

AVIEMORE AND VICINITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
7pm Thursday 11 April 2024, Aviemore Community Centre
Minutes

1. Present

Al Dargie (Chair), AVCC	Elspeth Byrne (Minutes), AVCC
Eilidh McLeod (Vice Chair), AVCC	Bill Lobban, Highland Council
Kathleen Cameron (Treasurer), AVCC	Neil MacIver, Police Scotland
Jeni Pacitti, AVCC	June Armstrong, Resident

2. Apologies for absence

Peter Long (Secretary), AVCC	Laura Nicholl, FLS
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3. Welcome and introductions

Al Dargie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

4. Declarations of interest - none

5. Minutes of March meeting

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

6. Matters arising from March meeting

Highland Council are still dealing with repair of street lights that are not working.

Al Dargie and Peter Long submitted a response, on behalf of AVCC, to the CNPA Fire Management Consultation.

Al Dargie said that it was not yet possible to submit an objection to the proposed Clune Windfarm at Tomatin. CNPA have provided information about when objections can be submitted to the Highland Council.

Peter Long responded, on behalf of AVCC, giving support in principle to the Senior Citizen Network's proposal for a Banking Hub.

7. Treasurer's report

Kathleen Cameron presented the Treasurer's Report. She said that some income had been received from Craft Fares.

Al Dargie proposed acceptance of the report, seconded by Jeni Pacitti.

8. Police report

Neil MacIver said that there had been 106 incidents between 14th March and today. This was around the normal number of incidents.

9. Business

a. Recent Break-ins in Aviemore

Neil MacIver said that there had been 5 house-breaking /theft /house-breaking with intent to steal incidents in Aviemore. Earlier in the year there had been incidents in Carr-bridge, Boat of Garten, Newtonmore and Kingussie. The incidents were being looked at as a whole. Nobody locally was suspected. He said that the break-ins were normally made by people travelling around and, unless they were caught in the act, it was a time-consuming process involving reviewing lots of CCTV information etc. Lack of resource makes this a lengthy process. There are positive lines of enquiry outwith our area.

b. Children's painted stones

Kathleen Cameron said that she had tried to get quotations for the work to have these set into a permanent display on several occasions. Al Dargie said that he had tried to get quotations too.

Al Dargie suggested that there be one last attempt to get this work done and if this was unsuccessful then June Armstrong should invite the creators to collect their work.

Al Dargie proposed approaching Any Jobs Aviemore to do the work, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Action: Kathleen Cameron to contact Any Jobs Aviemore.

c. Village Green transfer to ACE - update

Al Dargie said that the paper work to formalise the transfer should be ready for signing any day now.

Action: Al Dargie, Peter Long and Kathleen Cameron (the Office Holders) to sign when the paper work is ready.

d. SEPA survey on potentially vulnerable areas

Al Dargie displayed the map showing the flood risk areas in Aviemore. SEPA were warning that floods would be more severe in the future and they were taking a long-term view to mitigate flood risk. The feedback invited was at a very high level.

The meeting agreed not to respond.

e. THC Service Desk at the Community Centre - temporary closure

Bill Lobban said that the service desk is closed because they cannot get staff.

Al Dargie proposed that he write to THC, on behalf of AVCC, regarding the importance of this facility, seconded by Kathleen Cameron.

Action: Al Dargie.

f. Closure of Tourist Information Office

The meeting was concerned that the closure had been decided on without any prior notification or local consultation. Al Dargie expressed concern about social inclusion.

Jeni Pacitti proposed that Al Dargie write to The Tourist Office objecting to the closure, seconded by Eilidh McLeod.

Action: Al Dargie.

10. Reports from other organisations

a. CNPA report - none

b. Highland Council report

Kathleen Cameron said that Muriel Cockburn was going to see if THC could provide help with a number of IT issues eg the ability to have a generic email address for Community Council Office Holders to avoid the difficulties when the post holders change. Elspeth Byrne said that there was also a need to have somewhere to go for help with IT issues eg difficulties attaching files to emails.

Bill Lobban did not think that THC would be able to help with these items but would ask Muriel Cockburn if she had taken the matter forward.

c. ACE board member report

Kathleen Cameron said that the local development consultation had identified some items at the Village Green such as providing wild flower meadow, having a 2nd flower bed (with the original being grassed over) and having the Olympic stones fixed in with resin. A quote of around £800 had been obtained from Any Jobs Aviemore.

The meeting agreed that Any Jobs Aviemore should do the work.

AVCC or ACE would pay, depending on whether/not the transfer of the Village Green to ACE had happened. The funds relating to the Village Green will be transferred to ACE on completion of the transfer.

d. AGCT report - none

Al Dargie said that the Community Asset Transfer for the Glenmore FLS café and shop had been successful and the transfer would be in November.

e. FLS report

Al Dargie read out the report submitted by FLS.

11. AOCB

Al Dargie said that the 'Big Conversation' meetings had taken place and VABS were working through the responses.

Al Dargie said that the MacDonalds planning application had been approved. If more bins were required then this was up to the owners of the site, not MacDonalds or THC.

Al Dargie said that there was a planning issue relating to wind farms in the Slochd area which would be on the agenda at the next meeting. He suggested that everyone speak to residents before the next meeting to find out how they feel about this issue.

Elsbeth Byrne said that she had attended the CNPA meeting on behalf of AVCC and found it inspiring – lots of really good ideas. Al Dargie had attended the on-line version of the meeting.

Kathleen Cameron said that there would a litter pick on Saturday 20th April from 10am-12, meeting at the school. Jeni Pacitti said that she would be willing to take on the organisation of future litter picks but not where they were on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

12. Date of next meeting

Bill Lobban said that the AGM was due to happen on Thursday 9th May at 7pm with the normal AVCC meeting happening at 7.30pm. He said that there was a full council meeting that day and that it would not be possible for him to attend at 7pm.

It was agreed that the AGM would take place on Thursday 9th May at 9pm with the normal AVCC meeting taking place at 7pm beforehand.

13. Close

Aviemore & Vicinity Community Council

TREASURER'S REPORT 11th April 2024 Aviemore Community Centre meeting room

<u>Treasurers Account</u>	£	£
Balance at 29 th February 2024		£3,802.84

Income

Interest	£13.63	
Sum up	£ 1.97	

Expenditure

SSE	£ 28.00	
Chq 313	£189.14	
Chq 314	£216.00	

Balance at 31st March 2024		£3,385.33
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Cyclists Club_balance	£135.00	
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Business Reserve Account

Balance at 29 th February 2024		
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<u>Income</u>		£9,878.46
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Craft Fairs	£240.00	
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Interest	£ 11.22	
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Expenditure

Balance at 31st March 2024		£10,129.68
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Deposit Craic events	£ 50.00	
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Deposit Sam cairns	£ 50.00	
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Streamline joinery	£ 50.00	
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