

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7pm Thursday 11 January 2024, Aviemore Community Centre
MINUTES

1. Present

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC
Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Elspeth Byrne, AVCC

Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Laura Nicholl, FLS
June Armstrong, Aviemore Resident

2. Apologies for absence

Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC

Neil MacIver, Police Scotland

3. Welcome and introductions

Al Dargie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest

Bill Lobban said that he would not take part in planning discussions.

5. Minutes of the December meeting

Eilidh McLeod proposed acceptance of the December minutes, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

6. Matters arising from the December meeting

Action: Kathleen Cameron to follow up with Peter Long regarding payment to the web site provider.

Al Dargie said that objections were submitted to planning applications.

Peter Long had responded to Highland Council regarding the differences in charging for seasonal parking tickets.

Action: Al Dargie to follow up with Peter Long regarding recycling.

Eilidh McLeod has dates for the sub-group meeting.

The scruffy bin has been raised with Bill Lobban.

7. Treasurer's report

The report had not been circulated prior to the meeting so was displayed on screen at the meeting.

Kathleen Cameron said that £600 had been received from the Reidhaven Estate.

Action: Al Dargie to circulate the Treasurer's Report after the meeting.

Eilidh McLeod proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Alastair Dargie.

8. Police report - none

9. Business

- a. 23/05766/S42 | Section 42 application to not comply with the provisions of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 22/04039/S42 | Coire Cas Car Park Cairngorm Mountain Glenmore Aviemore**

Al Dargie said that a temporary consent was being sought for the snow factory at the base station. It will move higher up in future (planning consent has already been obtained for this).

Eilidh McLeod proposed that AVCC support this on a time limited basis of to 2 years, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Action: Al Dargie to submit AVCC support as above.

- b. 2023/0004/DET – Change of use of land for siting of 25 lodges, access road and landscaping at Site of Dry Ski Slope, Grampian Road, Aviemore. CNPA request for comment.**

Al Dargie read through our previous objection.

Eilidh McLeod proposed keeping the objection given that there was no substantial difference, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

- c. 23/05240/FUL Change of use of owner's accommodation to Class 7, Park Guest House**

The meeting discussed the application.

Kathleen Cameron proposed a neutral stance, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

- d. Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust – Glenmore Community Asset Transfer**

Laura Nicholl said that this was not a formal public consultation yet.

Al Dargie proposed that we await the formal consultation before commenting, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.

e. Streetlighting issues in Village centre

Al Dargie said that he did a quick count of lights which were out on Grampian Road, from the junction down to the school to the railway station – there were 27 missing lights (lights were either not working or had been removed). 11 lights had been removed and replaced by 3 at the station area. The Butchers Burn now has no lighting at all – the only light being from the Vault. This is a significant health and safety risk. None of the lights are working at the toilets area. The light opposite the church has not been working for the last 1.5 years.

Bill Lobban asked Al Dargie to send him a list of the lights which are out, copying the letter to John Allen. Al Dargie said that at the very least we need maintenance of the lights which are there with replacement of the removed lighting and a timeline for this work is required.

Action: Al Dargie to write to Bill Lobban and John Allen.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report - none

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said that the Council was just back from the Christmas break on Monday. He said that just before Christmas the final decision on the Short-term Lets Control Area was taken. From the end of the consultation period, around the end of February, if someone wanted to turn a house into a short-term let they would have to obtain planning permission.

Bill Lobban explained that the Short-term Let Control Area is a requirement from the Highland Council whereas Short-term Let Licensing is determined by the Scottish Government.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that two banners would be taken down soon. Eight more lampposts had been converted to allow Winter Lights to be put up.

There was a lot of rubbish at Riverside Park caused from the river being high. ACE would wait until the weather improved before tidying this up.

The transfer of the Village Green to ACE was progressing.

Kathleen Cameron expressed thanks to all those who helped with the Christmas Eve procession.

ACE are looking at buying self-watering hanging baskets to reduce the cost of watering. The self-watering baskets require filling every 5 days, rather than watering being required daily. They are going to apply to the Ward Discretionary Fund for the funds to buy the self-watering baskets.

Kathleen Cameron said that the collections taken at the Christmas Eve parade had been enough to cover the cost of the event.

A Spring Raffle was being planned.

d. AGCT report - none

e. FLS report

Laura Nicoll said that staffing was a concern for the summer. Current rangers are being extended to May. The permanent ranger will be on a phased return.

Scarification work at the MacAlpine plantation has been completed. Timber will be uplifted from the Canadian Road and behind the visitor centre track.

There is a lot of storm damage. Staff have been brought in from other areas to help clear the damage. Some trails in the Feshie and Lochans area have been closed while the clear-up work takes place.

11.AOCB

a. Ice Rink

Al Dargie said that AGCT had submitted a planning application to extend the temporary planning consent for the Ice Rink at the current location.

The meeting agreed not to comment.

b. Aviemore Community Action Plan

Al Dargie said that he, Peter Long and people from other community organisations would be meeting to discuss public consultation.

c. Keeping Scotland Beautiful

Al Dargie said that there was an initiative to combat the litter along Scotland's rivers with a week of action from 20-28 January.

12.Date of next meeting – Thursday 8th February 2024

13.Close 8.35pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 11th January 2024 Aviemore

Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31 st Novenber2023		£3,360.83

Income

Redhaven estate	£600.00
Interest	£ 12.25

Expenditure

SSE	£ 16.00
One.com	£ 110.24

Balance at 31st December2023

£3,846.84

Cyclists Club_balance £135.00

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31st November 2023

£9,952/82

Income

Chq 111	£110.24
Interest	£ 11.45

Expenditure

P long one.com	£110.24
Any Jobs	£150.00

Balance at 31st December 2023

£9,814.27

Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00
Deposit Sam cairns	£ 50.00
Streamline joinery	£ 50.00

