

Community Council Meeting  
Monday 5 September 2016  
Aberlemno Church meeting room  
7.30pm

In attendance:

Tom Sampson (Chair)  
Lorna Hooghiemstra  
Mark Hooghiemstra  
Rhonda McFarlane (part of the meeting)  
Cllr Houston  
Lynda Bruce  
Paul Duncan  
Chantal Fenton  
Stuart Cormie

1 **Welcome and apologies**

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Murray Howe; Isabelle Davies; Cllr Bob Myles.

2 **Presentation on funding from Rhonda McFarlane, Angus Council**

RMcF outlined how the Funding, Policy and Projects team in Angus Council can help community groups and businesses with finding appropriate funding through either administering grants themselves or by signposting.

Community grants of up to £5k are available; they must be spent within a year and are issued on a first-come-first-served basis.

Up to date information is available in the monthly Angus Funding News, which is circulated in the What's New bulletins from the Council. There's also information on Twitter and facebook.

Of particular interest was the Angus Environmental Trust which is run by SEPA but administered by the funding team. It has five objects: waste; historic buildings; churches; public amenities; biodiversity, and it must be within 10 miles of a landfill site.

There are four business grants available; for more information refer to the Business Angus website.

[http://www.businessangus.com/BA/info/47/financial\\_support](http://www.businessangus.com/BA/info/47/financial_support)

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

4 **Matters arising**

There has been no further update in relation to moving the road signs at the crossroads at Balgavies.

**Action: TS offered to provide a tractor and MH offered to write a report for submission to Angus Council roads dept.**

TS &  
MH

There has been no further progress on the reinstating of the cat's eyes following their removal by the snow ploughs.

**Action: Follow up with Dougie Alexander, the Angus Council contact.**

TS

5 **Treasurer's report**

LH reported that Lippen Care were appreciative of the £50 cheque.

- The current balance is £1,770.44.  
£160 will be given to the church for the newsletter.
- 6 **Update on graveyard**  
There is some hope that issues relating to the delay in establishing the extension to the graveyard will be resolved soon.
- 7 **Netherton bend**  
The report written by MH has been sent to the Council who may have sent it to the police.  
**Action: Send a copy of the report to CF who will forward it to Cllr Houston.** MH/  
CF  
**Action: Cllr Houston to raise the issue with the Communities Committee and ask for it to be reviewed.** CllrH
- SC reported that water pools on the road at Netherton and is causing flooding in the adjacent properties. This has been reported to Dougie Alexander over the last three years. Chris Chalmers of Angus Council has seen the videos of the flooding and the drains full of silt, which is possibly caused by lack of maintenance.  
Discussion took place about potential solutions, including asking those involved in the Melgund Burn study to look at the water course and potential solutions.  
**Action: Ask the Fisheries Board for some assistance.** TS  
**Action: Ask about frequency of gully cleaning in this area.** CllrH  
**Action: Meet to discuss the contents of a letter to be sent to Dougie Alexander.** SC/TS
- 8 **Update on the Viewfinder**  
The quote for £1,500 was approved in principle. CllrH suggested that crowdfunding would be a good way of raising the money for the viewfinder.  
**Action: Ask Rhonda McFarlane for support with the crowdfunding and other funding options.** CF
- 9 **Update on Aberlemno.org and IT** PD  
The issue of emails for the office bearers and for general information remains outstanding. This is causing a delay with receiving the additional funding from Angus Council.  
**Action: Training around the website and email addresses to be set up.** PD
- 10 **Update on Rural Parliament**  
Much more information is now available on the website.  
**Action: register with the Rural Parliament on :** All  
<http://www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk> to be kept up to date.
- 11 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**  
New interpretation boards are to be installed near the stones and HES will send draft copy to the Aberlemno Community Hall committee for comment.  
New spotlights have been installed. Another Pictish day is scheduled for 24 September. New benches have been installed for the stones to be placed on in the back hall.
- 14 **Dates of next meetings**  
The next meeting will be held on the 5 December 2016 at 7.30pm.