

Community Council Meeting
Monday 7 March 2016
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.30pm

In attendance
Cllr Houston
Cllr Myles
George McDonald (GMcD)
Stuart Cormie (SC)
Chantal Fenton (CF)
Murray Howe (MH)
Paul Duncan (PD)
Lorna Houghiemstra (LH)
Mark Houghiemstra (MH)

1 **Welcome and apologies**

MH agreed to chair the meeting in TS's absence.
MH welcomed everyone.
Apologies were received from Tom Samson; Jim Hair; Lynda Bruce.

2 **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3 **Matters arising**

Website and IT: PD discussed progress towards having email addresses for the committee and discussed whether the Community Councillors would like to submit a brief biography for inclusion on the Aberlemno.org website.

The website costs £70 per annum and there's an additional charge of \$9.96 for a mail box with unlimited aliases and up to 5GB of storage. It was agreed that PD would set up email addresses for the office bearers.

Cllr Houston had made enquiries about the speed of the school buses and their size. He reported that the contract is with Wishart's and noted the buses are also used for fare-paying passengers so there is a need for larger buses to be used on the school run. Forfar Academy had requested a 16-seater bus; however Wishart's can use whatever type of bus they choose. It was noted that the buses could be 10minutes late picking up the children but they still arrive at their destination on time. Cllr Houston requested that to build more information about the speed of buses, there's a need for examples of lateness and of buses not turning up.

Action: PD to set up email addresses for the office bearers

PD

Action: Identify the days, dates and times of buses running late and report to Cllr Houston.

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4 **Treasurer's report**

LH reported that she contacted Angus Council and they will send the Community Council grant in May; it will include an additional grant of £250 for using email to communicate.

A cheque for £500 was sent to Susan Steel, the Treasurer of Aberlemno Hall Committee for a contribution towards the Pictish Project within the Hall.

A letter of sincere thanks has been received.

The financial year ends on 31st March 2016; the current balance is £1,288.39.

5 **Update of graveyard**

The plan of the proposed extension to the Aberlemno graveyard was discussed. It was reported that an offer has been made by Angus Council to the landowner David Milne and further news is awaited.

The issue of inadequate parking for large funerals was discussed and it was suggested that the community could help with creating a car park.

6 **Planning application/s for consideration**

All planning applications currently under consideration by Angus Council that are in the Community Council area of Aberlemno were discussed and no objections are to be noted.

7 **Update on viewfinder**

Discussion took place about the viewfinder for Aberlemno Hill. It has been a long time since any progress had been made and there appears to be continued interest in erecting the viewfinder. LH thought that over £300 had already been paid to a company to produce the artwork for it.

PD agreed to follow this up with the company.

Action: Contact Sign Industries Ltd. to find out if the art work is finished and ready to be used on the viewfinder. PD

Action: Contact Angus Council to ascertain whether the fee is still payable because Council staff have already been to visit the intended site. CF

8 **Update on Aberlemno.org and IT**

This was discussed under matters arising.

9 **Rural Parliament**

CF noted that Scotland's second Rural Parliament will be coming to Brechin on the 6-8 October 2016. This will be an important gathering for Angus and in particular, Brechin. It is a high-profile event and an opportunity for local people living in rural areas to share their experience, challenges, successes etc. with people from all over Scotland and with representatives from rural communities on continental Europe.

10 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**

GMcD reported that interest in the Community Hall is sought from local people. To be successful and to keep going and organising events, there needs to be a commitment from local people and finding enough people to contribute their time and efforts to keeping it going is proving to be difficult. Any members of the community who would like to be involved would be most welcome.

11 **AOCB**

SC suggested that the Community Council buys a projector for use at meetings instead of needing to issue papers at the meeting, especially as all Community Councillors are now receiving all correspondence electronically.

Action: Explore the costs of a projector use at meetings. SC

12 **Dates of next meetings**

Next meeting is on 6 June 2016