

**Aberlemno Community Council Meeting  
Aberlemno Church Meeting Room  
7 December 2015 7.30pm**

**In attendance**

Maggie Sherritt – Interim Chair (MS)  
Tom Samson (TS)  
Lynda Bruce (LB)  
Jim Hair (JH)  
George McDonald (GMcD)  
Stuart Cormie (SC)  
Chantal Fenton (CF)  
Murray Howe (MH)  
Paul Duncan (PD)

**Apologies:**

Lorna Houghiemstra (LH)  
Mark Houghiemstra (MH)

1.	<b>Welcome and introductory remarks by the interim chair person</b>	Actions
	<p>MS welcomed everyone to the meeting and tabled the scheme for the establishment of Community Councils 2013, which remains unchanged for the coming term. <a href="http://www.angus.gov.uk/info/20032/community_councils/575/scheme_for_the_establishment_of_community_councils">http://www.angus.gov.uk/info/20032/community_councils/575/scheme_for_the_establishment_of_community_councils</a> MS advised that once the treasurer is elected they should contact Rachel Green <a href="mailto:greenr@angus.gov.uk">greenr@angus.gov.uk</a> for the grant for the community council will be released. MS said that there is an additional grant of £250 available to community councils that set up and use an email addresses for their contact with Angus Council. The Community Council's contact at Angus Council is: Rachel Green <a href="mailto:GreenR@angus.gov.uk">GreenR@angus.gov.uk</a> 01307 474153</p>	
	<b>Action:</b> set up email accounts for: contact; chair; secretary; treasurer.	PD
2	<b>Composition of Community Council</b>	
2. (a)	<b>Interim chair person to report on elected membership number</b>	
	MS reported that following the nomination process the Aberlemno community council is quorate.	
2. (b)	MS discussed the potential addition of co-opted community councillors.	
3.	<b>Appointment of chair person</b>	
	TS was nominated by LB and seconded by JH. TS agreed to act as chair for this term only.	
4.	<b>Appointment of secretary</b>	
	CF was nominated by TS and seconded by SC.	
5.	<b>Appointment of Treasurer</b>	
	LH was nominated by JH and seconded by SC.	
	Action: Contact Rachel Green ( <a href="mailto:greenr@angus.gov.uk">greenr@angus.gov.uk</a> ) regarding the community council grant.	LH
6.	<b>Appointment of Planning Contact</b>	
	It was agreed that the planning contact role would be covered by the secretary.	

7.	<b>Appointment of youth and associate members</b>	
	Discussion took place and it was agreed that George McDonald was proposed by SC and seconded by JH to continue to be the co-opted representative for the Aberlemno Community Hall; Mark Hoogiemstra was proposed by TS and seconded by LB to be the representative for the Aberlemno church (replacing Rev. Brian Ramsay); Lachlan McLeod would be asked if he would like to be the youth representative and a representative from the school would also be sought.	
	<b>Action:</b> Contact Lachlan McLeod to enquire about whether he would like to join the Community Council to be the youth representative.	TS
	<b>Action:</b> Contact the school to enquire about who they would like to be their representative.	CF
8.	<b>AOCB</b>	
	There was no other competent business for this part of the meeting.	
	<b>Community Council Meeting</b>	
1.	TS welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked everyone for standing for election to the community Council. There were apologies from LH and MH.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the last meeting matters arising</b>	
	The extension to the graveyard was discussed; PD said that David Milne, owner of the land adjacent to the current graveyard extension, had been made an offer by Angus Council. It is believed to be sufficiently large for it to last for another 80-100 years. Negotiations are underway. Discussion took place about the need for a car park adjacent to the church, especially as the land identified as being the potential extension is currently used as a car park for large funerals, Christenings and as required for other events.	
	<b>Action:</b> Contact Stuart Bell at Angus Council seeking an electronic copy of the plans.	TS
	In relation to the car parking and community ownership/use of land between the hall and church, PD brought the Aberlemno website to everyone's attention and requested that everyone have a look at the proposal to have a path from the hall to the church. <a href="http://aberlemno.org/village-hall.php">http://aberlemno.org/village-hall.php</a>	
	<b>Action:</b> everyone have a look at the website.	All
	Discussion took place about the community land fund and the potential for a community buy-out of the land. One option would be to put some hardcore at the top of the field and insert a gate at the top.	
	The speed of traffic at Netherton was discussed as it remains dangerous in view of the blind bend. Previous attempts to have a speed restriction imposed have not been successful.	
	<b>Action:</b> raise the issue again with Cllr Houston and ask for a named police service contact	TS
	Discussion took place about the continuing issue with the speed of school buses and the potential danger this represents on narrow country roads; buses that are too large also continue to be used. The bus contractor's schedules are almost impossibly tight in some instances with only minutes allowed to cover some distance.	
	<b>Action:</b> request an update from Angus Council.	TS
	Community Hall GMcD outlined the proposed project at the hall (installing a collection of Pictish stones, artifacts and information boards) and the spend to date.	

	GMcD had requested £500 at a previous community council meeting. The meeting agreed that £500 be paid to the community hall committee as a contribution to the project. GMcD said this was generous of the community council and accepted it. JH raised the outstanding issue of the plaque that was going to be erected.	
	<b>Action:</b> Follow up with Angus Council.	CF
	Community website. GMcD said the hall paid £80 towards the Aberlemno website. TS agreed that the community council would pay for the cost of the website from 1 January 2016.	
	<b>Action:</b> Prepare bill for the website and send to the community council.	GMcD
	Meeting in the community hall. GMcD invited the community councillors to a meeting on 13 January 2016 at 3pm at the Community Hall to discuss the proposals to develop the hall into a visitor centre, restaurant, a farm shop.	
	<b>Action:</b> If possible, attend meeting on 13/1/16 at community hall at 3pm.	All
	Planning. a) The solar farm at Carsegowrie has been approved. b) The solar farm at Montreathmont has been approved – Aberlemno community council is in the catchment area to be a beneficiary. c) The solar farm at Mains of Balgavies is not going ahead.	
	PD represented the community council at a Digital Angus meeting.	
	<b>AOCB</b>	
	GMcD informed the meeting the date of the community hall Burns Supper, which Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2016.	
	On behalf of the community council TS thanks Ronnie Young for all his hard work whilst he was a member of the community council; it was much appreciated and his return would be welcomed.	
	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>	
	Monday 7 March 2016. 7.30pm	