

Community Council Meeting  
Monday 5 June 2017  
Aberlemno Church meeting room  
7.30pm

In attendance:

Lorna Hooghiemstra, Cllr. Myles, Lynda Bruce, Chantal Fenton, Murray Howe, Cllr. Braes; Cllr. Nicol; Isabelle Davies (Chair); Stuart Cormie; Paul Duncan; Rev. Brian Ramsay.

**1 Welcome and apologies**

In TS's absence, ID agreed to chair and welcomed everyone to the meeting, in particular the new Councillors. Everyone introduced themselves.

Apologies were received from: TS; MH & Nicola Yarr.

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

The minutes of the last meeting were approved with the following amendment: LH attended the meeting. LB proposed and MH seconded.

**3 Matters arising**

The Graveyard extension. Discussion took place about the proposed purchase of land from David Milne by Angus Council. Cllr. Myles reported that there appears to be a willingness to solve the impasse though there appears to be a lack of consistency being reported from either side; however it appears that the situation is still unresolved. Rev.BR pointed out that the situation has now been ongoing without a solution for over 10 years. A meeting between the two parties is scheduled soon.

Cllr. Myles had said in the previous meeting that the issue of the poorly-sited road signs at Balgavies had moved forward; however there appears to have been no progress made and there'd been an accident at the crossroads since the last meeting.

**4 School roll**

The RevBR reported that the school roll at Aberlemno Primary school is currently 14; the consequence of this is that a full-time equivalent (FTE) post is being lost. The question about whether the catchment area could be increased, which would keep the number of children up, was raised but Cllr. Myles thought it was unlikely that it could be and that it is difficult to change a catchment area. Cllr. Nicol reported that the Education committee is meeting the end of June and this could be raised then. SC asked if parents in Lunanhead knew they could choose which school to send their children to and he asked what the tipping point was before the school would be considered for closing by Angus Council. Cllr. Myles thought that the school's rural location would be a factor in keeping it open. The projected school roll isn't expected to fall in the next few years.

**5 Treasurer's report**

LH reported that she submitted the audited accounts for the term 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017 to Angus Council on 27 April 2017.

There's no confirmation to date from Angus Council Finance stating that the accounts have been approved.

The cheque for £715 for the annual administrative and electronic grant was received on 30 May 2017. Because the Clydesdale banks in Forfar and Brechin have now closed, LH asked Angus Council for all monies to be sent by BACS forthwith.

£105 has been paid to Aberlemno Church for Community Council meetings held in the Sunday School room.

The current balance is £2,207.44.

- 6 **Hall car park and path from school to the hall**  
 ID outlined the history to the ownership of the land the hall occupies and the fact that access to the car park and hall is an unadopted road, even though it is used by Angus Council; the community; parents with children at the school; elections etc. The turning circle is now in a poor state of repair and every avenue is being explored to secure funding towards repairs, including Angus Council and HES. Cllr. Myles confirmed that there are some grants available, including Community Grants that can be supported by LEADER and Crowdfunding.
- 7 **Update on viewfinder for Aberlemno Hill**  
 Discussion took place about the proposed viewfinder on Aberlemno Hill. PD has been unable to find funding for the project. He mentioned that David McGovern has done a viewfinder in stone, which may be of interest to the Community Council.
- Action:** Forward link to Community Council that shows the stone viewfinder. PD
- 8 **Update on Aberlemno Community Hall**  
 ID reported that the AGM was held in April. The current office bearers who were elected on the night are: Chair is ID; Treasurer is Charlotte Fleming; Secretary is Jacqui Thornton. There are currently around 12 members on the committee and there's a range of events scheduled throughout the year. She reported that on 7 June the hall would be hosting a group of Harley Davidson owners/riders from Milan who are making the 'pilgrimage' to Netherton. The Italians would be making a pasta lunch. All welcome.  
 She reported that grant applications were being written for a new kitchen, the turning circle and some re-wiring.  
 The Pictish room at the back of the hall continues to be improved and it will see two Pictish history-interest groups visiting it later this summer.  
 Resilience: the hall has the potential to act as the contact point in the event of an emergency. This is being followed up by the hall committee.  
 PD outlined the plans to have a visitor centre focusing on the Pictish stones on site.  
 KB asked if there's a figure for the proposed new kitchen; the current estimate is c. £30k.
- 9 **AOCB**
1. ID raised the issue of the locality plan which will soon be out for consultation and there will be a range of meetings set up to consult widely.  
**Action:** Contact Sandra Livingston to enquire about the consultations and how to be involved CF
  2. When are the signs at the Balgavies crossroads going to be moved?  
**Action:** Email Angus Council CF
  3. Speeding at Netherton: there's a new community policeman now. Speed tests have revealed that the average speed was 40mph but SC suggested that the speed-test device was in the wrong place. Discussion took place about the potential to place effigies with substitute hand-held speed detectors, which appear to have worked in other areas.
10. **Dates of next meeting**  
 The next meeting will be held on the 4 September 2017 at 7.30pm in the Aberlemno Church meeting room.