

Community Council Meeting
Monday 6 March 2017
Aberlemno Church meeting room
7.30pm

In attendance:

T Sampson (Chair), M Hooghiemstra, Cllr Houston, L Bruce, C Fenton, M Howe, Cllr Bob Myles

1 **Welcome and apologies**

TS welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies were received from: Isabelle Davies; Stuart Cormie, Paul Duncan

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

3 **Matters arising**

MH has pursued various lines of enquiry to find out what progress has been made regarding the purchase of the ground for the graveyard extension but not much information is available.

Action: Write to Kevin Robertson to make enquiries.

TS

Cllr Myles said that the issue of the poorly-sited road signs at Balgavies has moved forward as Council officers have admitted that they could be better sited. The Council officers are J. Hawks and C. Hudson.

4 **Treasurer's report**

In January 2017 a cheque for £20 was sent to Angus Council for the Lottery Licence and a cheque for £160 was given to Aberlemno Church as a contribution towards their Newsletter.

At the last meeting it was suggested to increase the donation to the Church, however no figure was given.

The Forfar and Brechin branches of the Clydesdale Bank are closing. It would be helpful if Angus Council would send the annual grant by BACS forthwith, which would be more efficient.

The current balance is £1,597.44. The financial year ends on 31st March 2017.

Following discussion it was agreed that the Community Council would contribute £300 per annum to church funds, which is payment for the use of the meeting room and is a contribution to the newsletter a copy of which is circulated widely at Christmas and to church attendees at other times of the year.

CF asked if acknowledgment of the Community Council's contribution to the newsletter could be included on it so that locals understood that the Community Council can make financial contributions.

5 **Hall car park and path from school to the hall**

The Aberlemno Community Hall committee have asked the Community Council to support their request for a financial contribution from Angus Council for much-needed repairs to the turning circle at the hall, which is used by Angus Council services, amongst others. It was agreed that the chair of the hall should be asked to draft a note for TS.

Action: Request ID to draft a note for TS.

CF

Action: Send a letter of support to Angus Council.

TS

6 **Community Council Planning training**

Following on from the session at the last meeting and the importance of community involvement in the local planning process, Angus Council is running a training session on this on Saturday 18 March in Angus House, Forfar. CF had intended going but is now unable to attend. Anyone who is able to go and then bring back information for the Community Council should let Lynn Hally know (hallyl@angus.gov.uk).

7 **Update on viewfinder for Aberlemno Hill**

This was carried forward till the next meeting.

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

The community council's email address is communitycouncil@aberlemno.org

9 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**

This was carried forward to the next meeting.

10 **Planning application for antenna**

There were no objections to the antenna.

11. **AOCB**

CF raised the issue of the request to have the 20mph speed restrictions in place when the lights are flashing. This has been refused by Angus Council as they say that the criteria are not met. The safety of visitors to Angus should not be ignored and Cllr Myles suggested that the criteria be changed.

CF informed the meeting that SNH have reviewed the citation of the SSSI relating to the quarries at Turin Hill, which are of national importance. The non-marine Devonian is now a protected natural feature because it is rare in the Scottish Devonian context.

More information is available at: Tayside_grampian@snh.gov.uk

TS thanked the Councillors for attending this meeting and all previous meetings and for their support during their tenure. Cllr Houston said he'd be standing down at the next Council elections which are being held on 4 May 2017.

12. **Dates of next meetings**

The next meeting will be held on the 5 June 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aberlemno Church meeting room.