

Community Council Meeting
Monday 3 September 2018
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.00pm

In attendance:

Tom Sampson (Chair); Cllr Nicol; Chantal Fenton; Cllr Myles; Lynda Bruce; Murray Howe; Lorna & Mark Hooghiemstra; Ricky Martin; Stuart Cormie

1 **Welcome and apologies**

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Isabelle Davies and Paul Duncan

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3 **Matters Arising**

Progress was sought on the funding bid by Kelly Ann Dempsey of Angus Council but she was on leave and couldn't report back. TD said he'd see her the following week and report back.

4 **Ricky Martin, p/t Special Policeman.**

RM introduced himself and said he'd been a special policeman 15 years. He discussed the Neighbourhood Watch in Inveresk where 230 people have joined, which is a considerable number and has a great impact. They have their own facebook page for alerting each other of any events and incidents. He told the meeting about DNA kits which can be bought for £20 and can be used to identify property by unique identifiers. Local people involved in neighbourhood watch can form part of the infrastructure that watches roads if there's an incident meaning there's more security if everyone works together. There are networks set up to assist greater communication.

He advised people to check that oil has actually been delivered before paying for it.

Discussion took place about a crime prevention day, especially now the dark nights are imminent. Use Crimestoppers for any suspicious sightings.

Discussion took place about using CCTV and floodlight cameras, which can be triggered by voice or movement. Guardcam was mentioned, which is hardwired and costs about £50 and which has takes good quality photographs of the intruder. There are driveway alert systems for around £15.

RM's preferred padlocks are disc padlocks because they are more difficult to break.

Flytipping is a big problem at the moment and some people have resorted to hiding camouflaged cameras in trees in an attempt to get evidence.

Speeding motorbikes are a problem too where speeds in excess of 100mph are alleged to be happening. RM suggested a scarecrow with a high vis jacket on and a black cap strategically placed could be tried.

Action: arrange an event in the village hall to share crime prevention information and potentially set up Neighbourhood Watch in the area.

RM/
CF

5 **Aberlemno graveyard**

Cllr Nicol reported that Kate Cowie, Head of Planning at Angus Council had said that approval should go through on delegated powers. Half plots are to be sold in the first instance. It is estimated that it will cost £25,000 to set up.

6 **Treasurer's report**

On 25th March, LH forwarded a cheque for £60 to Susan Norris for the 'Pictish Stone' sign.

On 24th June, a cheque for £105 was sent to Aberlemno Church for the use of the Sunday School room for our meetings during the year.

On 28th June, a BACS payment of £715, being the annual grant, was received from Angus Council.

On 12th July, a cheque for £50 was sent to Lippen Care.

(£10 for Group membership and an additional £40 donation)

Grateful thanks were received from Lippen Care.

On 25th July, a cheque for £30 was given to Aberlemno Hall for page sponsorship of their 2019 calendar.

Susan Norris sent thanks on behalf of the Hall Committee.

On 9th August, a cheque for £304.80 was delivered to Charlotte, Treasurer of Aberlemno Hall regarding the Committee's purchase of a new Canopy.

Our current balance is £2,142.64

7 **Community Council elections**

Nominations for membership of the Community Council should be submitted as per instructions on the Angus Council website.

8 **Paths in the local area.**

SC reported that the number of people visiting the Pictish Stones in Aberlemno is increasing and it's becoming dangerous for them on the roads. Discussion took place about ownership of the verge, which could be either Angus Council or HES. There's also the potential for David Milne to take down a section of dyke and put a gate in.

Action: The Councillors will speak to Dougie Alexander of Angus Council Roads Department about the best way forward. Cllrs

9 **AOCB**

9.1 As this was LB's last meeting as a Community Councillor, TS thanked her for her contribution over many years.

9.2 TS announced that he would be standing down as Chair at the elections. CF thanked him for his serving as Chair for as long as he has.

9.3 TS explored the potential for the Community Council and Village Hall Committee to merge. CF pointed out that as they each have different remits and different organisations to which they report, it could be difficult to meet their obligations.

10. **Date of next meeting**

3 December 2018 at 7pm in the Aberlemno Church meeting room.