

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7pm Thursday 13 June 2024, Aviemore Community Centre
Minutes

1. Present

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC

Elsbeth Byrne, AVCC
Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Neil MacIver, Police Scotland
John Grant, Rothiemurchus

2. Apologies for absence

Jeni Pacitti , AVCC

3. Welcome and introductions

Al Dargie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of May meeting

Peter Long proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

6. Matters arising from May meeting

May minutes 9a

Kathleen Cameron had contacted Steve Byrne regarding required changes to the AVCC web site. He is making good progress.

May minutes 9b

Peter Long had written to the planning authority.

May minutes 9d

Al Dargie had written to John Allan again.

May minutes 10b

Peter Long had written to Malcolm McLeod giving AVCC support to the 20mph speed limit.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the report. We had got money back from the insurance company as AVCC no longer own the Village Green. The electricity supply is now the responsibility of ACE. The account is now empty and will be closed.

Al Dargie proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Peter Long.

8. Police report

Neil MacIver said that there had been 123 incidents from 9th May to today and it had not been too busy.

9. Business

a. 20mph speed limit, Grampian Road

Al Dargie said that only a few residents had been consulted ie the houses looking onto Grampian Road and even that appeared inconsistent. Peter Long had written to the Council to express our concern about the nature of the consultation and the impact of the speed limit for the entire community, not just the houses facing onto Grampian Road. The response says that this is part of a wider survey and full consultation will take place.

Neil MacIver confirmed that non enforcement of 20mph zones, except outside schools, is a national policy.

Al Dargie proposed that we submit a freedom of information request to Police Scotland asking for the number of speed checks done in rural communities in Highland over the last five years. Seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Neil MacIver left the meeting.

b. Tulloch Development – SUDS pond and potential flooding risks

Eilidh McLeod said that the first objection to the development had been lodged in 2005. The issue with drainage and flooding has been brought up with the CNPA over the last 3 years.

Al Dargie explained the situation. Tulloch had built a substantial levee in breach of planning and the SUDS pond does not have sufficient capacity. The flooding that has occurred has been the worst in 30 years and the actions of Tullochs has increased the risk to residents of Craig na Gower. A lot of ground beside the burn has been undercut. The last serious flooding was in 2019 when debris had to be cleared out to enable the flooding to subside. A new plan has been developed that will involve removing the levee, increasing the size of the SUDS pond and grading the land so in flooding events the water should go across the site and into SUDS ponds rather than only being forced towards Craig na Gower,

Al Dargie said that AVCC had previously expressed concern about the breach of planning. Eilidh McLeod suggested waiting to see what happens over the next month as the suds pond is currently being drained.

Al Dargie said AVCC would continue to monitor the situation.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report - none

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban said he had nothing significant to report.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that a light had been ordered with the winning winter light competition design. She said that Burnside Park play area planning phase was nearly complete.

d. AGCT report - none

e. FLS report - none

11. AOCB

- a. Bedding plant flowers had been delivered to Beth Hay, ACE. These need to be planted soon. Beth Hay has prepared the tubs and ground at the Village Green. Planting will take place on Wednesday at 6.30pm.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to publicise on Facebook to get as much help as possible.

- b. Scottish Fire & Rescue are conducting a big survey about what they do.

Action: Peter Long to send the survey to AVCC members and everyone should complete it.

- c. Next local dev plan. The survey is to be completed by the end of next month. It will be on the agenda for next month.

Action: Everyone to look at the survey in advance of next month's meeting.

- d. Weekly planning list. Peter Long said that this is normally 2-4 pages but this time there are 11 pages. The vast majority of these are for change of use for short term let. Bill Lobban said that these are existing rented properties and that Highland Council will not object to these.

- e. Phone mast on ski road. Peter Long said that this is to increase coverage in the shared rural network by having masts that transmit multiple signals. Peter Long said that there will be visual impact – the mast will be the same height as the trees surrounding it. The plan does not show any tree removal. He was concerned about principal and the knock-on effects for Ryvoan.

Peter Long proposed that AVCC object on the grounds that there is insufficient information and possible destruction of woodland during construction. Seconded by Eilidh McLeod.

Action: Peter Long to contact the RSPB.

- f. Al Dargie said that there is a desire to close the Association of Cairngorm Communities which is a limited company.

- g. It was agreed that A frame advertising boards are not permitted and should be removed. Bill Lobban said that he would raise this with the relevant council department.
- h. Peter Long said that the owners of the Myrtlefield site (the Aldi site), Savilles, say that Highland Council has a right to a say on the site when it was enquired about who we can speak to reference maintenance.

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 11 July 2024.

13. Close 8.50pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 13th June 2024 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 30th April 2024		£2,581.65

Income

Zurich	£624.31	
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Interest

Expenditure

Ovo Energy	£62.66	
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Balance at 31 st May 2024		£3143.30
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Business Reserve Account

Balance at 30th April 2024

Income

£10,353.99

Craft Fairs	£ 80.00	
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Interest	£ 10.38	
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Expenditure

Any Jobs 3370	£ 120.00	
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Any jobs 3305	£ 487.95	
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Macleod & Maccallum	£ 425.00	
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Harper & MacLeod	£1,280.00	
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Harper & MacLeod	£ 260.00	
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Any Jobs 3439	£ 60.00	
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ACE	£7,801.04	
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ACE	£ 10.38	
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Balance at 31 st May 2024		£0
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