

**AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**7pm Thursday 9 January 2025, Aviemore Community Centre**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Present**

Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC  
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC  
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC  
Elsbeth Byrne, AVCC  
Roddy Stevens, AVCC

Sid Airey, AVCC  
Neil Maclver, Police Scotland  
Bill Lobban, Highland Council  
Steven Malcolm, Guest

**2. Apologies for absence**

Al Dargie, AVCC, Jeni Pacitti, AVCC

**3. Welcome and introductions**

Eilidh McLeod welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**4. Declarations of interest - none**

**5. Minutes of the December meeting**

**Elsbeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the December minutes, seconded by Sid Airey.**

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

Peter Long said that issues relating to speed at the north end of Aviemore were on-going. The light stolen from the Village Green had still to be replaced by ACE.  
Peter Long said that he and Al Dargie had still to respond regarding the visitor levy.  
Peter Long had responded regarding the 20mph speed limit.

**7. Treasurer's report**

**Peter Long proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Sid Airey.**

**8. Police report**

Neil Maclver said that there had been 125 incidents between 12th December and today. Peter Long thanked Neil Maclver for Police Scotland help at the Christmas Eve procession.

**9. Business**

**a. Scottish Youth Parliament - presentation**

This item is postponed until the February meeting due to weather conditions.

**Action: Peter Long to put this item on the February agenda.**

**b. Local Development Plan Scheme – Heating & Cooling, Sustainable Transport, Zero Waste, Energy, Education**

Peter Long said that this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> batch of local development plan position papers.

The meeting discussed the Education paper and noted that as Education is a Local Authority responsibility there is limited scope for meaningful input via the National Park. Aviemore Primary is recorded as being in good condition and currently at 83% capacity. This is projected to drop to 60% capacity by 2039, though this does not take into account the number of new houses being built.

Roddy Stevens said that the Mobility group were going to meet with Active Travel to discuss changes. Some items should have been done when hospital was being built.

**Peter Long proposed that AVCC not comment any further on these latest position papers, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.**

**c. Proposed telecommunications mast, land south of Glenmore, Pre-application consultation request**

Peter Long said that the proposed mast was just down from the Sugar Bowl car park. We had previously objected on the grounds of visual impact. A separate planning application had been placed for a mast at Ryvoan. The Glenmore mast application was withdrawn then the Ryvoan application was also withdrawn. There was now this pre-application for a 25m tower (same as before) but now showing the height of surrounding trees and giving detail of level of ground and a slightly higher fence.

**Petter proposed that he send a response confirming that we still object on same grounds, seconded by Eilidh McLeod.**

**Action: Peter Long to submit response on behalf of AVCC.**

**10. Reports from other organisations**

**a. CNPA report - none**

**b. Highland Council report**

Bill Lobban said that the Highland Council had just returned to work on Monday and there was nothing to report. He said that there had been concern about the flooding but it had not been as bad as predicted.

Bill Lobban suggested that Peter Long write to Lewis Hannah regarding the Loch Vaa carpark where the Estate were willing to donate land to facilitate improvement. He said it would be nice to see progress before the end of the Financial Year.

**c. ACE board member report**

Kathleen Cameron said that there had been no meeting yet. She said that the Christmas Eve procession was very successful with lots of support from the Community both attending and helping. It was much busier than usual.

d. **AGCT report** - none

e. **FLS report**

Peter Long said he had received a report highlighting the number of events this year. It included a reminder that the bridge at Rothiemurchus Lodge would be closed for a couple of weeks. Events this year included Search and Rescue Teams training in January/February; cross-country ski track cutting; Coast to Cairngorm Cycle event in May; a large swimming event in Loch Morlich in September; Aviemore Triathlon in September and Aviemore half-marathon in October.

## **11.AOCB**

Peter Long said that the Report had rejected an appeal against the refusal of a short-term let application at Creag A Ghreusaiche.

Elsbeth Byrne resigned from AVCC with immediate effect. Peter Long thanked her for her service on behalf of the Community Council.

**12.Date of next meeting – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

**13.Close 8.25pm**

## Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

### TREASURER'S REPORT 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025 Aviemore Community

#### Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> November 2024		£4553.61
<b>Income</b>		
Carols round the tree	£148.37	
Interest	£ 14.23	
<b>Expenditure</b>		
CHQ 318	£ 24.00	
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2024		£4692.21
<u>Business Reserve Account</u>		
Balance at 31 <sup>st</sup> November 2024		£0
Still trying to close bonus account		