



Aberlemno and District

Community Council

3rd April 2025

Farnell SWI Hall

1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies.

In attendance:

Community council members: Robyn Calder (RC), Isabelle Davies (ID), Katherine Thomson (KT), Jelle de Bruin (JB), Fiona Cameron (FC), Raymond Kennedy (KD)

Members of the Public: 1

Apologies:

Councillors: Gavin Nicol, Sandra Livingston, Jill Scott

Police: Sgt Patullo

There was a lack of awareness this evening's meeting was happening in Farnell. Discussed re promotion of future meetings. We now have a contact in Farnell who could assist in advertising and promoting through a variety of community routes, including adding to Farnell Facebook pages. KT to follow this up with contact.

Approval of previous minutes.

Proposed: ID

Seconded: KT

2. Police report

Community officers have continued to carry out patrols in the area relating to concerns surrounding possible drug abuse in Montreathmont Forest. There has been no trace of any persons however Police will continue to patrol this area.

The full Police report can be found at Appendix 1 of these minutes.

3. Matters arising from previous minutes.

KT confirmed treasurer access to Bank account is in progress

2024/25 funds and Angus Council grants have been used to purchase mobile WIFI, web cam and a new website domain.

Accounts due to be submitted to Angus Council by July 2025. A payment of £30 for external audit of accounts approved, KT to arrange. Treasurers report and accounts

will be submitted to the June AGM for approval (KT). Angus Council Community Officer confirmed via email if the Community Council has not spent all the allocation for 2024/25, the grant will be 'topped up' to the usual allocation. The operational grant would not be withdrawn unless a community council was very late in sending in their annual accounts.

KT confirmed receipt of 2025/26 £200 grant. Suggestion re utilising of funds for a community event were positively received. Ideas to community council members ahead of June meeting e.g. history of Aberlemno and Farnell. KT to ask contact at Farnell for suggestions that may attract Farnell residents.

Angus Pylons Action Group (APAG) speaker to be invited (FC) to talk at June meeting. APAG to start at 1830 with short presentation and Q&A followed by AGM and Community Council Meeting at 1900 hours.

Previous suggestion of talk on the Pictish stones superseded by the official opening of the stone.

Complaints procedure no comments

4. Planning report.

Planning Applications

[Installation of 12 Solar PV Panels, 2 Air Source Heat Pumps and Internal Insulation](#) 

Balglassie Farm Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PH

Ref. No: 25/00023/LBC | Received: Wed 15 Jan 2025 | Validated: Tue 25 Feb 2025 |

Status: Awaiting decision

No comment on this application

Local Place Planning

The [Planning \(Scotland\) Act 2019](#) states: "A local place plan is a proposal as to the development or use of land. It may also identify land and buildings that the community body considers to be of particular significance to the local area." (Part 1, Schedule 19).

As Planning Contact I attended a series of webinars relating to the preparation of Local Place Plans. It is a complex and time-consuming process, and the Community Council would need fully consider implications and appropriateness of undertaking a Local Place Plan in our area. The Community Councillors will discuss at a planning meeting and report back to a future meeting of the Aberlemno and District Community Council.

Angus Council

(https://www.angus.gov.uk/planning_and_building/environment_and_development_planning/local_place_plans) **website states:**

What are Local Place Plans

Local Place Plans are documents put together by Community Councils or other constituted community groups to express their aspirations, wants, and needs for future development in their area by presenting different ideas and proposals for the use of land. These plans were introduced by the 2019 amendments to the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 and the Town and Country Planning (Local Place Plans) (Scotland) Regulations 2021, aiming to give communities the opportunity to have more influence on Local Development Plans.

Local Place Plans are entirely voluntary, but the aim is to enhance engagement in development planning, effectively empowering communities to play a proactive role in defining the future of their places.

ID attended the series of local place planning training sessions. ID proposes a planning meeting to discuss if this something A&F community council wants to consider developing.

National Speed Management Review (consultation) - 24/04/2025

Changes proposed to speed limits: - single carriage would see car speed reduced from 60 to 50 and for lorries increased from 40 to 50; caravans and buses would remain the same. Aim to reduce congestion and frustration. - dual carriage ways 70 for all vehicles.

Most accidents occur on single lane roads while dual carriageway roads are the safest. Aim to improve safety by smoothing and reducing travel delays and increasing safety by reducing speed and frustrations. 20mph not part of this specific survey and recommendations.

Glenskinno solar farm consultation by 8th April on their scoping report – out with area but of interest.

5. Updates from Angus Councillors

Nil present. By email add content from the funding email

6. AOCB

Aberlemno Village Hall applied for a variety of grants and received a total of £32K to undertake works to facilitate the stone found in 2022 returning to the Aberlemno collection. Other interested groups have supported the application for it to be returned to Aberlemno. Floor of entrance hall has been reinforced, area redecorated, door widened and disabled ramp reinstated. The stone is currently in Selkirk having a footing fitted. Security cameras have been fitted. Men's Shed are assisting with installation of external seating and picnic tables. New information signs sited in hall and external for other stones. Community payback service is helping with the external environment. Anticipate all set to go May/June.

The broken Pictish stone was scanned by Historic Scotland who have confirmed it will be restored, and it is hoped will be returned to Aberlemno.

Question was raised about bins and fly tipping, but we were advised at previous meeting funding is not available

New website specifically for Aberlemno and District Community Council as a separate entity from the village hall website will be launched at the AGM.

The current logo is for the Aberlemno Village Hall. RC suggested the new website logo incorporates a map showing boundaries of area covered but should be able to expand if clicked on to give more detail(Jd-B).

KT to share access with Jd-B to help manage the website and to keep current

7. Date of next Meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 1830 on; 5th June 2025 Location: Aberlemno Village Hall

8. Close.

The meeting closed at 2018



Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – January 2025	
Local Community Policing Area	Community Policing team, Montrose and District/Brechin and Edzell
Local Area Inspector	Acting Inspector Paul Walker
Local Community Policing Team	<u>Community Sergeant</u> Sgt Caroline Patullo <u>Montrose and District:</u> Con Alistair Hutchison Con Mark Garnes <u>Brechin and Edzell:</u> Con Nicholas McKendrick <u>Community mail box :</u> taysidebrechinedzellcpt@scotland.police.uk taysidemontrosedistrictcpt@scotland.police.uk

PART A

NATIONAL AND LOCAL CAMPAIGNS AND MESSAGES



Check out our web page:

<http://www.scotland.police.uk/>



RURAL CRIME

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland's mission:

Safer neighbourhoods, stronger communities..

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland will:

- Collaborate with partners to develop community resilience.
- Grow partner and community use of Neighbourhood Alert and Scotland's Neighbourhood Watch network.
- Enhance a sense of wellbeing by encouraging community cohesion.

What is Neighbourhood Watch Scotland?

Neighbourhood Watch Scotland is a Scottish charity which helps promote safety and resilience in our communities.

It circulates safety messages using the Neighbourhood Alert system

(<https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/sign-up-for-alerts/>), which comes from trusted sources keeping the neighbourhood alert.

It currently supports around 1,700 Neighbourhood Watches across Scotland, bringing people together in local and themed groups. This helps communities become safer and more resilient through awareness, advice and communication, sharing key crime and other safety-related news quickly.

What is Neighbourhood Watch?

A Neighbourhood Watch is a community led initiative bringing local people together to address crime and other community safety issues in their area. Watches often liaise with local police and local authorities to raise concerns in their neighbourhood. There are many benefits to becoming a coordinator or member of your local Watch including:

- Access to the Neighbourhood Alert system which distributes safety information from a trusted source.
- Membership improves community spirit, resilience and a feeling of wellbeing in communities.
- It provides access to Community Policing forums and sources of support.

How can I join my local Watch?

To find out if there is a Watch in your area and join an established Watch go to <https://schemelookup.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/Content/SchemeLookup> and enter your postcode. You can click on each Watch to check the encompassed area and find out if it covers your street.

What if I don't live in a Neighbourhood Watch area?

If you do not live in a Neighbourhood Watch area you might like to consider starting your own. If so, go to <https://www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk/> and select Sign up for Alerts.



Sign up to receive safety alerts and information at our website: www.neighbourhoodwatchscotland.co.uk

For further advice regarding protecting your personal belongings, please see <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/personal-safety/theft> and <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/keeping-safe/personal-safety/mobile-phone-safety>

Recent crimes/issues in the Brechin area:

Assessment period - 28.02.25 – 27.03.25

Police dealt with approximately 573 calls within the Montrose, Brechin and Edzell wards area during this period, of which 253 were pertinent to the Brechin, Edzell, and Aberlemno area.

In addition, there were a total of 190 crimes recorded within this time frame, of which 0 were specific to the Aberlemno district area.

The following is a breakdown of crime category in relation to these crimes:

Group 1 - Crimes of violence, including murder, rape, extortion, serious assault, robbery – 0

Group 2 - Sexual Crimes – 0

Group 3 - Crimes of Dishonesty – 0

Group 4 – Fire Raising, Vandalism, Malicious Mischief, Reckless Conduct – 0

Group 5 – Other Crimes including Breach of Bail, Weapons, Drugs offences – 0

Group 6 – Miscellaneous Crimes including Assaults, Police Assaults, Threatening behaviour, Stalking - 0

Group 7 – Road Traffic Offences – 0

Group 8 – Suspicious incidents – 0

Emerging issues:

Speeding:

There continues to be concerns reported regarding motorists not adhering to the speed limits within the local area, particularly 20mph speed zones. Local 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.

The following is guidance received from Road Policing Department as regards 20mph Police enforcement, (as provided by Traffic Scotland Good Practice on enforcement of new 'Safer for People' 20mph zones).

Any further information on 20mph zones or additional safety measures should be referred to Angus Council.

Enforcement

37. Any decision to lower the speed limit to 20 mph should seek to avoid the need for extensive police enforcement, as 20 mph limits will not be routinely enforced, unless it is absolutely necessary and in the interest of casualty reduction.

The only exception to this is the enforcement of 20 mph speed limits outside schools, which takes place on a regular basis.

38. A range of other measures should be employed. These might include marketing and behaviour change initiatives, vehicle actuated signs and traffic management and other traffic calming measures.

39. Any changes should be monitored, and where compliance levels are not at an acceptable level, consideration should be given to the addition of traffic calming measures or reverting to a 30 mph limit, if necessary.

Other topics of note or messages:

Understanding the views and priorities of Scotland's diverse communities is fundamental to how Police Scotland responds to the needs of the public. Please take a moment to participate in a survey where you can give your views and opinion to help us improve how we deliver our policing services. The survey is anonymous and should only take approximately 10 minutes to complete. To access click on the link [Your Police - Police Scotland](#)

MARCH 2025 EVENTS

Acting Inspector Paul Walker will be the new locality Inspector from the beginning of April 2025.

Community officers have continued to carry out patrols in the area relating to concerns surrounding possible drug abuse in Montreathmont Forest. There has been no trace of any persons however Police will continue to patrol this area.



Officers carried out speed checks in Ferryden and Montrose which resulted in several warnings and one female being charged.

Ongoing work by Community Officers during April 2025

Officers will carry out speed checks in Aberlemno and surrounding area.

Community officers will be attending the Angus Resilience Roadshow in Montrose Playhouse on the 29th April 2025 from 2pm – 7pm. They will also be attending this Roadshow in Brechin, Glebe Park on the 1st May 2025 from 2pm – 7pm. The Roadshow will offer further advice and support, visit areas that they were unable to visit last year and will focus on all community resilience especially focusing on the importance of individual community resilience. This will be led by Angus Council Communities' team and in partnership with other Angus Council departments, community resilience groups and emergency response organisations including Scottish Flood forum – with their new Flood bus "FLO" and SSSEN.



If you think someone is in immediate danger, phone the Police on **999**.

If you need to access help or support or you are concerned about someone else in Angus, do not hesitate to seek support.

Concerns about an adult at risk:

Angus Council ACCESSLine: **03452 777 778**
This service is available
Monday to Friday,
8.45am to 5pm

Concerns about a child at risk:

Angus Council ACCESSLine: **03452 777 778**
This service is available
Monday to Friday,
8.45am to 5pm
#KeepingKidsSafeC19

Support for children:

Childline offers free, confidential advice and support whatever your worry, whenever you need help: **0800 1111**
www.childline.org.uk/get-support/contacting-childline/message-from-childline/
NSPCC Helpline - If you're worried about a child, even if you're unsure, contact our professional counsellors for help, advice and support: **0808 800 5000**

Out of hours:

Contact outwith daytime hours can be directed to:
Social Work Out of Hours Service: **01382 307964**
(evenings between 4.45pm and 9am, weekends)

Substance use:

Please see online for the wide variety of resources available:
www.angus.gov.uk/alcoholanddrugpartnership

Support for women:

Angus Women's Aid (AWA): **01241 439437**
Tayside Domestic Abuse Service: **0771 447 4112**
Women's Rape and Sexual Abuse Centre (WRASAC), Dundee and Angus: **01382 201291**
Scotland's Domestic Abuse and Forced Marriage Helpline: **0800 027 1234**
Scottish Women's Aid: **0800 027 1234**
National Rape Crisis: **0808 801 0302**
Rape Crisis Scotland Textline: **07537 410027**

Support for men:

Respect, Men's Advice Line (Scotland): **0808 801 0327**
Survivors UK: **0203 598 3898**

Victim support:

Angus: **01241 878507**
National Helpline: **0800 160 1985**

Additional information:

Angus Council Housing: **03452 777 778**
Voluntary Action Angus: **01307 466113**

Suicide Prevention is Everybody's Business
Visit the website or download the free app



Contacts



About Suicide

Suicide? Help!



How to Help



Safety Plan

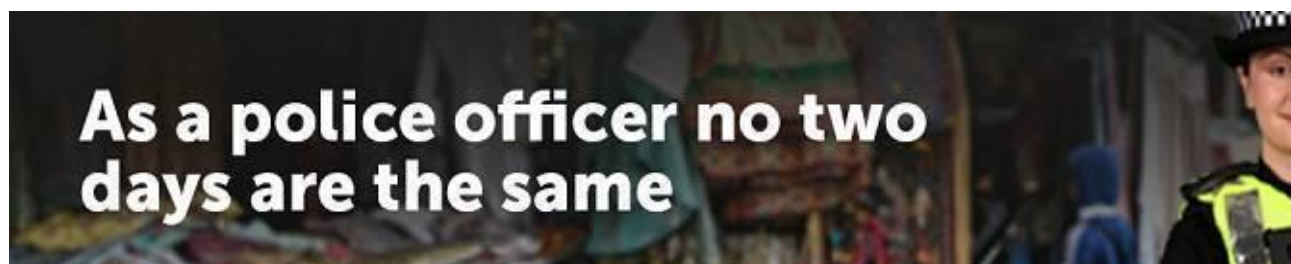
www.suicidehelp.co.uk

Samaritans: 116 123

Breathing Space: 0800 83 85 87



Police Officer Recruitment campaign



Our new police officer recruitment campaign has launched.

The campaign is fronted by our officer colleagues and is mainly digital, with a focus on social media advertising.

Help us to spread the word by liking and sharing our recruitment posts on social media.

If you know someone who has the potential to become an exemplary police officer, please direct them to the updated [recruitment section](#) of the Police Scotland website

PART B

Feedback from Community Council

(Issues raised worthy of police interest for feedback)

	E mail with this document attached sent by PS Caroline Patullo Caroline.Patullo@scotland.police.uk as non-attendance due to shift patterns.	Raised by
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IF ANY ISSUES OR FEEDBACK PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM – to
Local Community Policing Team Montrose and Brechin, Section2, Angus LPA