

**MINUTES OF ZOOM MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 MARCH 2023 AT 7.30 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham (Chair); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Scott Nicoll; Heather Anne Low; Jane Turrent (Inverarity Primary School) Kenny and Pam Hamilton; Councillor Julie Bell

1) **APOLOGIES:** Carole Short (Secretary); Jo Anderson; Councillor R. Proctor

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

The minutes of Meeting 18.1.23 were accepted as a true record. Given that some people in attendance were only there to discuss particular issues we agreed that we would discuss Lownie Solar Farm first, followed by the report from the school and then we would work through the rest of the agenda items.

3) **Lownie Solar Farm**

Concerns were raised by members of the community over the Lownie Solar Farm development and advice was sought on how the planning process would work and what options members of the community have if they wish to object. The proposed solar farm sits within the boundary of both Forfar and Inverarity Community Councils.

Individuals wishing to object can write to the Council individually. Councillor Bell reassured those at the meeting that although the website asks for comments by email, letters written by hand and posted to the Council would also be received. The size of the development means that the final decision on planning would be taken by the Scottish Government, but Angus Council would be involved in the early stages and would be discussing it at Council Meetings. If letters are written to Angus Council it is helpful if they cross reference the Local Development Plans. Members of the public are permitted to apply to form a deputation at Council Meetings.

4) **School Report**

A report from Inverarity Primary School was given by Jane Turrent. Numbers registering for the School are looking good for the next academic year, and the nursery is now full, with 16 children registered. Breakfast Club has been successful, and its future will be discussed with parents around Eastertime. There will be a show in the last week of the school summer term, entitled "The Greatest Show" and the school would like to invite the Community to attend. The Parent Council would like to invite everyone to a car boot sale in the school carpark on Saturday 22 April 2023. The school grounds will be open for playing during the holidays from Tuesday to Saturday. Volunteers to put away the outsider resources would be appreciated, please contact [inverarity@angusschools.org.uk](mailto:inverarity@angusschools.org.uk)

5) **Matters Arising from Minutes of Meeting 18.1.23**

a) **Defibrillator and Ancillary Equipment**

The defibrillator is now registered on the defibrillator network and with the Ambulance Service, so anyone contacting the Emergency services nearby will be directed there.

St Johns has informed us that they do not run training sessions between April and October. We discussed paying for private training or approaching the British Heart Foundation. Louise will contact the British Heart Foundation and Elizabeth will contact a private Health and Safety Consultant who advises the Estate on H&S and will report back at the next meeting.

**b) Review of Kerbside Recycling Service**

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

**c) Cost of Living Roadshows**

The Cost of Living Roadshows ran successfully with over 180 people attending the Kirriemuir event.

**6) PLANNING**

One application in the area: Change of Use for the Farm Shop Building at Mill of Inverarity Farm.

**7) CORRESPONDENCE**

- a) **Police Reports** can be accessed from [victoria.crichton@scotland.police.uk](mailto:victoria.crichton@scotland.police.uk)
- b) **Free Period Products** are available in Angus. Please contact [Planning@Angus.gov.uk](mailto:Planning@Angus.gov.uk) for information on how to access these products.
- c) **Tayside Contracts Community Fund** – Secretary has asked for a quotation for the supply of 3 signs (one for each of our noticeboards) indicating the position of the defibrillator. We have been informed that this will be dealt with at the beginning of the financial year, 1 April. Secretary will write again for an update.

**8) TREASURER'S REPORT**

Louise reported our balance stands at £6707.00.

**9) INFRASTRUCTURE**

Members of the Community are encouraged to use the pot hole reporting tool. Either click on the link below, or use google (or any search engine) to search for "Angus Council report a pot hole"

[https://anguscouncil-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&form\\_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8/AF-Stage-1728c07f-5459-48f4-8c1e-2cc83c397056/definition.json&process=1&process\\_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8&process\\_id=AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8&accept=yes&consentMessageIds\[\]=84&consentMessageIds\[\]=146](https://anguscouncil-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8/AF-Stage-1728c07f-5459-48f4-8c1e-2cc83c397056/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8&process_id=AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecdcf69eee8&accept=yes&consentMessageIds[]=84&consentMessageIds[]=146)

**10) AOCB**

Councilor Bell reported that she was delighted that money had been awarded for an inclusive roundabout and swing for the Kirriemuir playpark, near the Camera Obscura, in Kirriemuir. The Parks Department of Angus Council are installing and maintaining it. After a suggestion from a member of the public, the Co-op in Kirriemuir has funded a family accessible picnic table.

**There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9pm – the next meeting will be an in person meeting at Inverarity Kirk/Community Hall on Wednesday 17 May 2023 at 7.30pm**

