for the orchestra.

Action: Beth Hay will look into borrowing seats.

Action: Kathleen Cameron will obtain a quote from Any Jobs Aviemore for transport of chairs.

e. Possible improvements to road safety at the north end of Aviemore

Elsbeth Byrne had received an email from Highland Council explaining the situation. Highland Council used to have a lease with the landowner (of the land the orbital route is on), Reidhaven Estate. The lease was allowed to expire when legislation was amended in respect of public right of way. Maintenance of the route reverted to the landowner. AVCC would need to scope and agree improvement works to the path with the landowner and seek a quote, then seek funding from Highland Council. According to Highland Council the landowner would prefer to re-establish the lease.

The meeting agreed that this should be the responsibility of Highland Council.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to write to Allan Bryce, Highland Council, on behalf of AVCC, copying the letter to Adam Streeter-Smith, CNPA, and John Grierson, the Access Forum, with a covering letter.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Peter Long said that this would have been Willie McKenna's last AVCC meeting. He remains a co-opted member until our next AGM. Willie McKenna will be invited to bring the new CNPA representative to a future meeting to introduce her.

Peter Long proposed a Vote of Thanks to Willie McKenna, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Peter Long said that two of the planning applications called in by CNPA are to be decided tomorrow – the Laurel Bank application and the 20 industrial units at Granish.

b. Highland Council report – none

Peter Long said that the Dunromin planning application will be decided at the next Highland Council planning meeting on 22nd March. The Reindeer Centre application has been approved.

Audrey Turner asked what is happening and timescales for the Dalfaber Drive/Grampian Road junction?

Action: Peter Long to write to Bill Lobban to ask for progress/timescales.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that ACE had changed solicitors.

ACE are looking for prizes for the tombola and bottle stall on Easter Sunday – prizes can be collected.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to put on the AVCC web site.

Kathleen Cameron said that ACE came top in the Tesco Blue Tokens competition winning £1,500 from Tesco.

ACE had met with Scotia Homes and had provided a list of things the community would like to enable Scotia Homes to give back to the community.

Peter Long said that he and Kathleen Cameron had attended the consultation on drawings for the Dalfaber drive proposed development. He said that the drawings showed a well laid-out development and looked good. 30 to 40 people had attended the consultation at the Legion and had completed feedback forms.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to circulate the drawings to AVCC members.

d. AGCT report - none

e. FLS report

The report had been circulated to AVCC members.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to send to Johnnie Grant.

11. AOCB

Action: Beth Hay and Elspeth Byrne to complete the Sepa Survey on behalf of AVCC.

12. Date of next meeting Thursday 13th April 2023

13. Close

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT

9th March 2023 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

Treasurers Account

	£	£
Balance at 31 st January 2023		£3,7535.62

Income

Interest

Expenditure

Balance at 28 th February 2023		£3,535.62
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Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
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Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31 st January 2023		£7,736.62
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Income

Sam Cairns	£555.00	
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Interest	£ 5.45	
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Expenditure

Balance at 28 th February 2023		£8302.50
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Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
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