



Aberlemno and District
Community Council Meeting
Thursday 4th April 2024, 19.00hrs
Farnell Village Hall

1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies.

Russell Bruce opened the meeting at 19.00hrs and thanked all attendees for coming along.

In attendance:

Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Lynn Bruce (LB), Isabelle Davies (ID)

Police: PC Joe Gregg (JG)

Members of the Public: 8

Apologies: Councillor Gavin Nicol (GN), Councillor Chris Beattie (CB), Angus Council: Sandra Livingston (SL), Peter Morton (PM), Craig Hudson (CH)

2. Approval of previous minutes.

February meeting.

Proposed: Lynn Bruce

Seconded: Isabelle Davies

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

Defibrillator for Farnell church was discussed. Lynn let the Farnell residents know that the defibrillator, once sited, will need constant connection to a power source, therefore, it is up to them to confirm a location, prior to application. Update from Farnell residents will be given at the next meeting.

Russell proposed that the following individuals be co-opted on to the community council;

Robyn Calder
Jelle de Bruin
Fiona Cameron
Katherine Thomson

There being no objections, the proposal was seconded by Isabelle.

TEAMS would be discussed in AOB.

4. Secretary's report and correspondence.

Nil.

All correspondence will be dealt with by the remaining community councillors. The newly voted community councillors would be given access to the e-mails at the earliest convenience.

5. Treasurer's report.

The treasurer's report can be found at Appendix 1 of these minutes.

6. Planning report.

The report from the planning representative can be found at Appendix 2 of these minutes.

7. Local Community policing Area report.

Joe explained the local campaigns, Police website and Neighbourhood Watch.

There was a discussion regarding speeding.

20MPH areas not routinely enforced, except at schools. This, however, is being done more regularly.

8. Road safety.

Since the last meeting on 1st February 2024

Aberlemno – U455 between Balbinny and Netherton has been repaired – residents gave an update on the works. Potholes on the B9134 have been poorly repaired previously and now need doing again. Reported to Angus Council. Reminded about people in the road viewing Pictish Stones now they are uncovered.

Netherton – No further details regarding bridge repair.

Farnell – No reports received.

Pitkenney – C44 closed for repairs for 10 weeks from 25th March 2024. No problems reported with diversion route or access to properties.

9. Any other business.

- a. Isabelle talked about the progress of the Flemington Stone being brought to the Village Hall in Aberlemno.
- b. The community council was made aware of the ongoing plan to have the Farnell Stone brought back to the village of Farnell, now that it had been found after extensive enquiries. Local resident and Elder of the church, John Aitken, informed all that it had been found in a storage room in the Signal Tower in Arbroath, wrapped in a tarpaulin. He also informed us that it has had some damage and had been quoted a sum of over £7000 to have it moved from Arbroath to Farnell. Again, it was suggested that the local residents of Farnell need to find out where the Stone could be sited, once returned, before any real help in discussions could go forward. We all look forward to the progression in this matter.

- c. Lynn put forward for discussion, the matter of the amount of dog waste being found on local pathways and asked if there is now a need for dog waste bins to be sought. After discussion, it was agreed that this would be a question put forward to our local Councillors at the next meeting.
- d. Lynn mentioned, to make all aware, that the Stagecoach Bus service 21A (Forfar to Brechin via Aberlemno) is going to be changed to a two hourly service instead of one hourly as it presently is.
- e. TEAMS was discussed by all present. Lynn has done the background investigation into the use of TEAMS by the community council for planning meetings and to facilitate replacing the meetings during the periods in the year when the weather and daylight is restrictive. It was noted that the use of the Village halls is very important but acknowledged that it made sense for the meetings held over the winter period (October, December & February), when it has been noted in our short experience that the numbers of residents attending, falls significantly. Often to zero.
A grant of £200 has been given to us for restricted use of IT and communication purposes from Angus Council. Results of the TEAMS usage will be evaluated at the end of a year (suggested AGM topic).
- f. The community council has been informed that we must have a Data Protection Officer. The Licence for which will be paid for by Angus Council.
- g. Russell raised the question of; cost, access, availability and connection with audience of the community council page on Aberlemno.org against other media platforms. It was agreed that this subject would be discussed further during a planning meeting of all community council members prior to the AGM.

10. Questions from the floor.

There were no questions from the floor.

11. Date and location of AGM and next meeting.

Thursday 6th June 2024 at Aberlemno Village Hall

12. Close.

The meeting was closed at 20.53hrs

APPENDIX 1

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February 2024 – March 2024

After the last meeting on 2nd February 2024, the following has been completed:

- Final Accounts for last Financial Year is completed but not yet been audited.
- Angus Council CC Grant to be applied for asap after Audit of Accounts.

Financial Statement.

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

Financial Statement for February 2024 – March 2024

		£'s
Starting Balance		518.81
Income:		
Grant from Angus Council (Restricted)		
Income Total		
Expenses:		
Restricted Funds:		
CC Mileage	54.00	
Stationery	9.50	
Total Restricted Funds	63.50	
Balance Restricted Funds		3.31
Unrestricted Funds:		
Total Unrestricted Funds	0.00	
Balance Unrestricted Funds		452.00
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/2024		455.31

Only one planning application submitted since the last meeting:

Application Number: 24/00026/FULL

Formation of ancillary accommodation in existing building, 3 Crosston Cottages, Aberlemno.

Comment submitted 13/03/2024 – Aberlemno and District Community Council has no comment to make on this application. It brings a derelict building within the village back into use.

Application Number: 23/00739/FULL

See minutes of previous meeting for details.

Proposal: Change of use from houses to short term lets (Tourist Accommodation). Change of use of grassed footway to garden ground and ancillary works (retrospective).

Update:

Mr and Mrs Milne have expressed their disappointment to Isabelle Davies that the Community Council maintained their objection to this application after their Planning Consultant wrote and requested CC withdraw this objection. As Angus Council Road Department did not object (4th April 2024).

This application will be heard at a future meeting of the Development Standards Committee as there is an outstanding objection.