

Inchmarlo, Brathens and Glassel Community Council  
**Online Annual General Meeting**  
Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 7.00pm  
DRAFT Minutes

Present: Paul Herrington (Chair, Meeting Secretary), Regis Lechatellier (Treasurer, Correspondence Secretary), Gail Ledingham, Andy Wilkins, Andy Dickson, Chris Low  
Councillors: Yi-Pei Chou Turvey, Ann Ross  
Apologies: None  
Actions are highlighted in Green

**1. Welcome/Apologies:** PH welcomed everyone to the meeting, there was full attendance with the exception of Cllr Durno.

**2. Chairman's Annual report:** PH presented a short summary of the key activities carried out by the Community Council during the preceding year. The report is appended to these minutes. During the discussion GL notified that she will not be standing in the September election as she is emigrating to the USA. **GL will look for suitable alternative candidates from the Inchmarlo Retirement Village.**

**3. Consideration and approval of the independently verified Statement of Accounts:** RL presented a spreadsheet summary of the CC's annual finances to the 31<sup>st</sup> of March 2024, which stood at £2,630 (attached). There was a small increase from the start of the year (£2,538) after costs, which comprised mainly IT provision and insurance. **RL will arrange for Catherine Nichols to verify the accounts once she is available in mid-July.**

**4. Approval of the Community Council's Annual Budget:** RL presented a table (attached) of anticipated costs including Zoom, Ionos web-hosting and email system plus insurance. During discussion there was an addition of costs to support the Local Place Plan exercise, including printing of newsletters, posters, and hall hire. This is expected to cost approximately £500, to be set against a grant available from the council of a similar amount. **RL will confirm what the council grant for 2024/5 will be by contacting Kirsty Macleod.** With the addition of these items, PH proposed approval of the budget and CL supported.

**5. Description of Council changes to election process and constitution:** CL recapped on the changes proposed by Aberdeenshire Council to the election process and constitution. The proposed amendments to the constitution are an increase in the maximum number of members from 7 to 8 (this allows co-option of 25% of the maximum number to rise from 1.75 to 2), and the adoption of a clause electing/re-electing office bearers on an annual basis at the AGM, which will allow us to maintain flexibility.

**6. Voting on proposals for amendment to the Community Council's constitution:** The proposed amendments were unanimously supported. **PH will confirm this to Janelle Clark at Aberdeenshire Council. CL will issue final version of the new constitution for signatures.**

**7. Meeting dates for 2024/5:** PH presented a table of meeting dates (appended to this document), with the next to be the Inaugural Meeting following elections on the 25<sup>th</sup> of September. RL noted he will not be available. **PH to confirm the date with Janelle Clark.**

There being no other business raised, PH closed the meeting.

## **IBGCC Chairman's report 2024**

Personnel - During the year June 2023 to 2024 there have been a number of personnel and role changes in the Community Council. Bob Russell was forced to stand down due to ill health and his role as Treasurer was taken on by Regis Lechatelier. Bill Byth also stood down, and as Bob and Bill were both residents of the Inchmarlo Retirement Village, it was fortunate that fellow resident Gail Ledingham was able to join as a replacement for Bill. Regis Lechatelier withdrew from his position as Chair, and Paul Herrington took on the role. Neil Bisset stood down as Secretary and this role was split between existing members Paul Herrington and Regis Lechatelier on a temporary basis. Andrew Dickson and Chris Lowe also joined the council during the year. This brings our numbers up to 6. It is hoped that numbers can now be maintained and continuity improved.

Hill of Fare windfarm proposal - A major project during the year was the CC's response to the Hill of Fare windfarm proposal. This development, if it goes ahead, will have a major (visual) impact on the CC area. IBGCC worked closely with the 5 other councils surrounding the area and gathered residents views and opinions via a questionnaire which demonstrated a large majority were opposed. A submission was made to the Scottish Government to this effect, and the proposal continues to make its way through the planning process.

Mid-hill windfarm fund - Disbursement of Mid-Hill windfarm funds continues to be an important function of the CC. During the year, Glassel Hall has received funding for replacement windows, the Inchmarlo Community Bothy received funding for a wood cutting machine, and Inchmarlo Community Hall was funded for "resilience equipment" so that it can act as a hub in the event of severe weather events.

Paths - IBGCC continues to work with local paths groups in particular Torphins and Banchory. The former created a new path leading from Easter Beltie to Glassel and the CC continues to support further extension across the area towards Banchory. The CC also supported an attempt to establish an Inchmarlo paths group. However there were insufficient people willing to act as officers to constitute an official group.

Road safety - The CC continues to focus on road safety, and a petition to reduce the speed limit around the entrance to Inchmarlo Retirement Village was taken to the Aberdeenshire Council Infrastructure and Services Committee, however this was unfortunately unsuccessful. The CC continues to push for this speed reduction and associated safety measures, and looks forward to revised policies to be introduced by the Scottish Government that will allow a more progressive Aberdeenshire Council policy.

Development plans - The CC is navigating its way through a new planning initiative known as "Local Place Plans". The aim is to produce a LPP by the end of 2024, to be lodged with Aberdeenshire Council, where it will be a formal input to the Council's next Local Development Plan. The key areas of future development are associated with the Inchmarlo Retirement Village, and with land to the north including the Lucallan hotel. The CC will be seeking resident's input to the LPP, with the objective of bringing greater influence to the LDP than has been the case in the past.

Paul Herrington, Chairperson, 24th June 2024

Table of IBGCC meetings, note later dates will be confirmed at the Inaugural Meeting

Date	Event
03/04/24	Bi-monthly CC meeting
26/06/24	Bi-monthly+AGM
<b>25/09/24</b>	<b>Inaugural Bi-monthly CC meeting</b>
06/11/24	Possible bi-monthly CC meeting
08/01/25	Possible bi-monthly CC meeting
05/03/25	Possible bi-monthly CC meeting
04/06/25	Possible bi-monthly+AGM

**Inchmarlo Brathens Glassel Community Council Statement of Accounts  
Receipt and Payments Accounts for year 1st April 2023 to 31st March 2024**

**Account at Start of Financial Year**      **2538.40**

<b>Receipts</b>		<b>Payments</b>	
Midhill	11,782.56	Midhill	11,782.56
Midhill Refund -		Zoom	202.67
Cash Advances / Rebates	0.60	WebHost	176.40
Aberdeenshire Council	471.00		
<b>Total</b>	<b>12254.16</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>12161.63</b>
<b>Surplus for Year</b>	<b>92.53</b>		

**Account at End of Financial Year**      **2630.93**

**As Prepared**      Régis Lechatellier (IBG CC Treasurer)

**Verifier's Details**

Name      Catherine Nichols  
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Signed      Date:

**The above statement, books, records and explanations:**

**Treasurer**

Signed      Date:

**Chair**

Signed      Date:

Inchmarlo Brathens Glasel Community Council 2024 Budget

Expected Expenses

£

Zoom	12	15.59	187.08	£
WebHost	12	16.8	201.6	£
Insurance	1	122	122	£
Local Place Plan			500	£
Hall Hire (Meeting)	3	20	60	£

**Total** 1010.68 £

**Expected Aberdeenshire Support** 500+500 £

**Money in bank** 2724.17 £

Midhill Windfarm Funds

**Account** 3336.67 £ In Credit