

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long, AVCC
Al Dargie, AVCC
Kathleen Cameron, AVCC
Elspeth Byrne, AVCC

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Eilidh McLeod, AVCC
Muriel Cockburn, Highland Council

2. Apologies for absence - none

3. Welcome and introductions

Muriel Cockburn welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for putting their names forward to be on the Community Council.

4. Election of Office Bearers

Peter Long proposed Al Dargie as Chair, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Muriel Cockburn passed the Chair to Al Dargie.

Al Dargie asked for nominations for Treasurer.

Jenny Pacitti proposed Kathleen Cameron, seconded by Eilidh McLeod.

Al Dargie asked for nominations for Secretary.

Kathleen Cameron proposed Peter Long, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Peter Long accepted but on the basis that he would not be doing the minutes.

Al Dargie asked for nominations for Vice Chair.

Peter Long proposed Eilidh McLeod, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

5. Declarations of Interest - none

6. Urgent Business

a. Village Green transfer to ACE

Peter Long had circulated the last communication from the solicitor. AVCC now own the Village Green. We now need to instruct our lawyer to transfer the Village Green to ACE via their lawyer.

Action: All AVCC members to send a photo with driving license and utility bill showing address to Peter Long.

Action: Peter Long to send these to our lawyer.

Peter Long said that, provided the above information was submitted promptly, we should know the transfer process by the next meeting.

b. AVCC reconvening process

Action: Muriel Cockburn to email Lewis Hannah saying that AVCC has reconvened.

Action: Peter Long to email Lewis Hannah asking if there is anything that should be done before the next meeting and saying who the office holders are.

c. Old Bridge Inn retrospective planning application

Al Dargie said that CNPA had called in a retrospective planning application by the Old Bridge Inn to use the carpark as a beer garden.

Kathleen Cameron proposed an objection on the grounds that this blocks access to a designated in/out route for the river and said that several local businesses use this river access point. Peter Long seconded this.

Action: Al Dargie to prepare a form of words for Peter Long to submit on behalf of AVCC.

d. AVCC email addresses of Office Holders

Al Dargie said that these were Gmail addresses.

Elsbeth Byrne said that these should be owned by Highland Council to allow the email addresses to be passed on the new office holders, rather than all emails being lost when new office holders were appointed.

Elsbeth Byrne also said that there were problems sending out emails with attachments where the Gmail system thought that spam was being created.

Al Dargie said that email addresses of community council office holders should be standard across all community councils.

Action: Muriel Cockburn will raise these issues with the appropriate Highland Council department.

Muriel Cockburn left the meeting.

e. Web site

Elsbeth Byrne would continue putting agendas, minutes and any other required items on the web site and paper copies on the notice board in the library.

Action: Peter Long to pay the web site annual charge.

f. Other items

Al Dargie read through the FLS update.

Al Dargie will lay the AVCC wreath at war memorial on Sunday.

Peter Long said that 2 members of AVCC are required on the ACE board.

Action: Peter Long to add to the December agenda.

Peter Long has booked the meeting room for the next couple of meetings.

Action: Peter Long to book the meeting room for all 2024 AVCC meetings.

7. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14th December.

8. Close 8.40pm