

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes from the AGM on Thursday 11th May 2023 at 7pm
at the Community Centre

1. Present

Peter Long (Chair), AVCC	Audrey Turner, AVCC
Al Dargie (Vice Chair), AVCC	Eilidh McLeod, Visitor
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC	Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Elspeth Byrne (Secretary), AVCC	Lauren MacCallum, CNPA
Beth Hay, AVCC	

2. Apologies for absence

Jeni Pacitti, AVCC	Kirsty Bruce, AGCT
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3. Declarations of interest - none

4. Minutes of previous AGM 2022

Beth Hay proposed acceptance of the minutes, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

5. Chairperson's annual report

Once again, I am pleased to be able to report to the AVCC AGM on another busy year for the Community Council. Thanks are due to Elspeth Byrne, Kathleen Cameron and Al Dargie for their work as office bearers, which is so important in keeping us going. Also, thanks to the other Community Councillors who give their time and energy to the work of the CC.

We were all deeply shocked by the sudden and untimely passing of Joe Kirby last year. Joe was a long-standing Community Councillor and local activist. We continue to miss his commitment and enthusiasm.

I also want to record our thanks to Willie Mackenna, who recently stood down as our local CNPA Board Member after 20 years of service. Willie's vast experience, knowledge and humour will be missed and we wish him all the best in his retirement.

Following interim elections in autumn 2022, we were delighted to welcome Elspeth Byrne, Jeni Pacitti and Audrey Turner as elected Community Council members. Together with Beth Hay we now have 7 elected members, which is very positive after the disruptions of the covid pandemic. Thanks also to Sally Devlin who stood down during the year.

Over the year we have again commented on a number of local planning applications. Several have been high profile, and with potentially significant implications for the future of our community. We have tried new ways of testing public opinion via our website and social media to help inform our responses. The pressures for more development around the village look set to continue, and we will strive to make appropriate comments reflecting the majority views of the community.

We have been engaged in a positive dialogue with the CNPA Active Aviemore programme, with a view to improving safety and accessibility for all through the village. We look forward to continuing to participate as these proposals take shape.

We were pleased to welcome a group of Ukrainian refugees to a meeting and were very concerned by their accounts of conditions at a local hotel. These seem to have been addressed following the intervention of politicians and others.

The Village Green continues to be well used, with the regular Craft Fairs a particular success. It was again a pleasure to host the Christmas lights and children's carol event. Legal work is underway to ensure the Village Green remains in community ownership.

Other local issues have included the disruption around the new Dalfaber Drive junction, the need for dropped kerbs and safer routes for wheeled users, and speed limits and safer crossings to the north of the village.

We are proud to continue our work to keep Aviemore attractive, through planting out our flower planters and flower beds. We also continue regular litter-picks, which are a great community activity though, of course, we would all rather they weren't necessary!

We were extremely proud to host our first CycleMore event last autumn. The event attracted over 40 participants including a number of visitors and proved to be a successful and enjoyable day for all.

The next round of Community Council elections will be held in the coming autumn, bringing the possibility of new blood and fresh ideas to the Community Council. I would like to thank all current and previous members for their support and commitment over the past few years.

Elsbeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

6. Treasurer's financial statement

Kathleen Cameron said that AVCC was in a good financial position although funds would be required for registration of the Village Green with AVCC then subsequent transfer of the Village Green to Aviemore Community Enterprise Company (ACE).

Elsbeth Byrne proposed acceptance of the statement, seconded by Al Dargie.

7. Demit of current office bearers and election of office bearers

Bill Lobban took the Chair for the nomination of the Chairperson.

OFFICE	NOMINATED	PROPOSED	SECONDED
Chairperson	Peter Long	Al Dargie	Kathleen Cameron
Secretary	Elsbeth Byrne	Kathleen Cameron	Beth Hay
Treasurer	Kathleen Cameron	Elsbeth Byrne	Audrey Turner
Vice Chair	Al Dargie	Kathleen Cameron	Beth Hay
Associate	Lauren MacCallum	Elsbeth Byrne	Kathleen Cameron

8. Provisional date of next AGM - 9th May 2024

9. Closure 7.25pm