

**MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 JANUARY 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

PRESENT: Elizabeth Steuart Fothringham (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary) ; Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Scott Nicoll; Heather Anne Low; Councillors Julie Bell and Ronnie Proctor; Sandra Hood (Headteacher)

1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillor Meechan (Councillor Bell explained that her and Councillor Meechan have decided to share Community Council attendances to save duplication and that she will be the Elected Member Representative attending our meetings.

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

The minutes of Meeting 16.11.22 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising From Meeting 21.9.22

a) **Defibrillator and Ancillary Equipment**

Elizabeth advised that the defibrillator is now in place and is working and that she has managed to secure insurance through Angus Council. Replacement cost for defibrillator and casing £1794 plus around £200 electrical costs if it is damaged. We also have a spare set of pads etc for the defibrillator and apparently they can be easily purchased on line. We discussed ways in which the defibrillator can be accessed/found by anyone in the community should an emergency arrive.. Maybe some sort of illumination around it so that it can be seen in the dark and/or signage. Secretary agreed to contact Tayside Contracts who we believe have their own sign making facility. Duncan advised that there is a Defibrillatorfinderwebsite.co.uk You can enter the postcode to identify the exact spot. Elizabeth will look into this.

Training Elizabeth informed the meeting that she has been in touch with St. Johns again and has asked for some training dates for a little later in the year. She also said that The Farm Shop had kindly offered to keep a sheet of paper for folk who visit the shop and who can give their details should they wish to attend a training session.

b) **B9127 Survey at Seggieden**

Councillor Bell emailed members of CC with the following result of the survey:

Your concerns were raised for consideration at the most recent meeting of the Angus Area Traffic Co-ordination Group, which was held on Tuesday 29 November 2022. Representation at this meeting included various Angus Council directorates and Police Scotland, all of whom have an interest in road safety and traffic management.

A search of our road traffic accident database confirmed that there have been no recorded injury accident of the B9127 in the vicinity of Seggieden Steading within the most recent three year recording period from 16 September 2019 to 15 September 2022.

A speed survey carried out between 9 November 2022 and 16 November 2022 on the B9127 in the vicinity of Seggieden Steading recorded an average speed of 44mph and an 85th percentile speed (the speed at or below which 85% of vehicles were travelling) of 53mph.

Seggieden Steading is located on a straight stretch of road with good visibility of approaching traffic from both directions.

The B9127 in the vicinity of Seggieden Steading fails to meet the criteria set out in the Angus Speed Limit Strategy for the introduction of a reduced speed limit.

Taking the above into consideration the Traffic Co-ord Group agreed that there was not a significant speeding or road safety issue at this location and that the introduction of a reduced speed limit was not appropriate.

c) Review of Kerbside Recycling Service

No information to date on result of the survey which ended 11 December 2022.

d) Cost of Living Roadshows information from Audrey Michie, Vibrant Communities Angus Council
Newtyle Cost of Living Road Show:

Date – Wednesday 1 February 2023

Venue – Newtyle Legion Hall, 33 Belmont Street, Newtyle, PH12 8UB.

Time – 10.30am – 1.30 pm

Kirriemuir Cost of Living Road Show:

Date – Tuesday 7 February 2023

Venue – Glens and Kirriemuir United Parish Church Hall, Bank Street, Kirriemuir DD8 4BG

Time – 10:30am to 2:30pm

Open to all members of the public

A large range of providers will have stalls; sharing information on their services and how they may be able to support people with the Cost of Living.

- Representatives such as – Welfare Rights, Housing, Revenues and Benefits, Skills team, Citizens Advice Bureau, Vibrant Communities, Scarf, PENUMBRA, VAA, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Angus Alive, NHS and others local providers
- Light refreshments will be provided, tea, coffee and soup (provided by Community café volunteers)
- Cooking on a budget demonstration – slow cookers will be given out to members of the public to support affordable cooking methods, funded from the LACER fund
- We will also have free period products available.
- 'Grab a Bag' cooking ingredients- including recipe cards for members of the public to take away

- 3) **PLANNING –** Correspondence had been received from Wardell Armstrong LLP. Proposal of Application Notice: Proposed Solar Farm on land to the south east of Forfar, including underground cable route and a small battery storage facility on former quarrying land within Auchterforfar Quarry.

4) CORRESPONDENCE

a) **Police Reports** can be accessed from barrie.taylor@scotland.police.uk

b) **Free Period Products** are available in Angus. Please contact Planning@Angus.gov.uk for information on how to access these products.

c) **Tayside Contracts** – from Angie Dodds, Equalities & Communications Manager - introducing **Tayside Contracts Community Fund** which is open to applications from 9 January 2023. For more information visit: communityfund@tayside-contracts.co.uk

5) **TREASUR'S REPORT**

Louise reported our balance stands at £6707.00. This includes our £375 Annual Grant. Expenditure £222.90 to Mack Electrical for installation of defibrillator; £45 to Church for hall rents and £75 Secretaries expenses for ink and paper

6) **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Secretary had reported the open drain cover at Gateside near the bridge. This had been lifted during storms and commented how quickly and efficiently that this had been dealt with by the Roads Department.

7) **AOCB**

a) **Update from Sandra Hood (Headteacher Inverarity Primary School):**

We are very proud that our Eco flag is flying high in the sky! We have also gained our Bronze Rights of the Child award as well as our Bronze Woodlands Trust Tree Award.

We have 8 P1 applications for school for August so far. Our nursery is almost full from April.

We have a block of 10 weeks of 'Glow in the Dark Sports' starting tomorrow (Thursday). This is after school until 4.30pm. Following this block, we will have 10 weeks of dance. We are delighted to have been given a grant to cover the costs of both blocks.

We now have a breakfast club which is £1 donation per day and runs 8.15-9am Monday to Thursday and 8.30-9am on a Friday. This is a trial; however, we hope that it may be able to continue although we will need to seek funding. We are using PEF money for this this year.

We hope to do a school show in June and are currently working with our P7s to select one!

We have a 'Science Week' in March and are very open to any ideas from anyone around visits and experiences for the children during this week. Thank you everyone.

b) **Councillor Bell** - reported she was delighted they had secured funding for wheelchair access at the Neverland Park in Kirriemuir. A second bid has gone in for an inclusive roundabout and they await a response from funders. Hopefully the access will be in place late spring early summer.

c) **Councillor Proctor** – congratulated Louise on her recent article in The Courier which brought to light some of the challenges facing small businesses. The Avian Flu Epidemic exacerbating the situation in our area. Louise said she had had a good response from the media in general. She also advised that they are in the National Finals for the Best B&B Awards to be announced on 9 February. We wish them all the best.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.45pm – The next meeting will be Wednesday 15 March 2023 at 7.30pm via Zoom.

