

**AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026, Aviemore Community Centre**  
**MINUTES**

**1. Present**

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC  
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC  
Roddy Stevens, AVCC  
Sid Airey, AVCC  
Eilidh McLeod, AVCC  
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC  
Cllr Bill Lobban, THC  
Vicky Stables, Rothiemurchus Estate  
Madeleine Cowley, FLS

**2. Apologies for absence** – Kathleen Cameron AVCC

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

**4. Declarations of interest** – None. Bill Lobban noted that he cannot comment on planning issues.

**5. Minutes of the February meeting**

Eilidh McLeod proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Sid Airey

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

Peter Long confirmed that all actions had been carried out. A copy summary of the Active Communities discussion was circulated for information.

**7. Treasurer's report**

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

**8. Police report**

None provided.

**9. Business**

**a. Kila planning application 25/03493/PIP – request for AVCC to reconsider objection.**

Al Dargie summarised the recent meeting and subsequent email exchange with the applicants and their agent. AVCC had been asked to consider withdrawing the objection (circulated) to expedite the planning process.

It was noted that an additional document had been added to the planning portal on 30 January. This showed a material change to the application, with the Kila building moved several metres closer to the Village Green boundary. Concern was raised about the visual impact, the overlooking of the Village Green, and the changed traffic flow and parking arrangements. After discussion the meeting agreed

- a) That the previous objection should not be withdrawn
- b) That further representation should be made to Planning regarding the recent changes to the proposed layout.

Proposed - Jeni Pacitti, seconded - Sid Airey

**Action – Peter Long**

**b. Community Council Support & Guidance Sessions March 2026**

Peter Long summarised the recent changes to the Community Council Scheme of Establishment. It was agreed that members should view the YouTube video highlighting the changes and impacts on the Community Council and try to join one of the online sessions.

**Action - All**

**c. Community Council AGM 2026**

It was agreed to hold the AGM on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 8.30 pm, following the May business meeting.

**Actions**

**Peter Long – Minutes and agenda**

**Al Dargie – Chair’s report**

**Kathleen Cameron – Financial statement**

**d. Website – maintenance and future development**

Peter Long highlighted issues with the website, including the recent addition of a recurring monthly charge.

Eilidh McLeod agreed to explore solutions via a personal contact.

**Action – Eilidh McLeod**

**e. Litter Pick**

Peter Long reported that the Parent Council had suggested 9 May for a joint litter pick.

This was welcomed and Eilidh McLeod agreed to take the lead on behalf of AVCC.

**Action – Eilidh McLeod**

**10. Reports from other organisations**

**a. CNPA report**

None provided. Al Dargie raised concern that the CC had not had sight of the proposed publicity material and arrangements for the forthcoming fire ban.

**Action - Peter Long** to raise with CNPA

**b. Highland Council report**

Bill Lobban reported that the budget had just been set. This includes an increase in funding for Community Councils, and in the Ward Discretionary Fund.

Charges for second homes and for long term empty properties have been significantly increased.

The 40 mph speed limit at the north of Aviemore has been implemented. Further work is required.

CNPA had made a proposal for traffic calming measures on Grampian Road. Al Dargie agreed to respond re this.

**Action – Al Dargie**

**c. ACE board member report**

Peter Long reported a very positive response to the Milton Woods consultation. Over 200 responses were submitted, with the vast majority being supportive.

This year’s children’s lights entries will be going out to public vote shortly.

The ACE raffle and tombola will be held on 24 May.

ACE is continuing to pursue THC for the missing Christmas tree lights from 2024/25.

**d. AGCT report**

Nothing received.

**e. FLS report –**

Madeleine Cowley was welcomed to her new role at Glenmore. She presented a report on recent activity at Glenmore. Progress on the car parks work was noted. Peter Long and Sid Airey will attend the Glenmore Gathering on 17 March. The meeting noted the report.

**f. Rothiemurchus report –**

Vicky Stables reported that the Loch an Eilean path improvement work was nearing completion. The estate had been consulted on the location for bus stops at the campsite entrance.

**11. AOCB**

Roddy Stevens reported back from an evening walkabout organised via the Access Panel. Significant numbers of streetlights were not working. A number of hedges and shrubs were overgrown and partially blocking pavements.

**Action - Roddy Steven to share report with AI Dargie**

**12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 9 April 2026.**

**13. Close 8.35 pm**

## Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

### TREASURER'S REPORT 12th March 2026 Aviemore Community

#### Centre meeting room

##### Treasurers Account

£

£

Balance at 31<sup>st</sup> January 2026

**£4,697.58**

Income

##### Expenditure

Balance at 28<sup>th</sup> February

**£4,697.58**