

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
HELD VIA ZOOM ON WEDNESDAY 15.1.25 AT 7.30 PM**

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**PRESENT:** Scott Nicoll (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Heather Anne Low; Joanna Anderson; Elizabeth Steuart Fotheringham; Councillor Ronnie Proctor;

1) **APOLOGIES:** Councillor George Meechan; Cirst Rajcoomar; Duncan Gourlay; Louise Nicoll

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

The minutes of Meeting 20.11.24 were accepted as a true record.

**Matters Arising From Meeting 20.11.24** - Heather Anne asked us to point out that the Souper Fridays should be between **12.00 and 2.00pm. not 3.00**

3) **School Report** (emailed to us from Cirst Rajcoomar)

**Inverarity Community Council School Report January 2025:**

Volunteers

We are still keen for volunteers to help us with the school grounds and playground items before Winter properly sets in. Please can any volunteers get in touch with the school office if they are able to provide an hour or 2 to help with the upkeep and maintenance at the school and nursery.

Developing Young Workforce and Learning for Sustainability

As part of a recent assembly the children created our own Learning for Sustainability word cloud based upon the official General Teaching Council for Scotland word cloud. One of the priorities the children would like to focus on is skills for work and the future. They have requested that we invite adults in to talk about their career paths and current jobs. They are keen to learn about any careers, but a few children asked specifically for visitors linked to technology and farming. Please get in touch with the school if you are willing and able to come in to chat to the children.

Woodland Trust

The children at a recent assembly worked in their groups to select which Woodland Trust pack of trees they wanted to apply for. Each group were provided images of the tree species available and the relevant benefits/uses for each type of tree. The majority of children were very keen to grow a willow arch in the school grounds and so the favourite pack was for a Working Wood. If we are successful, the saplings will be delivered at the end of February or beginning of March. It would be great if members of the community could help us with the planting and subsequent upkeep of the saplings. The children are very keen to continue protecting the local environment and helping fight climate change as can be seen from their Learning for Sustainability word poster. Please get in touch if you are able to help us with the preparation and/or planting of the saplings. (update the bid with the Woodland Trust has been successful)

Scottish celebratory afternoon

We are holding a parent's open afternoon on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January so the children can show off their writing skills around a Scottish theme. The afternoon will finish with some traditional Scottish fare and a mini-ceilidh (weather permitting). If you are a keen Scottish Country dancer we would love you to join us from 2:40 to 3:20 in the school playground.

4) **PLANNING - None**

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 Sandra Livingston, Community Officer Angus Council** – Inviting CC members to join Teams Meeting on 27.1.25 at 6.30pm
- d) **Email from SSE regarding East Coast Local Fund – Reminder** - inviting local Groups to make applications for grants from the Community Benefit Fund. Deadline for applications 31.1.25.

6) **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Balance £6755.01.

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

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

9) **AOCB**

a) **Church Events:**

- i) **Soupar Fridays** – 31 January, 28 February and 28 March at the Church Hall from 12noon to 2pm.

b) **Our Facebook Page**

It was agreed that Heather Anne and Joanna also assist with our Facebook Page.

c) **Glass Recycling Point**

Scott suggested that we look into the possibility of placing a Glass Recycling Point in the area adjacent to the electricity Sub Station on the road between Inverarity and Gateside. Agreed Secretary contacts Angus Council regarding this proposal.

d) **Ongoing Tree Felling – Fotheringham Estate:**

The timber felling operation is still underway on Fotheringham Hill. A very large number of lorries are currently using the hill tracks to collect the timber stacked along them. Given the blind bends and size and weight of the lorries, the Estate does not recommend that people use the paths on the hill for walking or recreation at this time. Please also remember that timber stacks should not be climbed. This is because timber stacks can roll and crush anyone climbing on them.

Once the lorries have finished using the tracks and the stacks have gone, the Estate will remove the no entry/warning signs and tape and will welcome responsible public access again

e) **Inverarity Community Council Facebook Page**

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

f) **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 8.15pm the Chair declared our meeting closed. **Next meeting will be Inverarity Kirk Hall on Wednesday 19.3.25 at 7.30pm**

