

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Thursday 9th April 2026, Aviemore Community Centre
MINUTES

1. Present

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC
Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC
Roddy Stevens, AVCC
Sid Airey, AVCC
Kathleen Cameron AVCC
Cllr Bill Lobban, THC
Lauren MacCallum, CNPA
Colin Simpson, CNPA
Vicky Stables, Public

2. Apologies for absence –Eilidh McLeod, Jeni Pacitti, both 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 March meeting

Roddy Stevens proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Sid Airey

6. Matters arising from the March meeting

Peter Long confirmed that all actions had been carried out.

Bill Lobban reported that the Kila planning application had been withdrawn from the most recent Planning Committee agenda.

7. Treasurer's report

Sid Airey proposed acceptance of the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Al Dargie

8. Police report

None provided.

9. Business

a. CNPA Fire Ban – presentation by Colin Simpson, Head of Visitor Services, CNPA

Colin Simpson gave a presentation covering the background, implementation and publicity arrangements for the new CNP-wide fire ban. The subsequent discussion included the issues around mixed messages to organised groups, enforcement issues, and the impact of disposable BBQs along with the monitoring arrangements. AVCC's continued support for a year-round ban was re-stated. Al Dargie thanked Colin Simpson for his presentation

b. Planning Application 2026/0104/DET, called in by CNPA. Installation of decking, car park, Old Bridge Inn

Al Dargie highlighted AVCC's concern at the potential impact on access for river users, based upon the statements attributed to Seafield Estates in the application document.

Colin Simpson left the meeting at this point.

After discussion it was decided to oppose the application based upon concerns about exacerbating the existing parking issues and the potential impact on river access.

Proposed Peter Long, Seconded Sid Airey

Action – Peter Long

c. AVCC website – maintenance and future development

Peter Long reported on work undertaken with Mhairi Longmuir of Peacock Creative Designs to review the AVCC website. It was recommended to move hosting from one.com to Siteground. This would improve functionality, making updating and content management easier and would give a saving on annual charges. Other proposed changes included replacing the contact form with a generic AVCC email address, and allowing updates via mobile app. Additional support would be available as required. After discussion it was agreed to proceed on this basis.

Proposed Al Dargie, seconded Kathleen Cameron

Action – Peter Long

d. Banking Hub

A request had been made that AVCC support the creation of a banking hub in Aviemore. CC support is apparently required to allow this to move forward. After discussion it was agreed to support this in principle. However, the CC is not in a position to assist in gathering evidence or building a business case and this would be made clear in the response.

Proposed Al Dargie, seconded Peter Long

Action – Al Dargie

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report

Lauren MacCallum had left the meeting but had previously indicated nothing new to report.

b. Highland Council report

Bill Lobban reported unforeseen difficulties in the expansion of Laggantygowan car park.

Action – Peter Long to raise with Lewis Hannah, THC

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron and Al Dargie reported progress on a winter lights shed, and Village Green maintenance for 2026.

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. This is now with the Scottish Public Services Ombudsman.

d. AGCT report

Nothing received.

e. FLS report

The meeting noted the circulated report. It was noted that the Glenmore Gathering had been successful and positive.

11. AOCB

Al Dargie raised recent correspondence from Highland Council regarding car park management, hours and charges. It was agreed no action required.

Roddy Stevens raised the recent case of a wheelchair being denied travel by Stagecoach. This is being pursued via the Access Panel

Al Dargie suggested that Vicky Stables could be co-opted as a Community Councillor.
Action – Peter Long, May agenda

12. Date of next meeting – Thursday 14 May 2026. Business meeting 7.00, AGM 8.30.

13. Close 9.15 pm

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 9th April 2026 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

Treasurers Account

£

£

Balance at 28th February 2026

£4,697.58

Income

Expenditure

Chq 329

£191.60

Balance at 31st March 26

£4,505.98

