



**Aberlemno and District  
Community Council Meeting  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2023, 7.00pm  
Farnell Village Hall**

	<p><b>In attendance:</b> Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davies (ID), Lynn Bruce (LB), Local councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN), Chris Beattie (CB)</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Jacqui Thornton (JT), Councillor Jill Scott (JS), Angus Council: Sandra Livingston (SL), Police representative</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies</b></p> <p>Russell Bruce opened the meeting at 7.00pm and thanked all attendees for coming along. There were no members of the public in attendance.</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 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, and this was seconded by Lynn Bruce.</p> <p><b>Action</b> 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 the bridge at Netherton is being redesigned. He also confirmed that costing and redesign of the Brechin junction of the B9134 is complete, and we are just awaiting a start date.</p>	
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Secretary's report and correspondence</b></p> <p>Actions from the last meeting:</p> <p>1. <u><a href="#">Defibrillator at Farnell Village Hall</a></u> The British Heart Foundation (BHF) offers funding opportunities for public access defibrillators (PADs) to community groups. They also have resources to help train your community in CPR with their free online CPR training tool, RevivR. Applications to receive a fully-funded defibrillator will open in <b>October</b> to eligible community groups.</p> <p><u><a href="#">Defibrillator funding for community groups</a></u></p> <p><b>Action</b> I have checked the website each day so far in October but applications have not yet opened – will keep checking.</p> <p>2. <u><a href="#">Water tap at Aberlemno Church</a></u></p> <p>Thank you to Councillor Gavin Nicol who sent an e mail to the right person at Angus Council and within days the tap was repaired.</p> <p>3. Approved minutes from the June meeting posted to the website along with the draft minutes from the August meeting and AGM.</p>	<b>JT</b>

	<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 lists</li> <li>• The Brave Lassies Blether campaign launch</li> <li>• Autumn Fun - Angus Council have been working with local partner organisations, to create a range of fun, free/affordable activities for children, young people and families during the Autumn period.</li> <li>• Current consultations</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Treasurer's report</b></p> <p>The treasurer's report can be found in Appendix 1 of these minutes.</p>	
6	<p><b>Planning report</b></p> <p>Submission on Application in Farnell as proposed.</p> <p>One application - 23/00536/FULL - Internal alterations and extension, Craiksfauld farm Comments - no concerns - lean to and former glasshouse being redeveloped. Within plot. Same Height. Not listed.</p> <p>Note that we do not receive consultations although these are listed on Public Access as in receipt. As we are not consulted, we have asked that this be removed from the site as it looks as if we, and the other Community Councils, do not respond.</p>	
7	<p><b>Local Community Policing Area Report – September 2023</b></p> <p><b><u>Recent crimes/issues in the Brechin area:</u></b> Assessment period 01.09.2023 – 30.09.2023</p> <p>Police dealt with approximately 652 calls within the Montrose, Brechin and Edzell wards area during this period, of which 226 were pertinent to the Brechin, Edzell, and Aberlemno area. In addition, there were a total of 61 crimes recorded within this time frame, of which none were specific to the Aberlemno and District area.</p> <p><b><u>Emerging issues:</u></b></p> <p><b>Drug related issues:</b> There are continuing concerns regarding drug related activity within the Montrose and Brechin areas. Any information received will assist the Police in carrying out proactive action in relation to this. Should anyone have information, it is requested they make contact with the Police either at the time, via Crimestoppers or the Community mailboxes listed.</p> <p><b>Speeding:</b> There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the Local area, in particular 20mph speed zones. Local</p>	

	<p>Speed Initiatives will continue to be planned where possible and Road Policing Departments have been notified of these continuing issues for extra attention. Motorists will be warned regarding their use of speed and reported if necessary and further Initiatives will be planned in the future. In addition, Speed deterrent measures will continue ('Pop up Jim and Jane' signage) to be used.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Road Safety</b></p> <p>Since the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023:</p> <p><u>Aberlemno</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Speed of all types of vehicles – still an issue. Continue to send any registration numbers and photos to Nick at Police Brechin.</li> <li>• Complaint letter – young person getting off bus and sustained a sprained ankle after stepping on verge to get clear of speeding car.</li> <li>• Two cars overturned at bottom of Hill of Angus – speeding issues.</li> <li>• Coach Company had a Standing Stone visit on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2023.</li> <li>• Angus Council Roads Department visit also took place on 19<sup>th</sup> September. Suggestions were made in connection to road safety which may help slow down traffic especially in Church Road – 'slow' and 'people in road' signs. Thanks go to Craig Hudson and Andrea Strachan, Council Roads Department for their time.</li> <li>• Aberlemno Bridge (Church Road) has been inspected and has been deemed to be able to carry 44 tonne vehicles. Cannot complain about HGVs using that route over the bridge.</li> <li>• Full audit of Road Safety – still outstanding despite being on meeting minutes for 2023.</li> <li>• Solar Speed Signs – no further details on this issue.</li> </ul> <p><u>Netherton</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bridge repair – being re-designed by Angus Council; no timeline set for repair work to be carried out.</li> </ul> <p><u>Farnell</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No reports received.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• We will no longer be printing multiple copies of minutes for each meeting although there will be a couple of reference copies available. Minutes are available online at Aberlemno.org.</li> <li>• Angus first Community Conference will be held on Wed 25<sup>th</sup> October at the Reid Hall - book via Facebook link.</li> <li>• Aberlemno Village Hall has seen a positive increase in use recently - look online for events including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Church Coffee Morning</li> <li>○ Christmas Fair</li> <li>○ Wreath making</li> </ul> </li> <li>• The Pictish Stones should be covered this month - last Pictish events were in September with a Tour Group and Doors Open Day</li> <li>• Federation of Village Halls AGM and meeting on Tues 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm in Aberlemno Village Hall.</li> </ul>	

<b>11</b>	<b>Questions From the Floor</b>  There were no further questions from anyone present at the meeting.	
<b>12</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b> The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 at 7pm in Aberlemno Village Hall.  Russell Bruce thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 7.54pm.	

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## Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report



# ABERLEMNO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT

August 2023 – September 2023

After the last meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2023, the following is relevant:

- Additional signatory for the CC Bank Account is ongoing.
- No transactions – no credits and no payments.
- Question posed at the last meeting regarding running out of Community Council Restricted Funds – apply to Angus Council for money from a special fund.

### Financial Statement for August – September 2023

		£s
Starting Balance		606.06
Income Total		
Expenses		
Restricted Funds		
Total Restricted Funds		
Balance Restricted Funds	131.06	
Unrestricted Funds		
Total Unrestricted Funds		
Balance Unrestricted Funds	475.00	
Balance Carried Forward 30/09/2023		606.06

Financial Statement: A copy should be attached to the Minutes and the Agenda of the last meeting.

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