

**MINUTES OF A.G.M OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL HELD VIA ZOOM ON
WEDNESDAY 21 APRIL 2021 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Elizabeth Steuart Fothringham (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Heather Anne Low (Planning Representative); June Richardson; Scott Nicoll; Duncan Gourlay; Joanna Anderson; Provost Ronnie Proctor; Councillor Julie Bell; Councillor McMillan Douglas;

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies

Members warmly welcomed Provost Proctor and Heather Anne Low to the meeting.

1) Minutes of last AGM 20.3.19 were adopted as a correct record.

2) JOINT CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT AGM 21.4.21

From the beginning of "Lockdown" in March 2020, it has been an exceedingly difficult and different time for everyone, and it seems that we are not seeing too much light at the end of the tunnel yet. All our projects/plans have been put on hold for the time being. We can only hope for better times to come and begin to hold our Community Council Meetings at the Kirk/Community Hall.

We started to hold meetings via Zoom in March this year and it is our intention to continue this way until the situation changes. Our next meeting to be held in May. Details to be placed on notice boards.

Although Community Council members have not been able to meet during this period we have continued to circulate information amongst ourselves via emails when we receive them from Angus Council and various other organisations. This is to make sure that we are all up to date on matters which may arise within our community. We continue to work closely with our local Primary School, and we are only too pleased to assist in any way we can.

East Coast 132Kv Upgrade (SSEN)

Concerns by some members of the community were brought to our attention in respect of the route(s) to be taken by the above electricity pylon upgrade. Our Chair took part in the first on-line chat/consultation event on 25 February 2021. The final consulting on alignment options to take place in August 2021. We as a Community Council have written to SSEN detailing the concerns which have been raised by members of our community. The review of these responses to be considered by May 2021.

Participatory Budgeting (Angus Council) 2019/20

We were successful in our applications to receive funds for projects for our Community from the above. These were:

- 1) Money for the purchase of litter picking equipment. The idea behind this is to involve groups within the Community getting together and taking part in organised "litter picks". We have all seen the discarded litter along our beautiful country roads. The school are also very keen on involving the pupils and with this in mind we have purchased a variety of sizes of gloves, hi viz vests etc. Sadly, until more folk allowed

to get together and participate, the equipment has not been used to its full extent. But it is available for use as soon as Covid allows.

- 2) We were also given a grant to purchase a defibrillator, ancillary equipment, training, etc. to be installed at Inverarity. The Scottish Ambulance Service to provide training etc and of course this has also been put on hold due to Covid restrictions.
- 3) Inverarity Primary School received funds too. For the purchase of a Buddy Bench, also for a School Trip to Newton Farm.
- 4) The WRI also received funds for help in celebrating their 100th Year Anniversary.

Treasurer's Report

Our balance stands at £7625.36. This includes monies still to be used for the purchase of our defibrillator and ancillary equipment.

3) DEMIT OF CURRENT OFFICE BEARERS/ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS

Provost Ronnie Proctor kindly agreed to be Acting Chair in order that present office bearers can stand-down and new ones elected.

Chair – CS Proposed Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham, seconded by JR
At this point Elizabeth took over from Provost Proctor as Chair:

Secretary - HAL proposed Carole Short, seconded by Scott Nicoll
Treasurer - CS proposed Louise Nicoll, seconded by SN
Planning Rep - LN proposed Duncan Gourlay, seconded by ESF
School Liaison - ESF proposed Joanna Anderson, seconded by LN

4) DATE OF NEXT AGM

18 May 2022.

5) A.O.C.B.

- a) Councillor Proctor mentioned that Dr Elspeth Stirling had been in touch with him with a request she contacts members of our CC in respect of her re-wilding of grass verges, litter picking and other projects which we could take part in when covid 19 permits. **Agreed** Ronnie will give her our email details.
- b) Secretary advised that the litter picking equipment has been purchased from the grant which we received from Angus Council (Participatory Budgeting). These items are available to all members of the community who reside within the Inverarity Community Council area. Of course, because of Covid restrictions it is not possible to organise groups to get together for "litter picks" but should anyone wish to take part as a family etc. please contact us at inveraritycc@hotmail.co.uk and we can arrange for you to collect the equipment.
- c) Councillor McMillan Douglas advised that Participatory Budgeting will be going ahead for the year 2021/22 and we should be hearing direct from Angus Council with more details.
- d) Councillor Bell agreed to liaise with ESF regarding the proposed purchase of our defibrillator as she is aware of other Community Councils who have already installed them. Councilor Proctor also gave ESF some other contacts/ideas.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.pm. **Date of next ordinary meeting 19 May 2021 (via Zoom) at 7.30pm**