

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD AT 7.30 PM ON  
17<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2024 IN AVOCH PAVILION**

**PRESENT:**

**MEMBERS:** Derek MacIver (DM), Tim Phillips (TP), Hamish MacLean (HM), Stuart Bruce (SB), Rosie Brunton (RB), Fraser Brunton, Minutes (FB), Drew Mann (DMn), Caroline Lindsay (CL), Nicolaas du Preez (NdP).

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Cllr Sarah Atkin (SA), Debbie du Preez (DdP), Alistair Adie (AA), Andy McLeman (AMc)

**APOLOGIES:** Jenni Carmichael (No.19) (JC), Archie Brindle (AB), Kathy Taylor (KT)

**1. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

DM welcomed everyone to the AGM, which was chaired by SA. Apologies had been received from Jenni Carmichael (JC), Archie Brindle (AB) and Kathy Taylor (KT).

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS AGM HELD ON 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2023**

The minutes of the previous AGM were proposed by DM and seconded by SB as an accurate record.

**3. CHAIR'S ANNUAL REPORT**

DM presented the annual report which is attached as Appendix 1. He acknowledged the considerable progress that had been made since December 2024, when the Community Council was facing abeyance and thanked everyone for their continued hard work and support.

**4. TREASURER'S REPORT**

TP presented the AKCC accounts for the year ending 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, which are attached as Appendix 2. Iain D Shepherd, Chartered Accountant, had verified that the accounts were a correct record.

At year end, on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024, the funds held were £3124, which was approximately £300 less than the £3405 held on 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023.

Two grants had been received from the Highland Council, totalling £3055, which included the annual grant of £1055 and a further £2000 for the comfort scheme and discretionary grant.

Crowdfunding and local businesses had raised £1352 for the ongoing cost of the Avoch Public Toilets. These grants and funds were much appreciated, as was the £481 and vouchers donated by Scotmid and the £70 raised in stall receipts at Avoch Fun Day.

The main sources of expenditure were the £3280 needed to support the Public Toilets, £1121 for the Sharing Shed and £323 for general expenses.

SA acknowledged TP's contribution to the work of the Community Council.

**5. ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2024/25**

Office Bearers for the period until the next AGM in June 2025 were elected as follows:

**Chair:** Derek Maclver, proposed by RB, seconded by DMn

**Vice Chair:** Fraser Brunton, proposed by TP, seconded by DM.

**Treasurer:** Tim Phillips, proposed by DM, seconded by RB

**Secretary:** Rosie Brunton, proposed by DMn, seconded by DM

Although the Constitution did not prevent the appointment of other Office Bearers, such as a Minute Secretary, FB agreed to continue in this role for the coming year.

**6. ASSOCIATED AND CO-OPTED MEMBERSHIP**

The following additional Associate Members were proposed by DM and seconded by FB:

Andy McLeman (Chair of Avoch Amenities Association), Debbie du Preez (Chair of Parents' Council) and Archie Brindle (Youth Member).

These new Associate Members would be added to the current Register of Associate Members which remained valid; and already included Jenni Carmichael (JC) and Kathy Taylor (KT), who were also proposed and seconded at the AGM. It was noted that Associate Members could be co-opted at any time.

**7. AOCB**

None.

**8. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

7.30 pm on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025 in Avoch Pavilion.

Fraser Brunton

AKCC Minute Secretary

19th June 2024

## Avoch & Killen Chairmans Report

December last year saw AKCC in threat of going into abeyance but several of us were determined to keep it going.

Fortunately, whilst putting up the Christmas lights we were very lucky to have encountered local folk who it turns out were keen to learn more about us and more than happy to be recruited into the Team.

During January we got together and formulated a plan which involved getting leaflets printed & with the help of willing volunteer's & Tim on his bike, we managed to post the information to every house in the AKCC area & as a result we are stronger as a group than we have been in a while.

We have attended Meetings for the Black Isle placement Plan and the group Black Isle community councils to discuss engage & support proposals that will benefit the community & environment in the future.

We have listed the many assets the Community Council has ensuring they are managed & maintained as appropriate e.g. the sails at the lazy corner, the benches and the Christmas lists to mention a few.

We are developing & implementing a communication strategy which in turn will increase awareness & hopefully participation using social media to raise the Community

council profile and community awareness so that the community council is the go-to organisation for community matters.

Also, we are developing links with Avoch Amenities Associations to identify and support opportunities that will benefit the local community.

There is an action group in place which is being tasked with the re-opening and maintenance of the public toilet.

Things are looking very positive, and the future is exciting for the year ahead.

Finally, I Must Thank everyone for their continued support & hard work.

**AVOCH & KILLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL****Receipts and payments  
for the year ended March 31, 2024**

	£	Full year 2022-23 £
<i>Receipts</i>		
Highland Council annual grant	1,055	
Highland Council comfort scheme and discretionary grant	2,000	
Avoch public conveniences - donations	1,352	
Scotmid - community grant	481	
Avoch Fun Day - stall receipts	70	
	<u>4,958</u>	<u>4,098</u>
<i>Payments</i>		
AKCC Minutes	350	
Sharing shed costs	1,121	
Village signage	37	
Auditor gift	50	
Avoch public conveniences - cleaning	1,591	
Avoch public conveniences - sundries	735	
Avoch public conveniences - utilities	954	
Remembrance wreath	35	
Environmental maintenance	53	
General expenses	323	
Insurances (net of refunds)	(11)	
	<u>5,239</u>	<u>5,576</u>
Surplus/(deficit)	<u>(281)</u>	<u>(1,478)</u>

**Statement of funds at March 31, 2024**

	£	£
<b>FUNDS</b>		
Opening funds	3,405	4,883
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(281)	(1,478)
Closing funds	<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,405</u>
<b>Held as:-</b>		
Bank of Scotland Current Account	<u>3,124</u>	<u>3,405</u>

**Independent review**

Inspected and found to be an accurate summary of transactions and balance held.

Iain D Shepherd 14/6/24