

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7pm Thursday 13 February 2025, Aviemore Community Centre
MINUTES

1. Present

Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC
Roddy Stevens, AVCC
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC
Jake MacCulloch, Scottish Youth Parliament
Hamish Nott, Scottish Youth Parliament

Paul Jarvis, Highland Council
Lauren MacCallum, CNPA
Neil MacIver, Police Scotland
Bill Lobban, Highland Council
George Macpherson, Guest

2. Apologies for absence - Al Dargie, Sid Airey, Maree Morrison FLS

3. Welcome and introductions – Eilidh McLeod welcomed everyone to the meeting

4. Declarations of interest – none

5. Minutes of the January meeting

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

6. Matters arising from the January meeting

Letter sent to THC re speeds at the north end of Aviemore. Holding reply received.
PL confirmed that a response was submitted re the proposed telecoms mast at Glenmore.

7. Treasurer's report

Eilidh McLeod proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Roddy Stevens.

8. Police report

Neil MacIver said there had been 113 incidents in the past month. Quieter than previous months and around normal for the time of year.

9. Business

a. Scottish Youth Parliament – Presentation

The meeting heard a presentation from Hamish Nott and Jake MacCulloch on their work as members of both the Scottish and Highland Youth Parliaments. This covered the role of the MSYP, and how young people can influence the policy agenda at local and national level. Both were attending local Community Council meetings to gain experience and raise the profile of their work.

Recent issues highlighted include climate change, mental health and the impact of vaping.

Subsequent discussion covered the impact and consequences of selling vapes to those underage, and how best to include young people in future Community Council discussions.

The meeting was pleased to note that the Highland mental health poster competition was won by an entrant from Carr-Bridge.

Eilidh McLeod thanked Jake and Hamish for their presentation and wished them well in their future work. Hamish Nott left the meeting at this point.

b. The Highland Council – Review of Community Councils

The meeting considered the proposed amendments to the Scheme of Establishment for Community Councils. Most changes were welcomed or felt to be acceptable.

The letter from Nairn River CC regarding proposed local boundary changes was noted.

Peter Long proposed that AVCC respond with a) CCs still require practical support with emails/websites and IT generally, and b) that CCs should only be merged where one CC is inactive, or where both CCs consent. Seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

Action – Peter Long to respond to Highland Council

c. Local Development Plan, Draft Delivery Programme - CNPA

It was noted that the document largely brings together information already available elsewhere.

Peter Long proposed that the meeting noted the report, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

d. VABS Member Survey 2025

Item withdrawn from the agenda.

Action – Al Dargie to respond on behalf of AVCC

e. Cairngorm Gin Company – Licence application

No issues were anticipated with this application.

Eilidh McLeod proposed the CC support the application. Seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Action – Peter Long to respond

f. Planning Application 24/05289/FUL – Best One, Grampian Road

The application involves the demolition and rebuilding of the front section of the shop. The footprint and height are unchanged, and the proposal was felt to be a welcome enhancement to a locally owned business.

Jeni Pacitti moved that AVCC support the application. Seconded by Eilidh McLeod

Action – Peter Long to respond

g. Glenmore Gathering 26th March

Peter Long explained that this had been a very useful meeting in 2024. Al Dargie is already hoping to attend.

Action - Eilidh McLeod to confirm availability to attend

h. Admin arrangements – sharing of email addresses

Peter Long sought agreement from Community Councillors to the mutual sharing of their email addresses. It was stressed that these would still remain private in any communications with 3rd parties or external bodies.

All Community Councillors present agreed.

Action – Peter Long to confirm with Al Dargie and Sid Airey

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Lauren MacCallum updated the meeting on progress with implementation of the proposed fire by-law within the CNP.

After discussion, the meeting re-stated it's reservations about the proposed part-year implementation.

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban reported that THC had just set this year's Council House rents.

The Council budget will be finalised in March.

It is hoped that work to expand the cemetery car park can be funded in the coming financial year.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron reported that ACE are seeking a site to locate a shipping container for the storage of the winter lights.

d. AGCT report - none

e. FLS report

The report from Maree Morrison was noted. The comment about one proposed event not having FLS was queried.

Action – Peter Long to enquire re the event in question

11.AOCB

Eilidh MacLeod queried the removal of litter bins from several key locations, especially around Milton Park. There is more obvious litter as a result.

Action – Peter Long to raise with Highland Council. Bill Lobban to provide the best contact for the issue

Peter Long had been contacted by the Parent Council regarding potential dates for a joint litter-pick. Late March/early April was suggested.

Action – Peter Long to liaise re suitable dates

12.Date of next meeting – Thursday 13 March 2025

13.Close 8.40 pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 13th February 2025 Aviemore Community

Centre meeting room

Treasurers Account

£

£

Balance at 31st December 2024

£4692.21

Income

Interest

Expenditure

Balance at 31st January 2025

£4692.21

Business Reserve Account

Balance at 31st November 2024

£0

Still trying to close bonus account