

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A.G.M AND ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY
COUNCIL HELD AT INVERARITY KIRK/COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 16
AUGUST 2023 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Heather Anne Low; Scott Nicoll; Joanna Anderson (School Liaison); Councillor Julie Bell; Sandra Livingston (Liaison Officer Vibrant Communities)

APOLOGIES: Councillors R Proctor and G Meechan; Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham

1) Minutes of last AGM 21.4.21 were adopted as a correct record.

2) JOINT CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT AGM 16.8.23

This last year has seen us gradually getting back to normal and managing to hold some meetings at the Kirk/Community Hall, which is nice. We still use Zoom for some meetings as well, especially in the winter months when the weather can be unpredictable. We continue to help our community in any way possible with any concerns they may have regarding infrastructure, planning etc.

Our defibrillator and ancillary equipment are now in place at the door of Inverarity Farm Shop, and we are grateful to the Stoddard family for allowing us to use this facility.

The next step is to arrange training sessions for those in the community who are interested in taking part. We are in the process of organising this through a private company sometime in the autumn. It has been difficult to finalise this and we have met many hurdles on the way, but hopefully this will now be achievable. Fingers crossed.

We applied for and received a Grant from Tayside Contracts Community Fund for the provision of signs for our noticeboards giving information as to where the defibrillator is located. The Signs Department at Tayside Contracts advised that these should be ready for collection soon.

Our litterpicking equipment is still available for anyone wishing to borrow it at any time.

We continue to work very closely with Inverarity Primary School and at our last meeting were honoured to be given a presentation by some pupils from the school. This was on their achieving a Bronze Award as a Rights Respecting School. The award is the creation of UNICEF UK in collaboration with the Scottish Government. It was a great pleasure for us to be involved with the children. We held this in the Church because it was a more practical location.

Treasurer's Report

Our balance stands at £6626. Louise reported that new auditors have now been appointed.

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

Sandra Livingston acted as Chair until the appointment of our Chair.

Chair – HAL proposed **Scott Nicoll** – Seconded DG

At this point Scott took over from Sandra as Chair.

Secretary - HAL proposed Carole Short, seconded by JA

Treasurer - SN proposed Louise Nicoll, seconded by CS

Planning Rep - CS proposed Duncan Gourlay, seconded by HAL

School Liaison - CS proposed Joanna Anderson, seconded by LN

4) DATE OF NEXT AGM

18.9.24

There being no further business there followed an **Ordinary Meeting**.

1) **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING AND MATTERS ARISING**

The minutes of Meeting 17.5.23 were approved.

Matters Arising

a) **Lownie Solar Farm**

Duncan reported that he had sent a letter to Angus Council on behalf of a member of our community voicing their concerns about this installation. To date no decision has been made by the Planning Department.

b) **Training for Defibrillator and Ancillary Equipment** – Awaiting an update.

c) **Direction Signs for Position of the Defibrillator** – Almost ready.

2) **PLANNING**

a) 23/00367/FULL – Alterations to existing farmhouse West Happas Farm

b) 23/00393/FULM – Solar Farm – Land of Cotton of Lownie

3) **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Police Reports** can be accessed from victoria.crichton@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) **Complaints Procedure**

Sandra explained the thinking as to why Angus Council have decided to set up a Complaints Procedure to be used by Community Councils as instances may arise where this could be necessary and have sent us an example Complaints Procedure wh to be adopted by all Community Councils. This should help alleviate any problems which may arise. All members of our Community Council are to look over the example and advise Angus Council if they agree to the wording or indeed wish to make any changes.

4) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

£6626.00. Data Protection and printer ink costs have been taken from funds.

5) **INFRASTRUCTURE**

a) DG reported that the problems with the flickering streetlights were still not sorted. JB will investigate this.

b) CS mentioned the state of the bus stops. JB suggested she contact DrydenS@angus.gov.uk who will advise.

c) SN mentioned water bursts in the area. JB will contact Scottish Water to raise our concerns.

- d) Members of the Community are encouraged to use the pothole 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-fecd69eee8/AF-Stage-1728c07f-5459-48f4-8c1e-2cc83c397056/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecd69eee8&process_id=AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecd69eee8&accept=yes&consentMessageIds\[\]=84&consentMessageIds\[\]=146](https://anguscouncil-self.achieveservice.com/AchieveForms/?mode=fill&form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecd69eee8/AF-Stage-1728c07f-5459-48f4-8c1e-2cc83c397056/definition.json&process=1&process_uri=sandbox-processes://AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecd69eee8&process_id=AF-Process-8d3c7028-ce77-4260-8b68-fecd69eee8&accept=yes&consentMessageIds[]=84&consentMessageIds[]=146)

6) **A.O.C.B**

a) **School Report**

- Mrs Turrent advised that school numbers were good at around 50 including nursery and there are still 8 spaces available in the nursery.
- Breakfast Club – Presently advertising for a new person to run this. Funding from Pupil Equity Fund.
- Inverarity PS achieved a Digital Schools Award.
- Hoping to be accredited for Silver Rights Respecting Schools Award – 8 September.
- School held a Parent/Carers Café at the end of term. Some members of CC attended.

Joanna mentioned that the School/Parent Council are hoping to hold a Community Fair next year and CC members offered their help.

- b) **Heather Anne** gave the following information on forthcoming events to be held at **Inverarity Church**:

1st September – Organ Recital by Lional Steuart Fotheringham at 7.30pm. Entry £10. Children go free. In aid of Church Funds

3rd September – Preloved and Loved Sale from 2.00 to 4.00pm

21st September – Youth Orchestra – more details to follow.

- c) **Sandra Livingston** - introduced herself as Community Officer, Community Development at Angus Council. Support for Community Councils now being part of Vibrant Communities Angus Council. She would like Inverarity CC members to attend a Community Council induction/Training Session with her. Agree we decide a date which suits all CC members and advise her. It can either be via zoom or face to face. She also suggested we look up the Community Council Scotland Website section “Democracy Matters” as it contains a lot of interesting and useful information.

- d) **It was agreed** that we start to put our minutes up on our **Inverarity Community Council Facebook page**.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.40pm. Date of next meeting 18.10.23.

