

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the meeting on Thursday 13th April 2023 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC
Beth Hay, AVCC
Audrey Turner, AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC

Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Anna Ronayne, CNPA
Paul Agnew, Visitor
Eilidh Macleod, Visitor
John Smith, Visitor

2. Apologies for absence

Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Kirsty Bruce, AGCT
Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of March meeting

Audrey Turner proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Beth Hay.

6. Matters arising from March meeting

Actions had been completed with the exception of the action at 9e.

Action: Elsbeth Byrne action 9e from March minutes.

7. Treasurer's report

Jeni Pacitti proposed acceptance, seconded by Al Dargie.

8. Police report - none

9. Business

a. Anna Ronayne, CNPA – Active Aviemore Presentation

Anna Ronayne said that there would be a Drop-In session here, next Wednesday.

Peter Long asked for timescales. Anna Ronayne said that simple parts of the development would be done end 2024/early 2025 with more complicated elements from 2025 onwards.

Anna Ronayne talked through the proposed developments and issues identified and asked for feedback.

Jeni Pacitti was concerned that there was no parking near the 'chippy' at the south end of Aviemore where parking is already a problem. Anna Ronayne said that she has already fed back that it would create problems if current parking was removed.

Al Dargie said that the concept was fantastic but had worries about funding. He was aware that there was a lot of work required at Dalfaber with provision of dropped curbs etc. He was also concerned that there was not sufficient space for a two-way cycle track on Grampian Road.

Anna Ronayne said that local businesses had given lots of positive feedback. She said that development was an iterative process. The Scottish Government was increasing the budget for active travel projects and we needed to have plans in place to benefit from future funding.

Peter Long thought it would be a great improvement if people were able to cycle or use a wheelchair from one end of Aviemore to the other. He thought that it was useful for the holistic view being taken rather than addressing individual bits here and there.

Elsbeth Byrne asked if electric bikes would be able to use the two-way cycle track and asked if there would be separation from the footpath for safety of walkers and cyclists? Anna Ronayne said that there would be some form of separation.

b. Planning – 2022/0241/DET - Revised planning application for Macdonald Hotel (response by 14/4/2023)

Bill Lobban did not take part in discussions on this subject.

The meeting discussed the development and agreed that objections were the same as previously i.e., height, appearance, scale and that it took away the ice rink.

Jeni proposed objecting on these grounds, seconded by Audrey Turner.

Action: Peter Long to respond on behalf of AVCC.

c. Planning – 22/06152/FUL – Ptarmigan restaurant – additional information and site visit feedback (response following AVCC meeting)

Peter Long said that AVCC had previously objected on the grounds of lack of information. An update had been received showing better visualisation. Peter Long, Audrey Turner and Kathleen Cameron went to look at the site and thought the development would be acceptable.

Beth Hay proposed that we withdraw objection and take a neutral stance, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Al Dargie proposed that we support the development but there was no second.

d. Village Green – non-domino application update and other items

Peter Long said that the Non-Domino Application was underway and that documentation had been lodged with the Registrars for Scotland. 60 days was the standard timescale for processing.

Peter Long said that Kathleen Cameron had discussed repair of the statue with the sculptor. His view was that Black Isle Bronze would be best at repair given that they could do it in situ. It was noted that the work would cost c£8k.

Audrey Turner proposed no action, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Peter Long said that arrangements were in hand for the German orchestra performance.

Peter Long said that arrangements had been made with Highland Council for them to take back the Rothiemurchus triangle. He had informed Johnnie and James Grant.

e. 2023 AGM arrangements

Peter Long said that the AGM would be held on 11th May – the AGM taking place at 7pm and the AVCC meeting following at 7.30pm. He said that new members can be co-opted at the AGM and hoped that Eilidh Macleod and Paul Agnew would be willing.

f. New CNPA board member – Lauren MacCallum

Peter Long said that he was hoping to make contact with the new CNPA board member.

g. Highland Council Local Transport Strategy

Action: Elspeth Byrne to send the questionnaire to Al Dargie, Jeni Pacitti and Audrey Turner for response.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report - none

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said that new 20mph speed limits were being introduced. It will be 20 from the hospital to the main road. It will be a 20mph limit if you turn left and a 30mph limit if you turn right. He thought that it should be a 20mph limit to where the 30mph sign is at the north of Aviemore then 40mph limit from the speed sign to the refuse facility.

Action: Peter Long to write to Highland Council on behalf of AVCC asking for the speed limits to be revised as above.

The meeting was concerned about the lack of progress at Dalfaber Road junction. Parts of the road had not been properly finished and proper tarmac had not been used. Peter Long said that there had been a lack of communication. Bill Lobban said that the workmen were due to come back on Monday to finish the work. Peter Long was concerned about the snagging process.

Bill Lobban said that the underpass at the hospital was too steep from Burnside Road. Highland Council will be able to put on a thin surface (they are not allowed to excavate lower). Peter Long welcomed the news about the surfacing. The meeting was upset at the rubbish left behind the fence at the railway underpass given that it was illegal for anyone to go over the fence.

c. ACE board member report

Beth Hay said that the raffle on Sunday raised over £1200.

Watering arrangements were in place for the flower displays.

d. AGCT report - none

e. FLS report

Al Dargie read highlights from the FLS report (previously distributed).

11.AOCB

Bill Lobban left the meeting.

a. Dalfaber Road waste water site

John Smith said that he was working with someone who knew about the planning process and an architect to develop ideas for developing the site which has been derelict for a number of years.

His ideas depend on where the proposed bridge across to An Camus Mór will go. Peter Long said that AVCC will not decide where the bridge will go although it is important to ACE as the leaseholders of Riverside Park.

John Smith will keep in touch with Peter Long.

b. Litter Pick

Beth Hay said that a litter pick would be held on Saturday 13th May.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 11th May 2023 – 7pm AGM, 7.30pm meeting

13. Close

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT

13th April 2023 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 28 th Feb 2023		£3,7535.62
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	£ 7.79	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE	£16.00	
Balance at 31st March 2023		£3,527.41
Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 28 th Feb 2023		£8,302.50
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fairs	£200.00	
Interest	£ 7.06	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
KS Bowlt Solicitors	£173.34	
Balance at 31st March 2023		£8,336.22
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
Deposit sam cairns	£ 50.00	