

**MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 19 JANUARY 2022 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Elizabeth Steuart Forthringham (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Heather Anne Low; Scott Nicoll; Joanna Anderson; Provost Ronnie Proctor; Councillor Julie Bell; Sandra Hood (Head Teacher);

1) **APOLOGIES:** June Richardson; Duncan Gourlay and Councillor Angus MacMillan Douglas were unable to connect.

2) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of Zoom Meeting held on 17.11.21 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising From Meeting 17.11.21

a) **Participatory Budgeting**

Sandra advised that the school had put in an application but unfortunately it was late in being submitted and funding was not given. Discussion took place regarding the way Participatory Budgeting had been organised during the past two years and that the procedure(s) could be improved, giving organisations more time to prepare their applications etc. Julie advised that these criticisms had been take on board and a new person to take charge of the Participatory Budgeting Programme had been appointed. This involves starting with a clean slate with the hope that the next phase will run much more smoothly.

b) **Defibrillator and Ancillary Equipment**

Carole reported that she had met with Mr Harrison from St. John Scotland and he had forwarded an application form for us to purchase a Defibrillator and Ancillary Equipment. Elizabeth to speak to St John Scotland to find out which model they intend to supply. Meantime preliminary arrangements for electricity supply for connection to the defibrillator are taking place. We have been assured that St. John Scotland will organise any training we would like them to give to members of the community, school etc when it is in place. They have a dedicated team which covers our area.

3) **PLANNING**

Planning Application 21/00926/CLU

Alterations to existing farmhouse, new doors to rear elevations etc at Ladenford Lour

4) **CORRESPONDENCE**

Carole advised that she had received emails regarding training for Community Councils and had forwarded them on to all our CC members and asked if anyone was interested. Elizabeth is hoping to attend Social Media Training Event.

5) **TREASUR'S REPORT**

Louise reported that our balance stands at £7351.37 and that the books had been audited.

6) INFRASTRUCTURE

a) Storm Arwen

Elizabeth reported on the extent of the devastation caused on Fotheringham Estate and in our area in general. Many Trees destroyed. Fallen trees caused the road at Whigstreet to be closed and there were delays in getting the necessary equipment to remove them. She highlighted her concerns regarding overhanging broken branches on trees along parts of the A90 and that she had been in touch with BEAR to try to have the road closed in order that these trees can be dealt with. She advised if anyone sees tree(s) which appear to be dangerous to report them. Councillor Proctor advised Elizabeth to email him with details and he will investigate it with BEAR.

b) Missing Road Sign Happas

This has been reported to BEAR and Angus Council Roads Department and BEAR advise that this will be replaced by the end of March this year.

c) Light at Gateside

Heather Anne reported that this light was still not working. Carole advised that she had already reported it and would investigate it. Elizabeth would take a photo of it too.

d) Power Cuts after Storm Arwen

Elizabeth queried the small amounts of compensation which had been given by SSEN Distribution to folk in this area who were affected. The general feeling was that these payments should have been more. Julie suggested Elizabeth contact SSEN and if she has any problems to get in touch with her and she will look further into it.

7) AOCB

a) **Renovation of Bench at side of Kirk/Community Hall – Agreed** we contact J Learmonth to go ahead with this as per their quote.

b) **Litter Picking Equipment** – Carole advised that this was available to anyone who wishes to take part in a Group Litterpick etc. Just contact us on our email address Inveraritycc@hotmail.co.uk and make arrangements to collect and borrow.

c) School Playground

Sandra advised that the school has plans to open the school playground during the Easter and Summer Holidays from Tuesdays Saturday. Notice giving more details of times etc. will be placed on community noticeboards.

d) Retaining Wall at School Car Park

Duncan had mentioned this at the last meeting and as this is the responsibility of the school to report these problems it was **Agreed** that Sandra would telephone Duncan to find out more about it.

e) Eco Flag Fund Raising

Sandra gave an update on the above. The rag bag at the school is now completely full and awaiting collection. A replacement rag bag will be placed in the school car park and if anyone in the community wishes to donate any pre-loved clothing or bedding, please do so. Anyone wishing donate the school asks that you only access this during the school day between 9.30am and 2.30pm only and that any cars in the car park **reverse park**. If anyone is interested the link is www.rag-bag.uk

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.45pm. Date of next meeting 16.3.22

