

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JANUARY 2024 AT 7.30 PM
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Scott Nicoll (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham; Heather Anne Low; Joanna Anderson; Councillors Julie Bell and Ronnie Proctor; Cirst Rajcoomar (Acting Head Teacher Inverarity Primary School)

1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillor G Meechan; Duncan Gourlay; Jane Turrent

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

The minutes of Meeting 22.11.23 were accepted as a true record.

Matters Arising From Meeting 22.11.23

a) **Flickering Light at Inverarity** – Duncan advised that the flickering light and the light at the corner by the church had not been dealt with. He informed us that he has reported these on several occasions, and he receives an email after a time advising him that it has been investigated. Secretary advised that she would reply to Nicola Cummings at the Lighting Department who had asked for the exact location of the lights in question and hopefully they will at last be dealt with.

3) **PLANNING** – Nothing to report

4) **CORRESPONDENCE**

a) **Police Reports** can be accessed from victoria.crichton@scotland.police.uk

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

c) **Email from Angela Taylor Angus Pylon Action Group** – noted.

d) **Email from Ruth White Scottish Land Estates** – advising that SLE along with NFUS and British Horse Society are holding an event on 23 January 2024 at Strathmore Rugby Club to raise awareness and encourage engagement with Angus Partnership Against Rural Crime. If you wish to have more information contact Ruth White direct.

Ruth.White@scottishlandestates.co.uk

5) **TEASURER'S REPORT**

Balance £6522.01.

6) **INFRASTRUCTURE**

a) The condition of the road between Gateside and Inverarity was discussed. Soil etc which had been removed from the drainage ditches has just been left in mounds on either side of the road, making it difficult for pedestrians to move out of the way of traffic and therefore dangerous as some vehicles do not slow down for pedestrians. It is also making it hard for vehicles to pass each other. Ronnie to take the matter further.

- b) Flooding at the Cutty Haugh Slip Road. Concerns over lack of drainage and safety have been raised since 4 vehicles ended up under water during storm Babet. Secretary agreed to write to EmergencyCentre@angus.gov.uk giving map reference etc.
- c) Mud build up outside school – Cirst advised that she is already in contact with Angus Council about this matter.
- d) Blocked drains and mud on road at Gateside. Agreed to write to the Roads Department pointing out the drains which have not been cleared.
- e) Concerns were raised by several CC members about the manner in which the hedge trimming is carried out. A number of trees are damaged by the method used which seems to be quite careless.

7) **AOCB**

a) **School Report**

CC welcomed Cirst to her first meeting since joining Inverarity Primary School as Acting Headteacher. Cirst advised that British Science Week will commence in March this year. The main topic being “Learning for Sustainability” and she welcomed anyone within the community contact her should they have any ideas or wish to give a talk on the subject. A Community Café will be taking place in the near future. More details to follow. Louise said the school is welcome to contact her regarding any projects she can be of assistance with.

b) **Inverarity Kirk**

Elizabeth advised that she recently had a meeting with David Pate, Kirk Elder regarding the future of our Kirk and the possibility of closure. The Kirk is keen to hear from any member of the community of any ideas they may have about ways we can use the Kirk.

Cirst advised that the school intended to use the Kirk as often as possible, especially when they are holding concerts etc and they need more space for a larger number of folk to attend. Members of CC offered their assistance in guiding the children safely along the road from the school to the Kirk. Elizabeth advised that her husband Lionel is planning to hold 3 more concerts in the future and is keen to involve the children at Inverarity PS to be part of the concerts. Community Council members **agreed** to start to hold their bi-monthly meetings in the Kirk from now on instead of using the hall. Community Council members also expressed interest in holding film evenings at the Kirk. The fact that the Kirk has internet is also a bonus. Ronnie suggested CC write to the Interim Moderator Malcolm Rooney expressing our concerns.

The next concert by Lionel in the Kirk will be on Friday 1 March at 7.30pm. Please spread the word – all are very welcome! It’ll be a popular mix of organ pieces. Tickets available in advance or on the door in aid of the Kirk or Charity TBC

c) **Inverarity Community Council Facebook Page**

Is now up and running for all members of the Community and beyond to see.

d) **Please note that Inverarity Community Council has a vacancy for one more member of our community – please come along to our meeting or contact any of our Community Council Members if you are interested. You will be most welcome.**

At 8.50pm the Chair declared our meeting closed. Next meeting will be held at Inverarity Kirk on Wednesday 20 March 2024 at 7.30pm

