

The Highland Council

Minutes of **City of Inverness Area Committee** took place **Council Chamber, Council Headquarters, Glenurquhart Road, Inverness** on **Monday 26 September 2022** at **10.00 am**.

Present:

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| Mr C Aitken (remote) | Mrs J Hendry |
| Mr C Ballance | Ms E Knox |
| Mr B Boyd | Mrs I MacKenzie |
| Mr I Brown | Mr R MacKintosh (remote) |
| Mr M Cameron (remote) | Mr A MacKintosh |
| Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair | Ms K MacLean |
| Mr A Christie | Mr D Macpherson |
| Ms H Crawford (remote) | Mrs B McAllister |
| Mr K Gowans (remote) | Mrs M Reid |
| Mr A Graham | Mrs T Robertson |
| Mr D Gregg | Mr A Sinclair (remote) |

Officials in Attendance:

Mr A Gunn, Executive Chief Officer, Communities and Place
Mr M MacLeod, Executive Chief Officer, Infrastructure, Economy & Environment
Mrs D Ferguson, Senior Ward Manager, Communities and Place
Mr S Dalgarno, Development Plans Manager, Infrastructure, Environment & Economy
Mrs S McKandie, Interim Head of Revenues & Business Support
Mr G Munro, Policy & Assurance Officer, Resources and Finance
Mr J Taylor, Roads Operations Manager, Infrastructure, Environment & Economy
Miss J MacLennan, Principal Administrator, Performance and Governance
Ms F MacBain, Committee Administrator, Performance and Governance
Mrs O Bayon, Committee Officer, Performance and Governance

Also in Attendance:-

Chief Inspector Judy Hill, Police Scotland

An asterisk in the margin denotes a recommendation to the Council. All decisions with no marking in the margin are delegated to Committee.

Preliminaries

The Committee **NOTED** the following awards:-

- William John Dingwall, Vice-President and Standard Bearer, Inverness Branch, Royal British Legion Scotland received a Medal of the Order of the British Empire for his voluntary service to veterans; and
- Lindsay Graham, Deputy Chair, Poverty and Inequality Commission Scotland received an Order of the British Empire for services to Tackling Children's Food Insecurity.

Mr I Brown in the Chair

Business

**1. Apologies for Absence
Leisgeulan**

An apology for absence was intimated on behalf of Mr D Fraser.

**2. Declarations of Interest
Foillseachaidhean Com-pàirt**

The Committee **NOTED** the following Transparency Statements:-

Item 5: Mr A Christie

Item 7 (xiii): Mr A Christie

Item 8: Mr A Christie

**3. Recess Powers
Cumhachdan Fosaidh**

The Committee **NOTED** that the recess powers granted by the Council at its meeting on 30 June 2022 had not been required to be exercised in relation to the business of this Committee.

Additional Item

The Leader explained that, following the death of her Majesty Queen Elizabeth and the need to revise the date of the meeting, a number of key officers had been unable to attend due to other commitments.

As the Committee's approval was required to truncate the agenda, Mr I Brown, seconded by Ms E Knox, **MOVED**, to consider only the items that required a decision today, namely item 1-4, 7-9. 10d, 12 and 13. An email had been sent to Members with regard to this proposal.

Mr A Christie, seconded by Mr D MacPherson, moved as an **AMENDMENT**, to continue with the full agenda.

Following a vote, the Motion received 10 votes and the amendment received 11 votes, and the **AMENDMENT** was therefore carried, the votes having been cast as follows:

For the motion:

Mr M Cameron, Mr R MacKintosh, Ms K MacLean, Mrs J Hendry, Mr B Boyd, Mr C Ballance, Mr I Brown, Ms E Knox, Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair, Mrs M Reid.

For the amendment:

Mr C Aitken, Mrs H Crawford, Mr A Sinclair, Mrs T Robertson, Mrs E McAllister, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mr D MacPherson, Mr D Gregg, Mr A Christie, Mr A Graham, Mr A MacKintosh.

**4. Police – Area Performance Summary
Poileas – Geàrr-chunntas air Coileanadh Sgìreil**

There was circulated Report No CIA/17/22 by the Inverness Area Commander.

During discussion the following issues were raised and responded to:

- Members welcomed the new format of the report, the 'Coffee with a Cop' initiative, and the monthly newsletter to Community Councils, and it was asked if the newsletter could be extended to Community Councils in outlying villages and settlements;
- it was disappointing that some of the 20mph zones around schools were not being enforced. Additional road furniture to slow traffic was helpful but costly. This was an area which would benefit from further consideration in future;
- cold calling and fly tipping were areas of concern to residents and specific incidents should be reported to the Police. Concern was expressed that the response times could be lengthy;
- concern was expressed at the high level of drug deaths in Scotland, and the antisocial behaviour that resulted from drug activities. Information was provided on initiatives to tackle this, including a Harm Prevention Officer funded by Highland Alcohol and Drug Partnership;
- concern was expressed at the response times to 101 calls and a call back or call waiting information service was proposed;
- information was sought ,and provided, on the CCTV provision in Inverness;
- the increasing numbers of disappearances of Looked After Children and young people were a concern and it was hoped more local people would consider fostering to help keep young people in the Highlands. Information was provided on the process and resources for dealing with missing people, and for suicide-related issues; and
- many online crimes were dealt with by national units and work was being undertaken with pupils in the senior phase of secondary school to raise awareness of online issues.

The Committee thanked the Chief Inspector for her attendance and **NOTED** the report.

5. Inverness Strategy Update Ro-innleachd Baile Inbhir Nis

Transparency Statement: Mr A Christie made a Transparency Statement in respect of this item as a Non-executive director of NHS Highland and as General Manager of Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey Citizens Advice Bureau. However, having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest to declare.

There was circulated Report No. CIA/18/22 dated 29 August, 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

In discussion, the following main points were raised by Members:-

- the strategy was welcomed and considered comprehensive, with many projects having been discussed for a considerable length of time. The challenges around modernising the layout of an old town centre were acknowledged;
- it was hoped that linkage between the train and bus stations and Academy Street would be improved;
- the proposals in relation to active travel, with particular reference to central Inverness, were not sufficiently ambitious or transformative enough in light of the climate change emergency and examples were provided of further improvements that could be made, such as one-way systems, segregated

- active travel routes and clearly marked safe cycle routes. The importance of cycle tourism, and adequate links to long distance routes, was pointed out;
- assurance was sought that there would be no loss of employment as a result of the redevelopment of freight yards and depots;
 - it was hoped feedback on the consultations held in July, August and September 2022 would be made available in due course;
 - the development of the strategy was so important it was suggested a separate meeting might be required. The formation of a stakeholder group was also suggested, as well as a timeline and ragging system, and information on progress with this was provided;
 - assurance was sought and provided, that the engagement strategy would include all stakeholders, including charitable outlets in the city centre which were not part of the BID, and would include physical as well as online engagement;
 - it was hoped efforts could be made to encourage the use of empty buildings and to improve employment opportunities in the city centre;
 - in addition to active travel issues, it was important to consider access to the city centre for people unable to walk or cycle;
 - visitor engagement and/or feedback in relation to the strategy should be encouraged;
 - the planned redevelopment of various schools by 2025 was ambitious but welcomed. It was important the strategy was developed in conjunction with improvements to the school estate;
 - it was disappointing the Inshes junction upgrade was not anticipated until 2030;
 - consideration was given to possible future uses of Farraline Park, Inverness;
 - concerns were raised about gaps in the roll out of City Fibre broadband;
 - inward investment to improve the city centre should be included; and
 - it was important to communicate what was happening to the wider public and also to be honest about what was achievable.

The Committee:-

- i. **NOTED** the progress made to date, including the commitment to appointing a Project Manager to coordinate place-based work across Inverness
- ii. **NOTED** the list of delivered, live and emerging projects set out in Appendix 1;
- iii. **AGREED** for officers to undertake engagement on the Inverness Strategy incorporating outcomes / vision, the key projects, and a new masterplan for the City Centre, with feedback and next steps to be reported to a future Committee;
- iv. **AGREED** that the Inverness One City, One Vision as set out in Appendix 2 was integrated into the overall vision for the city and that the projects being taken forward will be viewed in that context, and timescales, subject to funding opportunities being identified;
- v. **NOTED** that in advance of the consultation officers will brief the Community Planning Partnership on the work to date and the proposed consultation to ensure a collaborative cross-Council and cross-sector approach; and
- vi. **NOTED** that in partnership with Corporate Communications and Digital Services, Officers will develop a branding and communications strategy for the Inverness place-based work, including the development of a dedicated 'Inverness portal' webpage for all Inverness workstreams and consultations.

6. Notion of Motion Brath Gluasaid

The following Notice of Motion had been received by the Head of Legal and Governance –

(i) “The venue for Area Committee meetings is a decision for councillors. The Town House has been the centre of Inverness local government for centuries and is well capable of continuing to fulfil this role. The Committee resolves that meetings of Inverness City Area Committee return to the Town House forthwith”.

Signed: Alex Graham Alasdair Christie Mr C Aitkin Mrs T Robertson

During discussion a number of Members spoke in support of the Motion, raising the following points:-

- the Town House was the natural home of the City of Inverness Area (CIA) Committee;
- if the CIA Committee met at Glenurquhart Road there was a fear it would lose its identity and become just like any other Headquarters Committee. It was vital that there was a distinction;
- in determining the matter, it was important to bear in mind what was best for the CIA Committee and, in this instance, it was for it to return to the Town House;
- the Town House had been the focus for local government for hundreds of years and – whether it be the Burgh, Town or District Council – they had all met in the Town House. Members had a sense of pride meeting there, in what was recognised widely as a Municipal Building;
- the change of venue to Headquarters should have been discussed by the Committee. There had been no consultation and no Business Plan showing the reasons for the relocation;
- the Town House had recently undergone an £8m refurbishment. Currently it was under used but there was scope for attracting other organisation to use its facilities, thus generating an income, something very important at this time;
- the investment to upgrade the technology to facilitate hybrid meetings should be made, although it was questioned why this hadn't been included as part of the refurbishment to future proof it for the 21st Century;
- MS Teams was available in the Town House and Members were reminded that meetings had previously been webcast from there;
- it was essential, as part of the Council's localism agenda, meetings be held in the Town House and the decision should not be based simply down to cost. The City of Inverness Area Committee was the largest Local Committee, in fact bigger than some other Local Authorities, and it was right for it to have pride of place in the Town House;
- the people of Inverness would want the CIA Committee to be held in the Town House;
- in response to questions about available parking at the Town House it was pointed out that there were various car parking options in Inverness;
- parts of Headquarters were also difficult to navigate for those with mobility issues;
- if it was argued that the Town House was not DDA compliant, then there was possibly an issue that, and was suggested that the Provost consider, it was also unsuitable for Civic functions. If it was used less there was a danger it would close;

- it was reported that others with mobility issues had reported no difficulty with access to the Town House
- for those using public transport, the town centre was much more accessible than Council Headquarters in Glenurquhart Road; and
- it was suggested by a Member had been advised that it had been possible for the Committee to meet in the Town House and the reasons for the move were called into question.

Other Members, however, spoke against the Motion, making the following points:-

- whilst the Town House might be convenient for those living in Inverness, for those Members living in the outlying areas it wasn't so accessible, especially if using public transport;
- it was acknowledged that the Town House was a beautiful civic building, an undoubted asset to Inverness. It also had historical, architectural and artistic significance but it was not fit to use as a venue for holding CIA Committee meetings;
- the money spent in upgrading the Town House was not solely for the purposes of holding Committee meetings there - it was for the public to visit and appreciate the building;
- the Town House was difficult to navigate if one had sensory or mobility impairments with its narrow corridors and stairs;
- a lift was available but it small, difficult to manoeuvre in/out off and only went as far as the first floor;
- a hearing loop system was only available in the Town Hall but not in the Town House Chamber whereas the Headquarters Chamber did have this facility;
- there was limited parking at the Town House;
- the ICT infrastructure at Headquarters was considerably better with a number of Members able to join the meeting on MS Teams. This had become the norm for many meetings and, if meetings reverted to the Town House, then it would go against the Council hybrid working policy. Also, joining the meeting remotely from home was more environmentally friendly;
- the Town House Chamber was cramped for CIA Committee meetings;
- adaptations would cost in the region of £75k and it was argued this was not the best use of Common Good money;
- the Committee was the sum of the Members and the decisions made, not the venue; and
- due to the Covid 19 pandemic the Committee had met remotely for two years and the issue of loss of identity had not been raised.

Mr A Graham, seconded by Mr A Christie, **MOVED** the terms of the Notice of Motion as detailed above.

Ms E Knox, seconded by Mr M Cameron, moved as an **AMENDMENT** to reject the motion.

On a vote being taken, the **MOTION** received 11 votes and the **AMENDMENT** received 11 votes, with no abstentions. In terms of Standing Order 29, the Chair had the casting vote and elected to vote for the **AMENDMENT** which was therefore **CARRIED**, the votes having been cast as follows:-

For the Motion

Mr C Aitkin; Mr A Christie; Mrs H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr A MacKintosh; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs B McAllister; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair

For the Amendment

Mr C Ballance; Mr B Boyd; Mr I Brown; Mr M Cameron; Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair; Mr K Gowans; Mrs J Hendry; Ms E Knox; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean; Mrs M Reid.

Casting Vote

Mr I Brown – Amendment

Decision

The Committee **REJECTED** the Motion.

7. Appointments to Outside Bodies

Suidheachadh Dhreuchdan gu Buidhnean on Taobh A-muigh

Transparency Statement: Mr A Christie made a Transparency Statement in respect of item 7 (xiii) as General Manager of Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey Citizens Advice Bureau. However, having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest to declare.

The Committee **APPROVED** the appointments to the following Outside Bodies:

- (i) **Addictions Counselling Inverness** – Ms K MacLean and Mr A Graham
- (ii) **Dr Forbes Trust** – Provost, Mr M Cameron, Mr C Ballance, and Mr D Gregg
- (iii) **Highland Disability Sport** – Mrs E McAllister
- (iv) **Inverness and Nairn Local Access Forum** – Mr M Cameron and Mr R MacKintosh
- (v) **Inverness BID** – City Leader
- (vii) **Inverness Civic Trust** – Mr D Macpherson and Mrs I MacKenzie
- (viii) **Inverness Community Safety Partnership** – Mrs E McAllister
- (ix) **Inverness Festival Association** – Provost, Mr D Macpherson and Mr R MacKintosh
- (x) **Inverness Partnership (Chair)** – City Leader. While others had expressed an interest, it was clarified Members were welcome to attend the meetings.
- (xi) **Visit Inverness Loch Ness** – City Leader
- (xii) **Inverness Town Twinning Committee** – The Committee **AGREED** to increase the number of nominees from 5 to 7 and appointed the following: Provost, Mrs M Reid, Mrs J Hendry, Ms K Maclean, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mrs E McAllister and Mr D Macpherson.
- (xiii) **Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey Citizens' Advice Bureau** – Mr D Gregg
- (xiv) **Ness District Salmon Fisheries Board** – Mr C Ballance
- (xv) **Victorian Market Stakeholder Group** – City Leader and Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair, Mr M Cameron, Mrs E McAllister, Mrs I MacKenzie, Mr D Macpherson
- (xvi) **City Area Development Group** – 12 political balanced places were available and the appointments were made as follows:- Mrs M Reid (Highland Independents); Mr I Brown, Mrs J Hendry, Ms K MacLean (SNP); Mr D Gregg (Lib Dems); Mrs B McAllister (Labour); Mrs I MacKenzie (Scottish Conservatives); Mr C Ballance (Scottish Greens) and, with the remaining Lib Dem place being provided to Mr D Macpherson.

- (xvii) **East Inverness Sports Facilities Working Group** – The Committee **AGREED** to increase the number of available places from 7 to 8 as follows – Mrs M Reid, Mr D MacPherson, Mr I Brown, Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair, Mr K Gowans, Mr D Gregg, Mrs E McAllister, Mr R MacKintosh. It was clarified that all Members were welcome to attend meetings.

The Committee **NOTED** that appointment to Item 7(vi), Inverness City Heritage Trust, had been deferred meantime.

8. Inverness Common Good Fund: Discretionary Scheme for Winter Payments Plan 2022/23
Maoin Math Coitcheann Inbhir Nis: Sgeama fo Ùghdarras airson Plana Pàighidhean Geamhraidh 2022/23

Transparency Statement: Mr A Christie made a Transparency Statement in respect of this item as General Manager of Inverness, Badenoch and Strathspey Citizens Advice Bureau. However, having applied the objective test he did not consider that he had an interest to declare.

There was circulated Report No CIA/19/22 dated 20 July 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place.

In discussion, the following main points were raised by Members:-

- clarification was sought, and provided, that the £50 winter payment mentioned at the Council meeting the previous week was a Scottish Government benefit-based scheme to replace the previous cold weather payment, and was not something that impacted on Council or CGF budgets;
- it was proposed that the £97 be approved today but increased to £150, subject to a satisfactory financial assessment being presented to a next meeting of the Committee;
- consideration should be given to also helping those just above the threshold for benefits, many of whom would struggle financially over the coming winter;
- it was confusing, even for professionals, to understand what benefits were available, who was eligible and what the route to apply for them was, and a flowchart depicting this was requested;
- assurance was sought, and provided, that payments could be made to people without bank accounts if required. A summary was provided of who was eligible, how they would be identified, how the scheme would be publicised and how people would receive the money; and
- Members thanked the welfare team for their work.

The Committee **AGREED** the following recommendations for the 2022/23 Inverness Winter Payments Discretionary Scheme:-

- i. accept applications from 1 December 2022 to 28 February 2023 inclusive;
- ii. propose an increase to the single tier payment to £150, subject to a financial assessment report brought back to the next City of Inverness Area Committee Meeting, and pending this assessment, agree to the £97 amount specified in the report to those applicants that satisfy the eligibility criteria;
- iii. provide a budget of £200,000 as agreed by Members at Committee on 17 February 2022 to accommodate the continuing demand as a result of the

- cost of living crisis, ongoing welfare reforms and fluctuations in energy costs, with provision for the budget to be increased pending the outcome of the full financial impact, this decision being deferred to the meeting of the Committee in November 2022. Also noting that payments for Landward Areas would be sourced from available income within the Inverness Benevolent Funds first, with the ICGF being utilised for the Landward Areas in the event that officers decided it financially prudent to do so;
- iv. that the criteria utilised for the 2021/22 scheme as set out in paragraphs 11.2 to 11.6 shall be used as the basis for the 2022/23 scheme;
 - v. this discretionary scheme was to be made available to residents in the City of Inverness and the Landward areas of the seven City Wards;
 - vi. BACS payments were to be used for this discretionary scheme as this is the most secure method of payment for recipients of the payment and the Council alike;

and:-

- vii. **NOTED** that for 2022/23 applications for grants to support Foodbank provision would be considered under the ICGF Grants Budget. All as more particularly referred to in Para 10 of the report; and
- viii. **AGREED** a flow chart be prepared for Members showing benefit information sources and routes.

9. Winter Service Plan 2022/23 Plana Seirbheis Geamhraidh 2022/23

There was circulated Report No. CIA/20/22 dated 17 August 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Infrastructure, Environment & Economy.

In discussion, the following main points were raised by Members:-

- Members expressed their appreciation for the hard work of the team;
- information was sought, and provided, as to the mechanism of communicating any changes to the arrangements to Members and the general public, whether it to be as a result of Covid 19 or other factors;
- concern was expressed that the Whiteness route, as a school bus route, had been, excluded. It was explained however that Whiteness was in the Nairn Area;
- the new development at Ness Castle only showed gritting up to the first roundabout but, with the proposed new school coming online, it was requested, as in similar areas, if this could be extended as a secondary route;
- concern was expressed at footpath clearing, especially at the periphery of the city centre, as many Members had received complaints about this;
- to encourage use of grit bins it was suggested plastic scoops be provided. However, in response, it was explained that, given how heavy grit was, steel scoops would be required;
- with many housing developments now taking place on the hills surrounding Inverness, it was important to reassure these residents that they would receive the service they deserved;
- flexibility was called for, especially when bad weather hit on a Sunday, whilst still recognising the need to comply with driver regulations;
- details were sought, and provided, as to the budget for the Winter Service as it was felt it was under funded and under resourced;

- information was sought, and provided, as to the extent of liabilities which the Service received;
- the Service Plan supported a number of other Council Committees and outside bodies and it was suggested that contact also be made with Third Sector Groups, especially those concerned with elderly people;
- a request was made for Members to be sent the contact details of the officer who community self -help groups could get in touch with;
- it was queried what contact was made with Stage Coach and exploring the possibility of them assisting with clearing routes;
- there needed to be a clear message that AMEY now managed the A96 route and were responsible for the gritting of the A96 Trunk Road footway/cycleway from the Raigmore Interchange to the Smithton Roundabout; and
- details were sought as to what Primary Cycleways were classed as. The provision of maps would help cyclists to chose safer routes during times of bad weather.

The Committee:-

- APPROVED** the Winter Service Plan for Inverness Area; and
- NOTED** that Covid-19 and driver's hours regulations will potentially have an impact on the winter service provided.

10. Inverness Common Good Fund Maoin Math Coitcheann Inbhir Nis

a) Financial Monitoring Sgrùdadh Ionmhasail

There was circulated Report No CIA/21/22 dated 25 August 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place.

Members felt there was a need to look at how expenditure might be redirected, particularly in relation to Appendix 1, towards poverty alleviation measures but this would require detailed reports. Accordingly, it was suggested that a special meeting of the Committee be held in October to review this expenditure with a view to redirecting it to facilitate this end.

The Committee:-

- NOTED** that overall expenditure was within agreed budgets excepting the estimated outturns detailed in Appendices 1 and 2;
- AGREED** to homologate expenditure of £0.045m incurred in respect fly tipping at the Longman Landfill Site to date as outlined and **NOTED** that additional works referred to would be undertaken and reported to Committee in due course; and
- AGREED** a special meeting of the Committee be held in October to review expenditure with a view to redirect resources to poverty alleviation measures.

b) Capital Projects Update Report Aithisg às Ùr mu Phròiseactan Calpa

There was circulated joint Report No CIA/22/22 dated 23 August 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Housing & Property and Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place.

The Committee **NOTED** the current status of capital projects.

**c) Inverness Common Good Fund Sub-Committee Annual Report 2021/22
Aithisg Bhliadhnaidh Fo-Chomataidh Maoin Math Coitcheann Inbhir Nis
2021/22**

There was circulated Report No CIA/23/22 dated 25 August 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place.

It was hoped a Press Release would be considered, highlighting the Annual Report, to explain, in detail to the general public, what the Common Good Fund had undertaken during 2021/22. The Members of the Common Good Fund Sub Committee were thanked, particularly former Councillors Carmichael and Ross who had chaired the Sub Committee in the previous Administration.

The Committee **NOTED** the work of the Inverness Common Good Fund Sub Committee as described within the report.

**d) Grant Applications over £10,000
Iarrtasan Tabhartais thar £10,000**

There was circulated Report No CIA/24/22 dated 22 August 2022 by the Executive Chief Officer Communities and Place.

The Committee determined the current grant applications as follows:-

- 1) Free North Church – **REFUSED**; and
- 2) City Decorative Lighting – **DEFERRED**.

**11. Appointments to Events and Festivals Working Group
Suidheachadh Dhreuchdan gu Buidheann-obrach nan Tachartasan is nam
Fèisean**

Mr D Macpherson was nominated by Mrs I MacKenzie and this was seconded by Mrs T Robertson.

Mr A MacKintosh was nominated by Mrs B McAllister and this was seconded by Mr A Graham.

Ms K MacLean was nominated by Mrs J Hendry and this was seconded by Mrs G Campbell-Sinclair.

On a vote being taken, Mr Macpherson received 6 votes, Mr MacKintosh received 5 votes and Ms MacLean received 10 votes the votes having been cast as follows:-

Votes for Mr Macpherson

Mr C Aitkin; Mrs H Crawford; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

Votes for Mr A MacKintosh

Mr A Christie; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mr A MacKintosh; Mrs B McAllister.

Votes for Ms K MacLean

Mr M Cameron; Mr R MacKintosh; Ms K MacLean, C Aitkin; Mr A Christie; Ms H Crawford; Mr A Graham; Mr D Gregg; Mrs I MacKenzie; Mr D Macpherson; Mrs T Robertson; Mr A Sinclair.

The Committee **AGREED** to appoint Ms MacLean to replace Mrs I MacKenzie on the Events and Festivals Working Group.

(N.B. Incomplete vote – item to be revisited at Committee on 24 November 2022)

12. Inverness Local Holidays 2023/24 Saor-làithean Ionadail Inbhir Nis 2023/24

The Committee **AGREED** the following dates as Local Holidays for the City of Inverness for years 2023 and 2024.

2023

Monday 2 January 2023 (New Year's Day)
Tuesday 3 January 2023 (2nd January Holiday)
Monday 6 February 2023
Monday 6 March 2023
Monday 10 April 2023 (Easter Monday)
Monday 1 May 2023 (May Day Holiday)
Monday 3 July 2023
Monday 2 October 2023
Monday 6 November 2023
Monday 25 December 2023 (Christmas Day)
Tuesday 26 December 2023 (Boxing Day)

2024

Monday 1 January 2024 (New Year's Day)
Tuesday 2 January 2024 (2nd January Holiday)
Monday 5 February 2024
Monday 4 March 2024
Monday 1 April 2024 (Easter Monday)
Monday 6 May 2024 (May Day Holiday)
Monday 1 July 2024
Monday 7 October 2024
Monday 4 November 2024
Wednesday 25 December 2024 (Christmas Day)
Thursday 26 December 2024 (Boxing Day)

13. Minutes Geàrr-chunntas

The Committee:-

- i. **NOTED** City of Inverness Area Committee held on 8 June, 2022;
- ii. **APPROVED** Inverness Common Good Fund Sub Committee on 27 June and 15 August, 2022; and
- iii. **APPROVED** Events and Festivals Working Group held on 15 August, 2022

The meeting ended at 3.05 pm