

**AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**7pm Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024, Aviemore Community Centre**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Present**

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC	Elsbeth Byrne, AVCC
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC	Laura Nicoll, FLS
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC	Lauren MacCallum, CNPA
Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC	

**2. Apologies for absence**

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC	Bill Lobban, Highland Council
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**3. Welcome and introductions**

Al Dargie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**4. Declarations of interest - none**

**5. Minutes of the January meeting**

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

**6. Matters arising from the December meeting**

Kathleen Cameron said that the web site provider had been paid.

Peter Long and Al Dargie had discussed recycling.

**Action: Peter Long to raise the issue with Highland Council.**

Planning items had been progressed as per actions.

January minutes, item 9e, Streetlighting issues in Village Centre

**Action: Peter Long to send ACE's log of street lighting problems to Al Dargie for him to use as a baseline for reporting other lights that are not working.**

**Action: Al Dargie to update the list and raise with Highland Council.**

**7. Treasurer's report**

Kathleen Cameron said that the electricity bill for the Village Green will move onto fixed pricing after the outstanding amount has been paid.

**Peter Long proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Eilidh McLeod.**

**8. Police report - none**

## 9. Business

### a. Aviemore and Glenmore Community Trust – Glenmore Community Asset Transfer

Al Dargie summarised the Trust's application for asset transfer.

There are around 120,000 visitors to the building each year. Café turnover is around £275,000. The Trust think that they can improve money taken from car parking. They had set up and run the ice rink successfully and want to work in partnership with FLS. There are short term and medium term aims, with the long-term aim being to bring financial benefit to the wider community. The ground and buildings covered by the asset transfer do not include the FLS workshop.

Peter Long's only reservation was regarding whether there would be a lack of joined-up working with mixed messages and was uneasy about how the visitor experience might be affected.

Lauren MacCallum said that she thinks everyone wants the same thing but was not sure how car parking would be affected if the Highland Council take over the Glenmore car parking. She said that FLS want to be on the AGCT Board and will be working in the building next door to AGCT.

Peter Long and Al Dargie said that AGCT did not commit to adopting the same charging for parking as the Highland Council.

Lauren MacCallum said that this was a huge project for very few people and was concerned about whether there would be effective conflict resolution if this were required in the future.

Elsbeth Byrne was concerned that community support was largely based on social media surveys and that this potentially excluded a lot of local residents.

Eilidh McLeod was concerned about the Volunteer Support and wondered how this would work for the retail part of the business.

Peter Long said that Cobbs would be operating the café until October, after which time it would either be operated by AGCT or an employed operator.

**Peter Long proposed that AVCC support the asset transfer to AGCT, seconded by Al Dargie.**

Al Dargie said that there should be a comment that if the asset transfer goes ahead then the enterprise later fails, the first option should be that the assets are taken on by FLS or another community enterprise.

### b. Community Action Plan – Update

Al Dargie said that there had been a meeting held by VABS which was attended by Al Dargie for AVCC and Kathleen Cameron for ACE. Al Dargie said that the Community Action Plan was a major piece of work carried out every 5 years and set out a framework of priorities for AVCC and other community organisations.

Al Dargie said that a consultation letter was going out to every house in the Cairngorms National Park. Responses would be collated by VABS by 10<sup>th</sup> March. A large public meeting would be held over Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at the Aviemore school, with everyone receiving the consultation letter invited to attend.

**Action: AVCC members to try to be available on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.**

All of the consultation letters have to be delivered by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February. Al Dargie asked for volunteers to give around 3 hours of their time to deliver the letters.

**Action: Eilidh McLeod to deliver letters in the Craig na Gower area.**

**Action: Elspeth Byrne to deliver letters in the High Burnside area.**

**Action: Peter Long to deliver to Morlich Place etc**

**c. Planters at the north of the village**

Kathleen Cameron said that one of the planters had been completely damaged and the others also needed to be replaced.

**Peter Long proposed that AVCC seek money from Highland Council to replace the planters, seconded by Al Dargie.**

Elspeth Byrne proposed an alternative, that money be sought from Highland Council to do something else, eg plant trees. There was no second.

**Action: Peter Long to seek funds from the Highland Council Discretionary Fund.**

**d. Community Litter Pick**

**Action: Kathleen Cameron to ask the school for a date in April, when the schools are back after the holidays.**

**e. Glenmore Parking Charges**

Peter Long had received a letter from Shane Manning of Highland Council giving significant changes to the original Highland Council proposals.

**Peter Long proposed accepting the changes, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

**Action: Peter Long to respond to Shane Manning.**

**f. Aviemore Allotments**

Al Dargie said that this group were seeking funding towards a planning application for use of land behind the hospital for allotments.

**The meeting agreed that AVCC fully supports the allotments.**

**Peter Long proposed that we offer £100 towards the planning application, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

**Action: Al Dargie to respond to the allotment group.**

#### **g. Social Media Account Access**

**Al Dargie proposed that only AVCC Office Bearers plus the Vice Chair should have access to AVCC social media, currently only Facebook, seconded by Elspeth Byrne.**

### **10. Reports from other organisations**

#### **a. CNPA report**

Lauren MacCallum said that CNPA had received £46 million from the National Lottery to fund 20 projects.

Lauren MacCallum said that CNPA were doing a consultation on fires in the national park, closing date 17<sup>th</sup> April. Peter Long said that this would be on the AVCC agenda next month.

Lauren MacCallum said that she would be attending the Scottish Housing National Park Summit and said that she is now on the Local Outdoor Access forum.

#### **b. Highland Council report - none**

#### **c. ACE board member report**

Kathleen Cameron said that floral displays were going to be difficult to arrange this year due to watering costs, even with self-watering containers. ACE would be emailing all members and putting an item in the 'Strathy'.

There was going to be an ACE notice board outside the Snow Mountain take-away restaurant and that AVCC could also have access.

#### **d. AGCT report**

Peter Long passed on an update from AGCT. The Ice rink had had a successful Christmas season. They had received funding for all P7 pupils to have a one-day fun session. AGCT's main activity was around the Asset Transfer and Action Plan.

#### **e. FLS report**

Laura Nicoll said that FLS would take on 6-8 stewards who would have a similar role to that of the rangers but less responsibility. There would also be seasonal ranger posts.

Police would patrol the beach during July and August in the evenings.

Timber harvesting would finish in the next few weeks.

Work was progressing on protecting the river bank, on the footpath from the carpark opposite the hay field at the foot bridge, from water damage.

## **11.AOCB**

### **a. Cycle Track**

Al Dargie said that Active Travel had put in an application for a cycle track from Santa Claus Drive to the hospital.

### **b. Retrospective planning application for beer garden at Old Bridge Inn**

Al Dargie said that the Old Bridge Inn were seeking retrospective planning approval for a beer garden. AVCC had requested further information. This had been provided but AVCC still have issues with the application. The letter providing the information said that AVCC do not have the opportunity to comment.

**Al Dargie proposed contacting CNPA to say why the process was not satisfactory, seconded by Peter Long.**

**Action: Al Dargie to take pictures showing the problems and to contact CNPA to invite someone from CNPA Planning to attend an AVCC meeting.**

### **c. Web site**

Elsbeth Byrne asked whether Steve Byrne should remove the booking information from the AVCC web site and put it onto the ACE web site. Al Dargie said to leave it as it is just now.

## **12.Date of next meeting – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **13.Close 9.30pm**

## Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

### TREASURER'S REPORT 8<sup>th</sup> February 2024 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		<b>£3,846.84</b>

#### Income

#### Expenditure

SSE	£ 16.00	
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Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> January 2024		£
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Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
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#### Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		
	<b>£9,814.27</b>	

#### Income

Interest	£	
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#### Expenditure

Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2023		£
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Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
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Streamline joinery	£ 50.00	
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