

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 20 MARCH 2024 AT 7.30 PM  
AT INVERARITY KIRK**

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**PRESENT:** Scott Nicoll (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham; Joanna Anderson (School Liaison Officer); Cirst Rajcoomar (Acting Head Teacher Inverarity Primary School); Pamela and Kenny Hamilton (Members of the Community)

1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillors George Meechan; Julie Bell; Ronnie Proctor; Louise Nicoll; Scott Anderson (Police); Heather Anne Low

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

The minutes of Meeting 17.1.24 were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising From Meeting 17.1.24**

a) **Mud Build up Outside School** – this matter was discussed, and concerns were raised because it appears to be being used as a dumping ground for more soil. **ESF agreed to investigate the situation regarding the land at the triangle and report back. She also agreed to report the damaged drain outside the school gate.**

3) **SCHOOL REPORT:** - Cirst advised that the Reverend Malcolm Rooney would be taking the Easter Service for the school at the Church on Thursday 28 March at 1.40pm, followed by a Community Café giving parents/carers/members of the community an opportunity to come along and see some of the learning which is taking place at the school. Mr Mooney will also be working with the older children in school as part of their ongoing work around Learning for Sustainability. The focus is to highlight the learning taking place for British Science Week and this year's theme of "Time". She advised that Sheila Whitelaw, East and Old and Inverarity Churches, Family Worker, has volunteered to work with the children as part of social learning groups with Lego one morning a week. Sheila also would like to start a Lego Club after school at the Church and anyone wishing to volunteer to please contact Cirst at the school.

4) **PLANNING:**

a) **24/00139/FULL** – demolition of redundant dwellinghouses and erection of two dwellinghouses including ancillary works. Craignathro Farms.

b) **23/00393/FULM Land at Cotton of Lownie – Solar Farm** - Regarding this application Pamela and Kenny Hamilton introduced themselves and advised that they had attended our meeting to provide us with more detailed information regarding the concerns folk living nearby have with this project. This application comes within the boundaries of Inverarity, Letham and Forfar Community Councils. Pamela mentioned that to date many responses have been sent to the Planning Department voicing the concerns members of the community/public have. Details can be found on the Angus Council Planning Website. Members of the Community Council thanked Mr and Mrs Hamilton for taking their time to come along and keep us informed.

- c) **24/00040/PRIORN** – Prior Notification for farm related building works (non-residential) erection of cold store/grading shed and farm office. Lour Farms

5) **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 [Communityplanning@angus.gov.uk](mailto:Communityplanning@angus.gov.uk) for information on how to access these products.
- c) **Email from John Anderson, Forester at Silviculture in Respect of Fothringham Estate Long Term Forest Plan Consultation** –his email explained that Fothringham Estate is currently undertaking scoping as part of the development of their Long-Term Forestry Plan. A Long-Term Forest Plan is a policy document which sets out forestry plans that the Estate submits to Scottish Forestry. It is a 20-year strategic management plan that aims to deliver long term benefits through sustainable forest management. This process requires the Forestry Manager to carry out adequate consultation with local people and relevant organisations, to ensure the long-term objectives and plans for the forest consider the views of stakeholders. As the Inverarity Community Council has been identified as a Stakeholder, we are asked to consider the project and raise any issues which we may see as being key to the management of the woodland going forward. Elizabeth explained the background in more detail. The Estate are keen to hear any suggestions for the provision of footpaths etc when walking and she spoke of the possibility of making a footpath from Whigstreet to the Roman Camp to make it more accessible as a Heritage Site.

6) **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Balance £6522.01. No transactions since the last meeting. The accounts have been signed and hopefully submitted by the end of March.

- 7) **INFRASTRUCTURE** – Nothing new to report.

- 8) **QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:** - None

9) **AOCB**

- a) **Church Events:**

i) **The Organ Recital held by Lionel Steuart Fothringham in the Kirk on 1 March was a huge success.**

ii) **The Loved and Reloved Event to raise money supporting Jeannie the pony at the Riding for the Disabled Centre, Inverarity raised in the region of £200.**

- b) **Inverarity Community Council Facebook Page**

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

- c) **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 8.45 pm the Chair declared our meeting closed. **Next meeting will be held at Inverarity Kirk on Wednesday 15 May 2024 at 7.30pm**

