

Community Council Meeting
Monday 19 March 2018
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.00pm

In attendance:

T Samson (Chair); Cllr Nicol; C Fenton; M Howe; I Davies; S Cornie;

1 **Welcome and apologies**

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting and expressed sincere condolences on behalf of the Community Council to Paul on the sad passing of his wife, Kathleen.

Apologies were received from: L and M Hooghiemstra, L Bruce and Cllr Myles.

2 **Minutes of the last meeting for approval**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3 **Matters arising**

The road signs at Balgavies crossroads were moved in May 2017. Anyone using the crossroads with a tractor should check that there is now an improvement and report back to the next meeting.

Action: check the placement of the signs for safety improvement.

All

SC reported that the Drive Safely road signs at Nethererton in the Forfar to Brechin direction are behind a tree and whilst there are no leaves on the trees, it's visible but it won't be when the leaves grow.

Viewfinder: David McGovern hasn't sent in his itemised quote for the work, as discussed at the last meeting.

Action: Contact him for an update and costings.

CF

Action: Contact Bruce Walker for his costings to etch the viewfinder on to slate.

TS

Discussion took place about the potential to bid for funding from the Common Good fund in Brechin.

4 **Aberlemno graveyard**

Angus Council has made some test digs to ensure that current SEPA guidelines are met in relation to groundwater; the tests went well and a planning application is being prepared by Angus Council.

Once the planning consent is granted, the wall will need to be built and the sale can proceed.

Discussion took place about the location of the gate.

5 **Treasurer's report**

A cheque for £160 has been given to Aberlemno Church for the contribution towards the Newsletter.

The balance currently stands at £1,977.44

As per the agreement at the last meeting, the Community Council will pay for the new cover for the frame that provides cover for any events at the hall. The cost is expected to be in the region of £254 + VAT

6 **Community Council constitution**

The model constitution had been circulated prior to the meeting and was accepted as fit for purpose for Aberlemno Community Council. The constitution is to be signed and sent to Angus Council for approval.

7 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**

The details of the tarpaulin cover for the outdoor frame have still to be finalised.

The rewiring and fire certificate is being finalised and was paid for by an Angus Environment Trust grant.

The programme of events will be confirmed soon and there's a calendar competition which

will be launched and there will be an exhibition of entries.

ID expressed her appreciation of support from the Community Council for the website. It's now set up for on-line booking and available for the school and church to use.

In April the Pictish Stones will be unveiled again for the summer and the Hall Committee hope to have the Pictish room at the back of the hall open from time to time so visitors can see the exhibits.

The WC is open to the public but for the disabled WC to be used there needs to be a mechanism to lock the hall doors for security.

There's a darts evening on 6 April. All welcome.

The hall committee is exploring the potential to install a Heart Defibrillator that runs off a battery and an electric car charging point.

Discussion took place about the potential to get Superfast Broadband and the potential to have the Digital Champion come to a meeting to discuss this.

Action: Discuss with Merlyn Dunn, Economic Development, Angus Council

ID

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1. TS asked if there had been any major incidents caused by the snow, but it appeared there had been none. A great sense of community spirit had been experienced as people looked out for each other.

2. Cllr Braes asked if the pavements had been cleared of snow; there's no statutory obligation for the Councils to clear pavements of snow. He reported that there are two snow blowers at Tayside Contracts and there's a possibility of snow blowers being bought for tractors.

3. Discussion took place about the potential to purchase electronic signs that read the speed of traffic with the instruction to slow down, if necessary.

4. Kirsteen Hair, MP, is hosting an evening for Community Councils at Forfar Community Council on 5 April at 7pm.

5. The potential for three schools to close is being explored by Angus Council.

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Date of next meeting

11 June 2018 at 7pm in the Aberlemno Church meeting room (provisional).