

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 17 JULY 2024 AT 7.30 PM  
AT INVERARITY KIRK**

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**PRESENT:** Scott Nicoll (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Heather Anne Low; Joanna Anderson; Councillors Julie Bell and Ronnie Proctor; Gail Hutton and Fiona Gourlay (Members of the Community)

1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillor George Meechan; Cirst Rajcoomar; Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham

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

The minutes of Meeting 15.5.24 were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising From Meeting 15.5.24**

a) **Mud Build up Outside School and Drain Opposite School –** this matter has now been dealt with.

b) **Heather Anne mentioned that the drains at Gateside still appear to be blocked. HA to report the matter.** Heather Anne reported that this problem has now been resolved.

3) **PLANNING –** Nothing to report in our area.

4) **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 Vibrant Communities Angus Council containing “Good Practice Guidance for Community Councils and Local Authorities.**

d) **Email from Scottish Forestry regarding Felling Permission Application for Fotheringham Hill. Full information can be obtained by emailing [claire.glaister@forestry.gov.scot](mailto:claire.glaister@forestry.gov.scot) for full information including detailed maps. DEADLINE FOR RESPONSES 9 AUGUST 2024.**

e) **Email from Vibrant Communities Angus Council advising of Community Council Forum to be held at Angus House at 6.30pm on either 12 or 13 August. Carole and Duncan hope to attend. Date to be confirmed.**

f) **Email from Vibrant Communities with details of Programme of Support 2024/25 for Communities. For further information contact Community Officer Sandra Livingston email [livingstons@angus.gov.uk](mailto:livingstons@angus.gov.uk)**

## 5) TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance £6778.48.

- 6) INFRASTRUCTURE – Fiona Gourlay mentioned the drain immediately beneath the noticeboard at Gateside. Julie suggested contacting Angus Council website “Report a Problem” giving the exact location and possibly a photo if possible.

## 7) QUESTIONS FROM THE FLOOR:

- a) Gail Hutton asked Community Council for assistance regarding the state of the unused ground beside her house at Seggieden. Gail had previously emailed us and had sent photos of the area of concern, which is enclosed by Heras Fencing and is in a very poor state and could easily be blown down with the possibility of damaging property. It is also full of overgrown weeds etc. Julie had already contacted Planning at Angus Council and they were to send out a Building Standards Officer to assess the situation. It was agreed we wait until she hears further in case there is a health and safety issue.
- b) Fiona Gourlay mentioned the poor state of the noticeboard at the Church Hall. Secretary explained that when Community Council applied for noticeboards to be replaced at Whigstreet, Inverarity and Gateside we also asked for the Church noticeboard to be replaced but Angus Council said because it is on Church ground it was not their responsibility. The noticeboard does, however, belong to the Community Council, and although the Treasurer's Report indicates a substantial balance, Community Councils are now restricted in the use of their local authority grants; they can only claim administration costs. Our funds acquired from previous fund-raising activities etc were allowed to be kept by us before the new regulations were introduced, but we must be very careful how we use this money. We have responsibilities for the upkeep, insurance, electricity, replacement pads etc for the defibrillator. We did discuss the possibility of some kind of joint fundraiser for the provision of a new noticeboard but agreed to speak with the Fabric Convener of the Church first.

## 8) AOCB

### a) Church Events:

- i) **Two Souper Fridays at Church Hall Friday 26 July and Friday 30 August from 12noon to 2pm.**
  - ii) **30 August Eastern Old Kirk, Forfar 7pm Grand Forfar Concert – Julie Stewart Flute; Lionel Fotheringham Piano with Arbroath Male Voice Choir + Refreshments £12.**
  - iii) **Concert Inverarity Kirk 19 September – more details later.**
- b) We discussed the possibility of using the Church for Film Nights. Louise will investigate what licenses we would require obtaining. Then we can discuss the matter further.
- c) Scott advised that he had attended a Meeting with the Community Councils Operational Group on 8 July at Forfar Community Campus. It was conducted by Sandra Livingston, Community Officer, Vibrant Communities. No formal minutes were taken; this was deliberate as it gave Community Council representatives freedom to air their views/concerns, amongst which were:
- CCs find it hard to recruit new members.
  - Planning complicated processes around some applications i.e. wind, solar etc.

- Members felt that the Complaints Procedure was fine. Discussion about setting up a panel and how this could be administered.
- All CCs must be registered with the General Data Protection Regulation and pay the fee (we are already registered) but we must nominate a Data Protection Officer. This probably to be the person who deals mainly with CC correspondence i.e. the Secretary. Community Planning to be advised of the name.
- There will be further meeting(s) in September. Dates to be advised.
- Sandra Livingston is our Vibrant Communities contact.

Scott was thanked for his report.

It was also agreed that we put a disclaimer on all our emails from now on. Secretary to discuss with Sandra Livingston for advice on how we proceed.

**d) Inverarity Community Council Facebook Page**

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

**e) 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 9.30pm the Chair declared our meeting closed. Next meeting will our AGM and Ordinary Meeting to follow. It will be held at Inverarity Kirk Hall on Wednesday 18 September 2024 at 7.30pm**