

Community Council Meeting
Monday 27 May 2019
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.00pm

In attendance:

Tom Sampson (Chair); Cllr Nicol; Isabelle Davies; Chantal Fenton (Secretary); Murray Howe; Cllr Braes; Paul Duncan; Sandra Livingston

1 AGM Welcome and apologies

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from Lorna & Mark Hooghiemstra; Stuart Cormie

2 Annual report

Aberlemno Community Council has supported a number of projects in the community this year, including the Church Newsletter; Lippen Care; the Aberlemno community website; Aberlemno Primary School's bid for library books; the custom-made tarpaulin for the Village Hall's gazebo and it agreed to help match fund the South Esk Catchment Area's LEADER bid. The Community Council has continued to probe and discuss the progress towards the opening of the graveyard extension in Aberlemno.

The annual statement of accounts was tabled, which have been submitted to Angus Council.

Appointment of office bearers:

Chair: TS was nominated by MH and seconded by ID

Secretary: CF was nominated by TS and seconded by PD

Treasurer: LH was nominated by TS and seconded by MH.

Dof NAGM: First Monday in June 2020

3 Matters arising from previous meeting (March 2019)

There were no matters arising that weren't covered under the agenda.

4 Participatory budgeting (PB)

Following SL's presentation at the last meeting it was agreed that PB would be trialed. SL has secured an additional £600 from NELEG and was going to try to secure a further £600 to add to the pot for distribution to local projects meaning there could be a total of £1800 to distribute.

Action: SL confirm extra £600, if possible.

SL

A topic needs to be agreed, the parameters of the projects and implementation mechanisms.

It was agreed that there should be a minimum project value of £75 and a maximum of £400. Voting rights are restricted to residents of Angus and/or pupils at Aberlemno Primary School aged 7 and above. Proof of residency will be required to vote for projects.

It was agreed that a voting meeting would take place at some point towards the end of September which means there's a lot of work to do to let as many people know in the area as possible and in time for them to work up some projects.

Action: Devise criteria for projects and circulate to as many people as possible.

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5 Treasurer's report

In the minutes from the last meeting, it was listed that the Hall hire required to be paid with regards to having held the Community Safety day. As yet, no invoice has been received from the Hall committee.

On 4th March 2019, a cheque for £500 was given to Aberlemno School for a contribution towards the Community Book Pledge.

A thank you letter, signed by all the School children, was received.

On 19th April, LH sent the audited accounts to Angus Council.

To date, no approval has been received from Angus Council.

The current balance is £1,482.64

6. Graveyard Extension Update

Cllr Nicol reported that the extension is expected to be consecrated in August. There still needs to be a planning application submitted for road access to it.

Concern was expressed by all that local people can't be buried in the existing one because it full and discussion took place about the possibility of Angus Council buying back unused lairs.

Action: Ask Angus Council about the procedure for releasing any bought but unused lairs Cllr

- that could be released and used as required. Nicol
7. **Fracking**
After discussion the CC decided not to respond to the Scottish Government's consultation on Alternative Energy.
8. **Fatal accident at Netherton**
Cllr Braes reported that following the fatal accident at Netherton in March staff from Angus Council Roads Dept. will meet residents. Motorists are still speeding at the bend.
9. **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**
ID reported that there are new office bearers at the hall following the AGM: Jacqui Thornton is the treasurer and Jane Cooper is the secretary; ID is Chair.
ID reported on the plant sale; the request for a mast to be placed in the Hall's grounds and the toilets that are opened by members of the committee for use by visitors to the Pictish Stones. Cllr Braes suggested that ID contact Angus Council to benefit from a grant for providing WC services to the public.
Action: Contact Millie Clarke at Angus Council ID
The turning circle at the Hall needs to be repaired but it is unadopted even though it is used by buses to turn; members of the public; parents of children at the school and visitors to the Pictish Stones.
ID reported that the Hall committee wish to install a picnic bench in the car park but the Men's Shed at Brechin, whilst being interested in the project, didn't have the tools to build it. PD expressed interest in making the bench which should have wheelchair access.
Action: Liaise with the Village Hall Committee and build the picnic bench. PD
10. **Local Access Forum** CF
TS expressed the aspiration to join up the Hill Forts of Turin and Finavon with the Pictish Stones in Aberlemno.
Cllr Braes reported that there's funding available for paths and cycle paths and Paul Clarke will be asked to attend the next CC meeting. There's possibly funding available too through TACTRAN.
Action: ID will ask PC to come to the next meeting on 2/9/19. ID
11. **LEADER project update**
Kelly Ann Dempsey has invoiced the CC £500 towards the cost of the South Esk Catchment Project. It was agreed that before remitting the funds, the CC should see exactly what is proposed at Aberlemno Hill.
12. **Meeting with Angus Council (16/5/19)**
CF attended the bi-ennial meeting with Angus Council, which was productive and set out the expectations by both Angus Council and the Community Councils, stressing the need for listening to each other. The next meeting will be in November.
13. **AOCB**
 1. The newly appointed (March 2019) Earl of Forfar, aka Prince Edward, and the Countess of Forfar will be in Forfar on 1 July 2019 and anyone wishing to represent the Community Council should tell TS.
 2. VE celebrations commemorating 75 years since the end of WW2 in Europe will be held next year, for more information: <https://www.veday75.org/>
 3. Cllr Nicol reported that anyone can submit an objection to a planning application and if a minimum of five are received, there's a right to be heard at a full planning committee.
 4. Discussion took place about the number of planning applications that are made retrospectively, which is not the correct order in which things should happen, especially if there are potential issues for SEPA and/or Environmental Health.
14. **Date of next meeting**
2 September 2019 at 7pm in the Aberlemno Church meeting room.