

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

**1. Present**

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

Neil MacIver, Police Scotland  
Bill Lobban, Highland Council  
Maree Morrison FLS  
Shona Irvine, FLS  
Isla McCay, Guest

**2. Apologies for absence - Jeni Pacitti, AVCC**

**3. Welcome and introductions – Al Dargie welcomed everyone to the meeting**

**4. Declarations of interest – none**

Bill Lobban noted that he does not comment on Planning applications.

**5. Minutes of the February meeting**

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

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

Peter Long confirmed all actions completed.

Litter pick is provisionally arranged for Saturday 26 April.

Maree Morrison explained the background to the event permission issue.

**7. Treasurer's report**

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

**8. Police report**

Neil MacIver said there had been 119 incidents in the past month.

Neil MacIver left the meeting.

**10 e. FLS report.** Item considered early. Maree Morrison introduced Shona Irvine

as a new temporary Ranger. The written report circulated by Maree was discussed and progress on trail checks and car park management noted. Maree Morrison and Shona Irvine left the meeting.

**9. Business**

**a. Speeding and safety concerns – Aviemore north**

Al Dargie updated the meeting on recent correspondence with THC Roads department. It was noted that the statistical data provided appeared not to support the solution originally proposed by THC.

Bill Lobban outlined recent discussions on the issue. Work is underway to implement a 40mph limit from the Ritchies/tip entrance to the existing 30mph limit area. This can be a lengthy process involving consultation etc. In the meantime various speed mitigation measures and road markings proposed by THC will be implemented.

Al Dargie pointed out that the original planning consent for the Caravan Park required a specified crossing point to be established and fully marked. This has not happened, and no enforcement action appears to have been taken.

**Actions – Al Dargie to further respond to Highland Council  
Al Dargie to contact CNPA re non enforcement of planning conditions**

Al Dargie thanked Bill Lobban for his support on this issue.

**b. Proposed Inverdrue to Coylumbridge Cycle Link – CNPA Consultation**

The consultation panels circulated by CNPA were discussed. Sid Airey reported that he has attended one of the face-to-face sessions.

After discussion it was agreed that

- The Old Logging Way is valued and must be effectively maintained
- It should be recognised that road cyclists will always want to use the main carriageway.
- Cyclist/pedestrian separation is important and should be incorporated wherever possible.
- The existing pavement on the north side of the road should be specifically allocated for pedestrian use with improved signage
- Option 2 is the closest solution, but the cycle track should continue along the south side of the road as far as the Rothiemurchus caravan park.
- Space constraints may restrict the options for separation from the main carriageway.

Bus stops survey – it was noted that this is primarily a Highland Council responsibility. It was felt that the existing bus services can be inconsistent, and that many buses used are not suitable for disabled access. Also the request stop facility is not well known or effectively publicised.

After discussion, it was agreed that

- All bus stops should be built to the highest standards of accessibility
- The proposed new bus stop locations all make sense and are supported
- The need for driver training should be highlighted
- The request stop facility needs to be publicised
- A wider review of the service is required. The fact that the current service begins and ends at the railway station when the vast majority of people live to the north is a major dis-incentive to use by local residents.

**Action – Peter Long to respond to CNPA on both issues**

**c. Glenmore Parking Charges**

The proposed day rates for parking were noted. The proposed cost of season tickets for local residents was felt to be unclear.

**Action – Peter Long to respond to THC and seek clarification**

**d. Planning Application 24/02219/FUL 36 Seafield Place.**

Although expected, a revised application has not yet been published. Item deferred.

**e. Planning Application 25/00193/FUL, former Bank of Scotland Building , 96 Grampian Road – erection of extension**

Peter Long proposed no action, seconded by Al Dargie

## 10. Reports from other organisations

a. **CNPA report** - None.

b. **Highland Council report**

Bill Lobban reported that THC had just set this year's Council budget  
Work is underway on the tunnel at Glenmore.

The old Health Centre building has been acquired for housing.

Work to expand the cemetery car park can be funded in the coming financial year. As this is actually in Boat of Garten CC area, a site visit was suggested.

**Action – Al Dargie to liaise with Boat of Garten CC**

c. **ACE board member report**

Kathleen Cameron reported that the new access to the Outdoor Classroom was completed.

ACE is supporting the refurbishment of the Primary school community garden.

A new PA/speaker system for the Village Green stage is being investigated. Funding may be sought from the Ward Discretionary Fund in the new financial year.

d. **AGCT report** - none

e. **FLS report** – discussed earlier, as above

## 11. AOCB

Al Dargie referred to a funding opportunity from CNPA.

**Action – Peter Long to forward to ACE**

Al Dargie reported that a consultation re the proposed Clune windfarm had been received. It is very lengthy and complex, with potentially big implications.

**Action – Peter Long to circulate in advance and add to April agenda**

Al Dargie noted that the Welcome to Aviemore sign at the south of the village has fallen down and is in need of re-painting.

Agreed to spend up to £150 on paint and materials.

Proposed by Peter Long, seconded Al Dargie

**Action – Sid Airey to collect the sign**

Peter Long had been contacted by THC regarding the AGM and year end procedures. It was agreed to hold the AGM on 8 May, ahead of the normal business meeting.

**Action – Peter Long arrange AGM, Kathleen Cameron to finalise the accounts and have them verified.**

## 12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 10 April 2025

## 13. Close 8.50 pm

