

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A.G.M AND ORDINARY MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD AT INVERARITY KIRK/COMMUNITY HALL ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2024 AT 7.30PM**

PRESENT: Scott Nicoll (Chair) (via telephone); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); Duncan Gourlay (Planning Representative); Heather Anne Low; Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham; Councillors Julie Bell and Ronnie Proctor; Cirst Rajcoomar (Acting Head Teacher)

APOLOGIES: Joanna Anderson

1) Minutes of last AGM 16.8.23 were adopted as a correct record.

2) JOINT CHAIR, SECRETARY AND TREASURER'S REPORT AGM 18.9.24

- 1) Inverarity Facebook page is now up and running for all members of the Community and beyond to find information about us.
- 2) Inverarity Primary School – Sadly we lost our Head Teacher Sandra Hood in October last year and we welcomed Mrs Cirst Rajcoomar as Acting Head Teacher to our school. The school Learning for Sustainability Pupil Leadership Group meet every week to review and identify next steps with their learning relating to the environment – how the school can help to be more sustainable including the community and further afield. The group meets every Monday between 10 and 10.30 and any volunteers who can help with the gardening or donations of seeds etc are welcome to contact the school. Alternatively come and chat with the children about any aspect of growing food. Inverarity@angusschools.org.uk or 01307 494 259. Check with school or noticeboards for details of playground access for children during the weekends. Sheila Whitelaw a Family Worker with East and Old and Inverarity Churches is hoping to start a Lego Club at the school one morning each week. Again, any volunteers welcome plus donations of Lego.
- 3) There was a great deal of concern that we may lose our Church at Inverarity. Good news was received a few months ago that it will remain open and has been re-categorised. Thanks to the efforts of many people. Over the past year many events have been held involving the Church and Church Hall including Souper Fridays at the Hall in May, July and August. Three Preloved and Loved Fund Raisers for various causes. Kids Carols and Cakes in December last year plus a Christmas Cracker Children's Party. Lionel Fotheringham has organised concerts by young people of Angus and Dundee Schools plus giving two organ recitals. The Guild held a Strawberry Tea in June. All these events have been very much appreciated by members of the community who have gone along. And there are more to come!
- 4) Mud build up and blocked drains after the storms earlier this year created problems but hopefully these are all clear by now.

Treasurer's Report

Our balance stands at £6570.02. Louise reported that new auditors have now been appointed.

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

Ronnie Proctor acted as Chair until the appointment of our Chair.

Chair –	CS proposed Scott Nicoll – Seconded ESF. Scott accepted
Ronnie continued as Chair as Scott was attending by telephone.	
Secretary -	ESF proposed Carole Short, seconded by LN Carole accepted
Treasurer -	CS proposed Louise Nicoll, seconded by DG Louise accepted
Planning Rep -	CS proposed Duncan Gourlay, seconded by HAL Duncan accepted
School Liaison -	To be advised later
GDP Representative -	CS proposed Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham sec by LN. Elizabeth accepted

4) **DATE OF NEXT AGM**
17.9.25

5) **AOCB**

Councillors Ronnie Proctor and Julie Bell wished us to record how happy they are to have attended our meetings over the years and congratulated us on the warm and friendly atmosphere which always prevails.

There being no further business there followed an **Ordinary Meeting. (apologies Joanna Anderson)**

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

The minutes of Meeting 17.7.24 were approved.

Matters Arising

- a) **State of unused ground at Seggieden-** Still awaiting for Environmental Health report on this.
- b) **Church Noticeboard-** No further update. Carole to contact Church Representative.

2) **SCHOOL REPORT – Cirst Rajcooner:**

- a) **Fairtrade Café.** We have been busy baking for our Fairtrade cuppy and cake event on 27 September from 2.45 onwards. Everyone welcome to join us for cake and Fairtrade Tea, coffee, hot chocolate to celebrate 30 years of Fairtrade.
- b) **Community Concert.** We are looking forward to singing as part of the Community Concert and have selected 2 songs which are important to our Inverarity PS learners linking in with our school motto.
- c) **Pupil Leadership Groups** Children will be involved in 3 different leadership groups this year. **Pupil voice** where children are able to discuss and suggest ideas for the school and community. **Wellbeing Warriors** which will look at different aspects of mental, social & emotional & physical health each term such as **Internet Safety Day** and **World Kindness Day.** Our third group concerns **Racial Literacy** to ensure our learners are respectful and considerate and intolerant of racism towards others.
- d) **School Improvement Priorities** Across our school community we will be working together to develop and refresh our curriculum rationale, identifying what we want for our Inverarity learners by the time they leave P7. We are also looking at developing skills for children such as Skills Development Scotland's Metaskills which include creativity, communication, integrity. Developing digital skills to be ready for the 21st Century's World of Work and also looking at emotional and social skills to help the children understand and manage their own emotions.
- e) **Volunteers** We have put out an appeal for Parents to help with tasks around the school such as painting the sheds and summer houses before Winter. Community helpers would be great too so please get in touch with the school office if you are able to provide manpower or paint etc.

- 3) **PLANNING 24/00279/FULL** – Change of use of grassed area for erection of garage. Land north of Station House, Kirkbuddo

4) **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) **Email from Fiona Reid Waste Compliance Officer Angus Council.** This is regarding suggestions to have an area for a glass recycling point to be housed. She suggested the car park area beside the Kirk/Community Hall. This has been suggested in the past and has been rejected. No further suggestions have been thought of.

- d) **Email from Heather Anderson – Researcher at Stirling University** She is investigating private water supply quality and believes that there may be some properties with private water supplies in the Inverarity area. Should anyone wish to complete her survey the link is <https://forms.office.com/e/4LvZqeU64J>. Or her email address is h.k.anderson@stir.ac.uk
- e) **Email from Vibrant Communities Angus Council** - new consultation on their platform Engage Angus. Take part in a consultation on the Angus Council Plans and Budget Setting 25/26. Survey closed 14.10.24

5) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

£6570.02. Data Protection, printer ink, paper costs and hall rent have been taken from funds. We received £256.47 Grant in April this year.

6) **INFRASTRUCTURE** - Potholes appear to have been dealt with so far.

7) **A.O.C.B**

- a) Elizabeth advised that tree felling will be commencing soon on Fothringham Hill and that temporary notices of closure to access will be placed at the entrance. Approved footpaths will be put back into place.

b) **Church Events**

- **19 September – Recital Given by Young People of Dundee and Angus organised by Lionel Fothringham – Inverarity Parish Church**
- **Soupar Fridays – Church Hall on the last Friday of every month except December – 12.00 to 3pm**
- **Harvest Hoolie – 18 October - Kirk/Community Hall – look on noticeboards for further information.**
- **Cake and Carol Concert 1 December.**
- **The loved and preloved sale held on 8 September raised £300 for Jeanie the Pony at the Riding for the Disabled.**
- **Scott to organise the wreath to be placed for the commemoration on 11 November**

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 8.50pm. Date of next meeting 20.11.24