MINUTES OF MEETING OF INVERARITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST 2018 AT 70.30 PM
AT INVERARITY KIRK/COMMUNITY HALL

PRESENT: Elizabeth Steuart Fothringham (Chair); Carole Short (Secretary); Louise Nicoll (Treasurer); HeatherAnne Low (Planning Rep); June Richardson (also representing WRI); Anne Cant (Church Representative); Councillor Julie Bell; Scott Nicoll (Youth Member of the Community); Louise Nicoll (RDA Representative)

APOLOGIES: Provost Ronnie Proctor; Councillor Angus MacMillan Douglas

1) JOINT FUND RAISER HELD 3RD JULY 2018 AT BRITISH LEGION HALL FORFAR

Members of Community Council were delighted to advise that a total of £584.00 was raised at the above event. The proceeds to be divided equally between Riding for the Disabled, WRI and Sunday School which were the three organisations involved. Community Council agreed to cover the costs of tea, coffee, sugar, plastic cups and raffle books. It was also agreed that Community Council would make up the £16 difference so that the total of £600 could be divided equally between the groups. The event was a great success and all parties worked hard together to make a very enjoyable evening. Thank you also to those members of our community who came along to support us. A presentation of the cheques was made, and Councillor Julie Bell offered to take our photographs. At this point Ann Wilson and Irene Reid left the meeting.

2) Katie Chisholm Locality Inspector Forfar/Kirriemuir (Police Scotland)

Members welcomed Katie who had previously asked if she could attend our meeting to inform us that a period of consultation has commenced regarding the closure of Forfar Police Office and relocation to more suitable premises which would be more in line with modern policing. The present HQ building is outdated and there are a number of challenges in relation to running costs. Katie emphasised that this is only the start of the consultation and as many members of the community who wish to give their views are very welcome to do so as all these things will be considered. She advised that at the moment there exists the opportunity for co-location at St Margaret’s House Orchardbank Business Park but nothing has been finalised. Katie advised that if anyone has any opinions which they would like to express, questions they wish to ask, please do so via any of the following: TaysideForfarDistrictCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk; TaysideKirriemuirDeanCPT@Scotland.pnn.police.uk; katie.chisholm@scotland.pnn.police.uk; victoria.crichton@scotland.pnn.police.uk; These contacts can also be used if anyone wishes to contact the police regarding suspicious behavior they may encounter or anything else they feel necessary to report. Katie also informed the meeting that she will attend our meetings in the future to update us on the latest information during the course of the consultation period on the disposal/closure of the Forfar Police Office. Members of CC thanked her for her attendance as which point she left the meeting.

3) MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated to all CC members prior to this meeting and were accepted as a correct record.
4) **MATTERS ARISING**

a) **Joint Fund Raiser 3 July 2018 at British Legion Hall Forfar (Bingo Night)**  
As everyone thought that this was a great success it was suggested that we think about holding another event at the same venue next May some time. Louise will check availability.

b) **Community Flyer/Leaflet** – Elizabeth has produced a draft leaflet. Members to obtain more details where required also we decided over the next months to give our thoughts about ways of improving access of information to the wider community.

5) **PLANNING**

Nothing to report.

6) **CORRESPONDENCE**

2. Letter from Kirstene Hair MP. Follow up report on meeting she had with Community Councils on 5.4.18.
4. Publicity HAG playground equipment
5. Posters from Angus Council Libraries – Angus Alive – Libraries Home Delivery Service available plus Mobile Library times for Inverarity. These are on our noticeboards but should anyone require any further information please email Lesley(Matthews@angusalive.scot or telephone 01307 473939.
6. Letter from Kirstene Hair MP – British High Street Awards

5) **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Louise reported that at the start of the year the balance was £4071.5. Since then Angus Council annual insurance has been paid, auditors gift, bench at church has been paid for, Data Protection fee paid (to be reimbursed by Angus Council), Annual Grant has been received from Angus Council. Total at present £4267.90 (out of this amount £600 fund raiser monies still to be deducted).

6) **INFRASTRUCTURE**

a) Potholes on road between Gateside and Inverarity are being filled at present. Julie Bell informed the meeting that if any road repairs etc seem to be inferior, could members of the community report this immediately as the company making the repairs are liable. If this is not done at this stage, then it becomes another expense for the Council later. Contact No for reporting faulty road repairs: Angus Access Line 03452 777 778.

b) Heather Anne has reported to Angus Council that the street lights at Gateside are permanently on. Secretary will keep a note and if nothing changes will report to Roads Department.

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

a) **Sunday School** – Heather Anne advised that the Sunday School are collecting used postage stamps for a charitable cause. If anyone has any to donate please cut off the stamps leaving a decent border around them.

b) **Youth Member** – Scott Nicoll co-opted as our Youth Member. Proposed Elizabeth, seconded Heather Anne. Secretary to write to Communities Department to inform them of his details. Thank you, Scott, for officially joining us.
c) **Inverarity Primary School** – As our school has a new Head Teacher, Scott suggested that we write to her to introduce ourselves and invite her along to our meetings when she is able. Secretary will attend to this.

d) **Cycling, Walking, Safer Streets Project** – Julie Bell promised to keep us up to date on this.

e) **Toilets – Forfar Leisure Park** – Heather Anne asked if there had been any further developments. Julie advised that this is still an ongoing project and Councillor Lynne Devine is following it up. Julie did advise that when a ranger is on duty the portacabin toilets can be used. Louise mentioned that Angus Tourism Co-operative, of which she is part, are looking into the possibility of members of the public being able to access toilet facilities at some business premises where there are no public toilets available.

f) **Telephone Kiosk Gateside** – Carole advised the meeting that the kiosk had been removed without any notification. She had applied to BT stating our interest in using the kiosk to possibly house a defibrillator, after they had offered kiosks to communities for their use for £1. No information had been given to her by BT as to why the kiosk had disappeared.

g) **Community Council Elections** – These will take place in October. If anyone else within the community is interested, and they would be really welcome as we are entitled to have 8 members in total (presently we have 5) please contact us at our Community Council email address inveraritycc@hotmail.co.uk; or Angus Council Election Team, Forfar by telephoning 01307 476060 or emailing elections@angus.gov.uk Better still please join us at our next meeting.

There being no further business the meeting terminated at 9.25pm

**Date of next Meeting: Wednesday 19th September 2018 at 7.30pm**