



## Aberlemno and District Community Council Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2023, 7.00pm Aberlemno Village Hall

	<p><b>In attendance:</b> Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davies (ID), Lynn Patch (LP), Jacqui Thornton (JT) Local councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN), Chris Beattie (CB)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Police representatives: Inspector Grant McGaughay (GM), Sargeant Tracy Brown (TB), Jill Scott (JS), Councillor, Angus Council: Sandra Livingston (SL)</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies</b></p> <p>Russell Bruce opened the meeting, thanked all attendees for coming along and introduced the community council members and local councillors. Apologies were confirmed from the police representatives, Sandra Livingston and Jill Scott.</p>	
<b>2</b>	<p><b>Minutes from last meeting</b></p> <p>Isabelle Davies proposed the approval of the minutes from the last meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, and this was seconded by Lynn Patch. The minutes will now be made available on the Aberlemno.org website.</p>	<b>JT</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Matters arising from previous minutes</b></p> <p>Chris Beattie confirmed that there are no plans in the immediate future to change the national speed limit in Farnell. This is due to government regulations and legislation and he agreed to send a copy of this to the community council to review.</p> <p>There was no update available about the road safety audit at this meeting as the police representatives would be needed for this discussion.</p>	<b>CB</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report and correspondence</b></p> <p>The main correspondence since the last meeting has been information from a variety of sources for passing on to the residents of our district. The Aberlemno.org website and Aberlemno Facebook page are kept up to date on a weekly basis including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voluntary Angus Action (VAA) bulletins</li> <li>• Planning application listings</li> <li>• All material from Angus Council for communicating to the residents of our district – for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Angus rural mobility hub</li> <li>○ Current consultations</li> <li>○ Results of the Kerbside Recycling Service Survey</li> <li>○ River Esk project</li> <li>○ Planned roadworks</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>Minutes from these meetings are posted on the website in draft following the meeting and then more formally once approved at the next meeting.</p> <p>There was a request from the floor to make the AGM dates clearer with regards to Aberlemno Village Hall the community council ie which meeting is which.</p>	<p><b>JT</b></p>
<p><b>5</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b> The treasurer's report can be found in Appendix 1 of these minutes.</p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Planning report</b></p> <p>No planning applications have been submitted for the community council area since the meeting in February.</p> <p>Isabelle Davies contacted Angus Council Development Standards and Roads about the length of time roadworks were in place in Aberlemno. Roadworks were removed but are now back. It seems a very long period of time to service a single house plot but that will be in the control of the service providers rather than the Local Authority.</p> <p><b>Angus Rural Mobility Hub</b> Isabelle Davies attended the Angus Rural Mobility Hub consultation on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March. Further information can be found at <a href="http://www.bit.ly/angus-mobility">www.bit.ly/angus-mobility</a></p> <p>Angus Council and Dalhousie Estates have signed a Memorandum of Understanding, entering into an agreement to work together to develop a clean growth business park, with supporting infrastructure, in Brechin, Angus.</p> <p>This is located between the existing industrial estate and the Brechin Castle Centre. It is within the development boundary for Brechin and so the location and proposed use is in accordance with the Angus Local Development Plan 2016. It is essentially designed to provide for and promote 'green travel' with associated services, business sites etc. Leaflets were made available at the meeting.</p> <p><u>Suggested response:</u> Aberlemno and District community council welcome this investment and the opportunity to develop and promote the decarbonisation and transport and energy with associated skills, training and jobs for the future. The community council would comment on the current proposal as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• What is the anticipated impact on the Stracathro services at the Forfar junction?</li> <li>• Are the access roads sufficient for this proposal?</li> <li>• 'Last mile' limited to Brechin and so local impact only – how many delivery vehicles would use the facility? Any reduction on goods traffic in Brechin would be beneficial.</li> <li>• Would drone facilities adversely affect that in Montrose?</li> <li>• A link to Stracathro Hospital and local surgeries could be useful.</li> <li>• Have park and ride facilities and express stop buses been considered?</li> <li>• We presume environmental and archaeological surveys are included in the scoping exercise.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are on site energy generation facilities proposed and if so what and where?</li> <li>• We presume local employment/training/supplier requirements will be included in any contracts.</li> <li>• Will there be opportunities for public participation as the proposals develop? It is all theoretical at the moment and the design and location of the various parts will have their own impact.</li> </ul> <p>Aberlemno and District community appreciate the opportunity to comment at this early stage and we would like to be kept informed of progress. Our area extends to Stannichy and Farnell with many residents using Brechin for their shopping, business, education etc and so it is of great interest to our residents.</p> <p><b>Action</b> The above will be posted on the Aberlemno website and Facebook page for further comments before submission.</p> <p><b>Planning Aid Scotland Training</b> Isabelle Davies will attend this training session for Community Council Planning Contacts on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2023.</p> <p>The weekly planning list and public access link are available on the community council page on the Aberlemno website.</p>	JT
7	<p><b>Local Community Policing Area Report</b></p> <p><b>Action</b> The report was received too late to be included in this meeting however anything of key importance will be shared on the website once reviewed.</p>	JT
8	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>Lynn Patch confirmed that there has been little change since the last meeting in February.</p> <p><u>Aberlemno</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The traffic lights at the Brechin end of the village have been removed. Apology given by the current owner next to Crosston Farmhouse, to which the lights were related.</li> <li>• The Standing Stones have only been uncovered today and so visitors have been few.</li> <li>• Coach Companies running trips – not much further on this issue. Lynn Patch has a contact within the tourist industry who is looking into this but no answer yet.</li> <li>• Marshalling Training by Police if possible – the first Pictish Room opening is Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2023, followed by a talk by Gordon Noble on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023. These dates have been passed to the Police.</li> </ul> <p><u>Farnell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents wanted Sleeping Policemen through village – this is not possible while the national speed limit is in place.</li> </ul> <p>Full audit of road safety for Farnell and Aberlemno - no further progress on this currently. Solar speed signs – to be looked into for both Aberlemno and Farnell.</p>	JT

<p><b>Action</b></p>	<p>There was a question from the floor about the barriers still in place at Netherton and the Brechin junction. Chris Beattie agreed to follow this up to establish when these repairs will be made.</p> <p>The speed of vehicles travelling along Church Road was raised. As there are people walking down this road to use the Church and visit the Pictish Stone, as well as buses stopping with visitors outside the Church, it was agreed at the meeting that this could be used to support a 30mph speed limit and people sign erected.</p>	<p><b>CB</b></p>
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Aberlemno Village Hall currently pays the annual cost for the Aberlemno.org website in full. This site is used between the Hall and the Community Council and as such Jacqui Thornton proposed that the Community Council funds are used to pay half of the annual cost for the site (£105pa). When the Aberlemno Community Council was last in place, they did pay towards the cost of the site.</li> </ol> <p>This proposal was seconded by Russell Bruce and there were no objections from the floor.</p> <p>There is a potential additional grant available for this type of spend and if we are able to access this the community council will consider paying more than the £105pa which is half of the annual cost.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. The community council asked the meeting attendees to spread the word that we are here and that it would be good to have more members involved.</li> <li>3. Isabelle Davies has attended the Resilience Forums for some time on behalf of the Federation of Village Halls and Aberlemno Village Hall. The next meeting is at Wellbank Hall on 26th April. Isabelle Davies asked if the community council want her to report back following the meetings and it was confirmed that this would be useful.</li> <li>4. A question was asked about the re-routing of the power lines and what impact this might have on the residents of Aberlemno and surrounding areas. There is a public consultation about this on 9<sup>th</sup> May in Brechin City Hall.</li> </ol>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Questions From the Floor</b></p> <p>There were no further questions from anyone present at the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b></p> <p>The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at 7pm in Farnell Village Hall and will incorporate the AGM.</p> <p>Russell Bruce thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.15pm.</p>	

## Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report



# ABERLEMNO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT

January 2023 – end March 2023

After the last meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023, the following has been carried out:

- Paid all outstanding Invoices including the purchase of Glasses and Water Jugs for Farnell Village Hall. These are for the use of everyone including the Community Council.
- The Community Council has not received any requests for small donations from Groups within the District, which was in the minutes on the last financial report. This is still available, please email [AberlemnoCC@yahoo.com](mailto:AberlemnoCC@yahoo.com) if you are interested.
- End of Financial Year Accounts have now been prepared and awaiting audit by Vicki Hepburn, Tannadice. – small donation required – Approved by all present at the meeting.

Lynn Patch is currently the only signatory on the bank account. All present at the meeting approved adding Isabelle Davies as a second signatory.

## Financial Statement for January 2023 – End March 2022

	£s
Starting Balance	561.69
Income:	
Grant from Angus Council (Restricted)	0.00
Balance from last Community Council (Unrestricted)	0.00
Income Total	0.00
Expenses:	
Restricted Funds:	
02/02/23 I/N Inv No 40 Hire of Farnell V Hall	12.50
07/02/23 I/N 2023/02/01 Stationery (Treasurer)	50.75
14/03/23 I/N 202343702 Hire of Aberlemno VH	24.00
12/03/23 I/N 6785916 Stationery (Treasurer)	33.90
15/03/23 2023/03/02 Mileage (Treasurer)	30.60
15/03/23 2023/03/03 Mileage (Chair)	2.70
16/03/23 2023/03/04 Mileage (Planning)	32.85
22/03/23 2666739 Stationery (Secretary)	34.58
Total Restricted Funds	221.88
Balance Restricted Funds	6.09
Unrestricted Funds:	
03/03/23 2023/03/01a Glasses/Jugs Farnell	14.00
14/03/23 2023/03/01 Postage Stamps	9.78
Total Unrestricted Funds	23.78
Balance Unrestricted Funds	492.91
Balance Carried Forward 30/03/2023	499.00