

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7.30pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC	Audrey Turner, AVCC
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC	Eilidh McLeod, Visitor
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC	Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Elsbeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC	Lauren MacCallum, CNPA
Beth Hay, AVCC	Neil Maciver, Police Scotland

2. Apologies for absence

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC	Kirsty Bruce, AGCT
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3. Welcome and introductions

Peter Long welcomed everyone to the meeting. He welcomed Lauren MacCallum, new board member at CNPA, to her first meeting. Lauren MacCallum said that she was looking forward to working with AVCC over the next 4 years.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of April meeting

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

6. Matters arising from April meeting

a. Village Green

Olympic statue on the Village Green - Kathleen Cameron had discussed leaving the statue, in its current state, with the sculptor who was concerned that the condition would continue to deteriorate.

Non-domino application for registration of the Village Green with AVCC – Peter Long said that we were still within the 60 day period of this process.

German orchestra performance on the Village Green - Kathleen Cameron said that she had advertised this concert on social media and had put up posters. She wondered if she should ask Highland Slice to run a food stall.

Elsbeth Byrne proposed that Kathleen Cameron contact Highland Slice, seconded by Beth Hay.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to contact Highland Slice.

Village Green insurance – Elspeth Byrne had written to Zurich Insurance regarding the position if AVCC went into abeyance or dissolution. Their advice was that, in the case of abeyance, the insurance would only continue if AVCC continued to actively manage the Village Green and the assets on it. In the case of dissolution, the insurance would cease.

She had sought advice from the Ward Manager who said that a community council must cease activity in the event of abeyance.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to send the relevant correspondence to Bill Lobban so he could further clarify the issue.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to arrange a meeting with the office holders to discuss further.

b. The new Dalfaber Drive/Grampian Road junction

Peter Long had written to Highland Council to request that the 20mph speed limit apply to left and right when turning out of Dalfaber Drive onto Grampian Road. Highland Council had agreed to this request and the 20mph limit would now also apply when turning right out of Dalfaber Drive onto Grampian Road and would extend to the junction with Old Meall Road. Bill Lobban confirmed that the 20mph speed limits would be put in place this year.

The meeting was concerned that the new traffic lights were still not operational.

Al Dargie was concerned that there were a lot of buttons for pedestrians and cyclists to use. He said that there were already problems with buttons freezing in the winter which causes the lights to continuously change from red to green and that the additional buttons might increase the problems.

c. Speed of traffic at the north end of Aviemore

Beth Hay said that traffic was still speeding after the 30mph sign coming into Aviemore from the north. Elspeth Byrne said that she had written to Allan Bryce, Development and Active Travel officer with Highland Council, on behalf of AVCC expressing concern that no progress is being made after over 1.5 years.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to send relevant correspondence to Bill Lobban.

Action: Bill Lobban to see how this might be progressed.

Neil Maciver said that anyone witnessing near misses, or speeding problems, could notify the police who could report/monitor the area.

7. Treasurer's report

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

8. Police report

Neil Maciver said that there had been 117 incidents from 13th April to 11th May – about normal. He will request continued monitoring of speed at the north end of Aviemore.

9. Business

a. Coylumbridge Hotel - variation of premises licence

Kathleen Cameron proposed no action, seconded by Al Dargie.

b. Planning - Erection of 14 homes on the site of the former Aviemore Primary School at Milton Park – response by 18/5/2023

Peter Long said that the number of homes had reduced from 14 to 12 due to lack of space.

Eilidh Macleod said that objections had been made by a number of residents in Craig na Gower Avenue. Some residents had previously been refused permission to build two-storey houses yet the plans included flats of this height. Other residents had objected on the grounds that this would affect parking at Milton Park.

The meeting agreed to leave the existing comments on the development unchanged.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Lauren MacCallum said that she was new in post but would provide information in future.
Action: Elspeth Byrne to send Lauren MacCallum's email address to AVCC members.

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said that the Short-term Let Control Area has been approved and comes into effect in June. Legislation is retrospective.

Kathleen Cameron asked whether the play park swings which had been removed were going to be returned? Bill Lobban said they would not be returned as there were problems with the bases. He said that a local group needs to come together to pursue funding from Highland Council.

Al Dargie asked if Highland Council were going to remove parking from along the loch side. Bill Lobban confirmed that this was the case.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that letters had been sent out re flowers donations. She said that the 4 best Winter Lights designs had been selected and that on-line voting was being set up. Floral displays were in hand.

d. AGCT report

Kirsty Bruce had provided a written update saying:

Aviemore Ice Rink

Aviemore Ice Rink has completed a second successful winter season, with over 14,500k visitors enjoying the rink. This winter season has seen the return of ice curling to Aviemore, where local school children and visitors have been learning to throw stones and sweep at Aviemore Ice Rink. We are excited to see how the curling develops and we hope to establish a recreational curling club for winter 2023/24 to expand P7 School Curling to all Badenoch and Strathspey Schools.

The rink closed on Sunday of 30th April for May and June to allow us to carry out some essential maintenance and to replace the ice refrigeration chillers. With funding support from Highland Council, Cairngorms National Park Authority and Highlands and Islands Enterprise the Trust has purchased new energy efficient chillers. The purchase of chillers will save the rink approximately £40,000 in rental costs. We expect delivery of the new chillers by mid-May, with works to deinstall and replace the chillers expected to be complete by the end of May, allowing the Trust to open the rink for the summer season

Glenmore

The Trust are currently in discussion with FLS regarding the concessionary operation of the Glenmore Visitor Centre and Café. With the aim to develop a vibrant Glenmore visitor facility under sustainable community stewardship on a lease basis of the Glenmore Visitor Centre and Café for the benefit of visitors and residents.

e. FLS report

Paul Hibberd provided a written update – attached.

Lauren MacCallum had attended the FLS consultation and said that it was well attended.

Bill Lobban said that all of the original cycle tracks need to be returned to their original width. Al Dargie said that progress is being made but many areas are not up to an acceptable standard and require maintenance.

11. AOCB

The meeting agreed to co-opt Eilidh MacLeod onto AVCC.

Proposed by Kathleen Cameron, seconded by Al Dargie.

Action: Elspeth Byrne to put on the June agenda for ratification.

Beth Hay said that a Litter Pick was being held on Saturday.

The meeting agreed to make no comment on the proposed Royal Mail service changes.

Eilidh MacLeod gave an update on the Tulloch development issues. Tulloch were draining the suds pond and this would take about 4 weeks. Water draining into the burn would be monitored for quality. The current single suds pond will be split into two. The levee will be removed following work on the suds pond. Kate Forbes visited to see and discuss the issues last week.

Eilidh MacLeod said that 35 objections made to Highland Council had not been transferred when the development was called in by CNPA. Decision on the development had been delayed to June because there were no visualisations. This delay would now allow the missed objections to be considered.

12. Date of next meeting – provisionally Thursday 8th June 2023

13. Close 8.55pm

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TREASURER'S REPORT

11th May 2023 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31 st March 2023		£3,527.41
<u>Income</u>		
Interest	£	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
SSE	£16.00	
Balance at 30th April 2023		£3,511.41
Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
 <u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31 st March 2023		£8,336.22
<u>Income</u>		
Craft fairs	£215.00	
Interest	£ 5.96	
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Zurich Insurance	£723.81	
MacLeod & MacCallum	£1,519.00	
Balance at 30th April 2023		£6,314.37
Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
Deposit Sam cairns	£ 50.00	