



## Aberlemno and District Community Council Meeting Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, 7.00pm Farnell Village Hall

	<p><b>In attendance:</b> Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davies (ID), Lynn Patch (LP), Jacqui Thornton (JT) Local councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN), Jill Scott (JS), Chris Beattie (CB) Angus Council: Sandra Livingston (SL)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Police representatives: Inspector Grant McGaughay (GM), Sargeant Tracy Brown (TB)</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies</b> Russell Bruce opened the meeting, thanked all attendees for coming along and introduced the community council members and local councillors. Apologies were confirmed from the police representatives.</p> <p>Russell Bruce encouraged those present to spread the word about the community council as we would like more representation from around the full district.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes from last meeting</b> Lynn Patch proposed the approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, and this was seconded by Isabelle Davies.</p>	
<b>Action</b>	The minutes will now be made available on the Aberlemno.org website.	<b>JT</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <p>Road safety:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>A resident was recently hit by a car's wing mirror, but the car did not stop (Tracy Brown requested that this is reported to the police) – the resident has decided not to pursue this matter with the police.</i></li> <li>• <i>Chris Beattie and Jill Scott took an action to look into why Farnell just has the national speed limit through the village rather than 30mph – Chris has contacted the appropriate people and is awaiting a response which will be passed to the community council upon receipt.</i></li> </ul>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report and correspondence</b> Jacqui Thornton outlined her role as Secretary which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Organising meetings, agendas and minutes</li> <li>• Keeping the aberlemno.org website up to date with community council matters</li> <li>• Correspondence through the community council e mail account</li> </ul> <p>Information for the community is also received from Angus Council and is posted on the aberlemno.org website on the 'community messages' page, along with other information that may be useful to residents. For example, the Voluntary Angus Action bulletins.</p>	

5	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b> The treasurer's report can be found in Appendix 1 of these minutes.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning report</b> There is only one application in our area from the council planning report on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023:</p> <p>22/00790/FULL   Erection of Dwellinghouse and Ancillary Works - change of house design from planning application 18/00256/FULL - land immediately east of Crosston Farmhouse, Aberlemno Forfar. We note the submission of this application.</p> <p>The current plot and house location reverts more to that of application 14/00122/FULL which was approved on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2014 with the proposed house aligned with the existing walled garden and access remains the same.</p> <p>The Community Council makes the following observations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The removal of trees should be kept to the minimum. This site is part of the setting of Aberlemno Village and the trees on this site contribute to that setting. Works should ensure remaining trees are protected during construction and that the scheme for provision and maintenance of landscaping is undertaken and applied.</li> <li>• The works necessary to allow this development have resulted in the footpath to the rear of the property being dug up with open holes for the past three months. The footpath is in regular use and we would wish such works to be completed and path restored to public use in a timeous manner. Currently walkers have to detour through the field.</li> <li>• The property will overlook this footpath and developer/occupier should be made aware that the path will be in regular use.</li> <li>• We would also ask that you note the change of name of the community council which was agreed and adopted at our meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022.</li> <li>• There is potentially an emerging issue with works affecting the footpath at the rear of Crosston Farmhouse in Aberlemno Village.</li> </ul> <p>The weekly list and public access link are available on the community council page on the Aberlemno website.</p>	
7	<p><b>Local Community Policing Area Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We are increasingly receiving reports of people being asked to send money to scammers alleging they are family members in financial trouble. A text message is received from an unknown number stating they are a relative who has had to obtain a new number and in need of help. They are then asked to send money to the scammer via various means. Please always make contact through normal channels with any relative/friend who appears to be contacting you requesting assistance. To support this a leaflet was made available from Chris Beattie – these will also be put in Aberlemno Village Hall.</li> <li>• Oil theft is not currently an issue in Aberlemno or Farnell however be vigilant regarding oil tanks, ensuring they have locks on them to prevent oil theft.</li> <li>• There were no crimes recorded in the previous month specific to Aberlemno or Farnell.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b></p> <p><b>JT</b></p>

8	<p><b>Road Safety</b> Lynn Patch confirmed that there has been little change since the last meeting in December.</p> <p><u>Aberlemno:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The pop-up Jim signage was installed for a short period of time however it was not possible to assess any impact this may have had because we have no way of measuring speed through the village.</li> <li>• A complaint has been made to Scottish Water about the roadworks that have now been in the village for three weeks with no-one working on the site.</li> <li>• Pictish open days – consideration to be given to ensuring there are marshals available to support road safety at these events – we will also request support from the police and Angus council as appropriate.</li> <li>• The question about getting a road safety audit is currently being pursued – how we get this organised and what it will entail.</li> </ul> <p><u>Farnell:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The meeting attendees were asked what they want regarding road safety in Farnell and it was confirmed that the village does not want street lights – this does however limit a number of traffic calming measures eg speed bumps being installed.</li> <li>• There were no other issues arising and Lynn confirmed that the community council are available via e mail and through the Aberlemno.org website for any issues, not just road safety.</li> </ul>	
9	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The community council asked the meeting attendees to spread the word that we are here and that it would be good to have a Farnell resident on the community council as currently all members are from Aberlemno.</li> <li>• Sandra Livingston asked the community council members to provide her with a date and time over the next few weeks that they could attend a 1–2-hour training session – preferably a Monday or Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning.</li> <li>• Gavin Nicol asked about the Pictish stone that was recently found in Aberlemno – Isabelle Davies confirmed that we are in discussions with Gordon Noble and the Pictish Art Society about its future and whether it will come back to Aberlemno – it is currently in Edinburgh for conservation work.</li> <li>• Lynn Patch asked if Farnell wanted to have a defibrillator and they confirmed that this had been discussed previously and one is not required in Farnell.</li> <li>• Isabelle Davies discussed getting together local resilience plans for when something like storm Arwen happens – she is looking to see if we could get someone along to a community council meeting to explain how to put together a resilience plan.</li> <li>• It was confirmed that new Pictish Trail leaflets are currently being produced – when these are available the link will be put on the Aberlemno.org website.</li> <li>• Chris Beattie confirmed that there is a meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2023 to agree the 2023/4 budgets – the paper on this will be published on the Angus Council website a days before the meeting.</li> <li>• Jill Scott confirmed that Angus Council is proposing to let the store on Brechin’s High Street to Community First UK for a six-year period. The social enterprise runs S-Mart, which opened in Forfar in July 2020. S-</li> </ul>	<p><b>Action</b> JT</p> <p><b>Action</b> ID</p> <p><b>Action</b> JT</p>

	<p>Mart's vision is to tackle food insecurity and reduce food waste by using surplus, over ordered and "no longer stocked" food from chain supermarkets and local food suppliers. Products can be reduced by anything up to 50%. The council hope to let an empty High Street unit, next to the old Gardiner's toy shop. As the property is part of Brechin's common good fund, a consultation must take place before plans can be submitted.</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Questions From the Floor</b> There were no further questions from anyone present at the meeting.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7pm in Aberlemno Village Hall.</p> <p>Russell Bruce thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.00pm.</p>	

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## Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report



# ABERLEMNO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT

December 2022 – end January 2023

After the last meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022, I wanted to have achieved the following:

- Opened Treasurers Bank Account with Royal Bank of Scotland for ‘Aberlemno and District Community Council’.
- Obtained Grant/s from Angus Council.

Paid all outstanding Invoices.

The Grants are as follows:

- Grant - £375 (restricted funds) to cover expenses of the Community Council.
- Grant - £516.69 (unrestricted funds) which was the remainder from the previous Community Council. This will be used to purchase items or services to improve the lives of residents in our area.

The unrestricted funds, as a small donation, are available to any Group within the Aberlemno and District Community Council Area which is deemed to be a worthwhile cause. Ideas and requests should be sent by email to [AberlemnoCC@yahoo.com](mailto:AberlemnoCC@yahoo.com) with an explanation of why the Group should receive a donation and it will be considered by the Officers of the Community Council.

Financial Statement:

A copy should be attached to the Minutes of the last meeting.

## Financial Statement for 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 – 31 January 2023

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	£s
Starting Balance	00.00
Income:	
Grant from Angus Council (Restricted)	375.00
Balance from last Community Council (Unrestricted)	516.69
Income Total	891.69
Expenses:	
Restricted Funds:	
12/10/22 I/N 20221012 Aberlemno V Hall Hire	24.00
14/11/22 I/N 0204658983 Vista Print	36.54
01/12/22 I/N 20221201 Aberlemno V Hall Hire	24.00
06/12/22 I/N 462802287 Stationery (Secretary)	34.59
16/01/23 2023/01/01 Stationery (Treasurer)	23.00
20/01/23 2023/01/02 Stationery (Planning)	4.90
Total Restricted Funds	147.03
Balance Restricted Funds	227.97
Unrestricted Funds:	
Balance of Unrestricted Funds	561.69
Balance Carried Forward 31/01/2023	744.66