NAIRN IMPROVEMENT COMMUNITY ENTERPRISE(NICE)
Company No: SC388110; Charity No: SC042118

Minute of TENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wed 11th Sept 2024

at the Nairn Community & Arts Centre

1. Welcome by NICE Chair – Alastair Noble
2. Apologies from Directors – Sam Hey, Magnus Swanson, Henry Sleigh, Adrian Johnstone, Caroline Gordon
3. Attendance and Proxies
   In attendance in person :15 NICE Members
   6 Directors Alastair Noble, Mandy Lawson, Hamish Bain, Steve Westbrook, Steven Manders, Hazel Clark (plus 3 voting by proxy)
   9 Members Tim Clay, Veronica Mackinnon, Bob Ferenth, Kenneth Mackenzie, Rupert Furze, Donald and Pauline Ross, Brian and Annie Stewart
   By Proxy
   the following 22 NICE members (including 3 Directors) have nominated the Chair to vote on their behalf: Sam Hey, Adrian Johnstone, Caroline Gordon, (Directors) Diego Ferrari, Fiona and Clive Rowland, Alastair and Vivien Mackintosh, Mairi Cruickshank, Ian and Jenny Nalder, Graham Stuart, Mike Barnett, George Asher, Mike and Diana Mitchell, Pamela Thame, Danny and Liz Bow, Joan Noble, Val Springett

   (25 members required to vote in person or by proxy to pass resolutions below)
   The above exceeds this threshold with 36 members represented

4. Minute of last AGM (3 October 2023)
   Proposed by Hazel Clark, seconded by Hamish Bain
5. Presentation of Accounts for the year ended 30 Nov 2023 (approved by Directors at last Board meeting)
6. Annual Review – Chairman's Report 2024 (available on nicenairn.org.uk after AGM)
7. **Resolutions**
   1. **Appointment of Directors (ordinary resolution)**
      Proposed by AN(Chair), seconded by HB, approved unanimously

The following Directors due to retire are to be reappointed:
Henry Sleigh, Mandy Lawson, Hazel Clark, Sam Hey.

2 Amendment to NICE Articles (special resolution)
Proposed by HC, seconded by Secretary ML, approved unanimously

Minor changes approved to comply with National Planning Framework 4 requirements for Local Place Plan lead community bodies. Amendments make explicit an open membership policy and clarify NICE catchment area as including the 5 Nairnshire community council areas covered by the Local Place Plan, as well as all IV12 and some IV2 Croy and Ardersier postcodes covered by Nairn Healthcare.

The Special Resolution put to the meeting in terms of Article 40 of the Company's Articles of Association was: **That:**

a) the Articles of Association (signed for the purposes of identification by the Chairman of the Meeting and as previously exhibited to Members on the Company's website (view proposed changes to 2017 Articles here) be and are hereby approved as the new Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of the existing Articles of Association; and
b) a copy of both this Resolution and the new Articles of Association (view proposed new 2024 Articles here) be filed with Companies House within 15 days.

8 Presentation summarising process and priorities of **Nairnshire Local Place Plan** ournairnshire.org by Kenny Spink–LPP part time coordinator

9 **Public discussion.** Those present acknowledged all the hard work which has been required to consult the local community and pull together the LPP.
Concerns were raised from the floor by several members present at the recent Highland Council Planning decision to approve an application from Barratts to build 300 new homes at Delnies, despite public objections regarding overstretched local infrastructure and potential negative impacts on neighbouring Nairn Golf Club. It was also noted that developers were permitted by THC to make use of outline planning consent granted to the landowner(Cawdor Estate) for an entirely different mixed development proposal in 2008 which should have already expired. A major newbuild in this location is at odds with local community priorities emerging in LPP consultations, of which local councillors were fully aware,which prioritise small sensitive developments and favour regenerating existing buildings close to town centre to provide small 1-2 bed units in preference to further mass out of town newbuild for which there is no documented demand or need in Nairnshire. As the Delnies site had been removed from the new Inner Moray Firth Local Development Plan 2 now in force, the local community was not aware of this proposed development until after the LPP consultation phase was over, so it does appear that the Highland Council has flouted its own planning and public transparency principles, in addition to ignoring community views and National Planning Framework 4 'Town Centre First' priorities in approving this. It is expected that there will be further challenges from the local community to this development as the Nairnshire LPP roll out begins.

10 **Any Other Business**- Secretary noted that NICE current membership stands at 872