

**Inveresk Community Council**  
**Annual General Meeting**  
**18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 via Zoom**

1. **Present** – Gus Leighton (Chairman), Claire Wilson (Secretary), Patrick Ford (Planning Liaison), Emily MacSporrán (Treasurer), Judith Gallacher, Alan Budge, Ann Johnson, Ken Goddard, Dick Robertson, Jill Scott (Brechin CC), Cllr Myles, Cllr Braes, Cllr Nicol and 6 members of the public.
2. **Apologies** – Nil
3. **Welcome** – Gus welcomed everyone to the AGM and meeting and apologised for the delay in holding an AGM - this was due to the current pandemic. It was agreed that the AGM month should remain at May and not changed to January and the ICC would hold its next AGM May 2022.
4. **Minutes of the AGM held on 20<sup>th</sup> May 2019** were approved as a true reflection of the meeting by Ken Goddard and seconded by Gus Leighton. These minutes would now be posted to the ICC website. **Action: Claire**
5. **Chairman’s Report** – A draft report had been circulated prior to the meeting. A member of the public noted that the number of proposed houses at Inchbare was 6 not 4. Gus will amend this. (See Attachment 1) **Action: Gus**
6. **Treasurer’s Report** – The accounts for the financial year 2019/2020 had been circulated to the ICC members prior to the meeting and had been audited and authorised by an independent examiner. Emily’s report had been circulated prior to the meeting (See attachment 2). The accounts were approved, and a copy has been submitted to Angus Council. A copy of the accounts are available on request to the Chairman or Secretary of ICC.
7. **Office Bearers** – Emily MacSporrán and Patrick Ford resigned from the ICC, both after lengthy periods on the ICC. Gus thanked them for the huge contributions they had both made.  
The following office bearers were elected.  
Chairman – Gus Leighton (proposed Alan Budge and seconded Ken Goddard)  
Secretary – Claire Wilson continues in post.  
Treasurer – Alan Budge (proposed Gus Leighton and seconded Ken Goddard)  
Planning Liaison – Ken Goddard (proposed Alan Budge and seconded Ann Johnson)  
Pamela Cottam was also co-opted onto the ICC as a new member.  
Claire will contact Angus Council to update the details. **Action: Claire**
8. **Constitution** – The constitution was approved, and it was agreed that no amendments were required at this time. Claire will change all previous amendments made in red (by previous committees) to black. **Action: Claire**

9. **Next AGM** will be held immediately prior to the normal business meeting on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022. Venue to be confirmed.

## **Attachment 1**

### **INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL – AGM** **CHAIRMAN’S REPORT**

The Covid-19 pandemic has meant, amongst other things, that our 2020 AGM was postponed from May 2020 to January 2021 and will be held online using Zoom rather than in person. Again I must sincerely thank my fellow Community Councillors and our Secretary, Claire Wilson, for their support and selfless efforts over the past 20 months. Community Councils are the lowest tier of local government. We are unpaid individuals who give up our time to serve the population within our area.

Inveresk Community Council covers the extensive area from the tops of Glen Esk and Glen Lethnot to the A90 with Edzell being its major centre of population. We usually hold regular meetings at various locations in an attempt to cover all areas and maximise access by the residents, though Covid-19 has meant that we have had to move to online Zoom meetings. We are informed of all Planning Applications within our area and, where deemed appropriate, comment upon them. We have strong links with the Police and with the local Neighbourhood Watch (over 500 strong), using this network to disseminate information quickly and effectively, as appropriate. The 3 Ward Councillors who cover our area are regular attendees at our meetings and I am grateful for their ongoing support.

Anyone can attend our open meetings to raise their concerns. These will be discussed and, hopefully, a pragmatic solution found. This often entails action by one of the Ward Councillors or us taking the matter directly to Angus Council ourselves in an effort to reach a satisfactory resolution. A successful conclusion is not always possible. The Community Council has no power, as such, but does try to influence Angus Council decisions. As appropriate, matters may be taken to an MSP or our MP in an effort to find resolution.

Much of our efforts since the 2019 AGM have been in relation to planning applications, road matters and trying to progress several long-standing matters such as the restoration of Edzell’s Riverside Path which only recently reopened. The establishment of a 20mph zone covering Edzell was another ongoing issue and we had great hopes that Angus Council’s Working Group on Road Policy would decide to make Edzell one of the trial areas for such a scheme. This was overtaken by events in that Edzell, and some other areas of Angus towns and villages, have been made 20mph zones on a temporary basis (initially for 18 months). It is now hoped that we can persuade Angus Council to leave Edzell as a 20mph zone.

Prior to the pandemic, work got underway to adjust the road at the ‘phonebox corner in Little Brechin, however Covid-19 delayed completion of this work by over 3 months and it has only recently been finished. The 40mph buffer zones north and south of Inchbare were similarly delayed. Rumble strips on the B966 north and south of Edzell have been in place for over a year and the pavements were widened by the Edzell mini-roundabout to make crossing the High Street easier at that point. Other road safety issues across the Community Council’s area were addressed (eg signage at Tarfside Bridge and in Little Brechin). There is currently a Crossing Attendant at Edzell PS, We requested that this safety measure is retained after the school building work is completed and have been told it will stay for another year.

On planning, we consider all Planning Applications in our area whether these be for a new porch on an existing house, a proposed new hill track, or an estate of new houses. The largest planning matter we dealt with recently was the application to build 57 new houses on the edge of Edzell, north of Duriehill Farm. As this was a major development, we sought the views of local residents and, taking those into account, submitted comments to Angus Council. We also explained how individuals could have their personal views taken into account by Angus Council. Angus Council have yet to decide whether to sanction this development. In May 2019, we carried out a similar exercise for 6 new houses in Inchbare. The demolition of Inglis Court and its replacement with 21

affordable homes for rent will be treated the same way, now that we have been notified of the Planning Application.

I have been a member of the Inveresk Community Council for over five years and became the Chairman in November 2018. Presently, we have a diverse body of Community Councillors with a wide breadth of experience within our ranks. There are currently vacancies on the Inveresk Community Council which we would like to fill. I am aware that we have no-one from the farming sector at the moment. I am also acutely aware that we still have no member to represent the younger element within our area. Community Councillors need only be 16 years old.

## **Attachment 2**

INVERESK COMMUNITY COUNCIL (ICC)  
AGM held on 18/01/21  
Treasurer's Report 2019/2020

A copy of the Financial Statement and accompanying notes are available on request to the ICC Secretary or Chairman. As required, these have been submitted to Angus Council for approval. This year, because of Covid-19, and as advised by Angus Council, the accounts were initially submitted unaudited on 02/04/20. With the easing of restrictions several weeks later, the audit took place on 09/06/20. Thanks again to John Clark who has been our auditor for several years.

The annual grant received from Angus Council has been constant at £740 for several years now. All costs that we incur in the rental of halls for our monthly meetings are recovered from Angus Council. During the year 2019/20, no more dna kits were purchased and 16 were sold from our stock. We still have a few kits on hand but the programme is now closed. Many thanks to Special Constable Ricky Martin for his great efforts and sales pitch. Of the £1,000 donations that we received, we have returned £210 to donors. The balance of £790 which other donors kindly allowed us to keep has been used to gift £150 to Edzell and Stracathro Primary Schools and to purchase NHW signs at a cost of £384. The full detail is attached.

All other expenditure was routine and at the end of the financial year we had £769.38 in the bank. This balance is made up of Selecta DNA money £359.60 and ICC money £409.78.

Emily MacSporran  
Treasurer