



**Aberlemno and District  
Community Council  
Annual General Meeting  
Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2025  
Aberlemno Village Hall**

**1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies.**

Robyn Calder opened the meeting at 19.05hrs and thanked all attendees for coming along.

**In attendance:**

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

Councillors: Jill Scott

Members of the Public: 1

**Apologies:**

Councillors: Gavin Nicol , Chris Beattie, Sandra Livingston

Police Sgt Patullo

**2. Approval of previous AGM minutes.**

Proposed: Katherine Thomson

Seconded: Jelle de Bruin

**3. Matters arising from previous AGM minutes.**

Nil noted

**4. Chair's annual report.**

The Chair's report can be found at Appendix 1 of these minutes.

**5. Secretary's report and correspondence.**

The secretary's report can be seen at Appendix 2 of these minutes

**6. Treasurer's report.**

The accounts can be found at Appendix 3 of these minutes.

The transfer of the bank account to 2 new signatories remains a challenge and is proving to be time consuming and awkward. The changes must be done online and photo ID provided. ID has applied for photocard driving licence to allow her to be

appointed as second signatory and removal of outgoing committee members (LB previous treasurer and RB previous chairperson).

Grants received in year largely spent with a webcam and WiFi dongle purchased to allow for future meetings to be run in person and online.

New website purchased and community council page on aberlemno.org displays link to this.

Accounts independently examined by Callum Edwards, CA. Fee for this agreed at previous meeting and will be paid in June.

**7. Planning report.**

The Planning representative's report can be found at Appendix 4 of these minutes.

**8. Demit of current office bearers and election of new office bearers.**

Election of the new community council is now:

Chair.	Robyn Calder	Proposed: KT	Seconded: FC
Treasurer.	Katherine Thomson	Proposed: RC	Seconded: ID
Planning.	Isabelle Davies	Proposed: FC	Seconded: RC
Secretary.	Fiona Cameron	Proposed: KT	Seconded: RC
GDPR.	Jelle de Bruin	Proposed: KT	Seconded: RC

Aberlemno Church representative, co-opted member Raymond Kennedy (RK)  
Proposed: (RB) Seconded: (KT)

Farnell Representative, Member / Associate Member. NIL

**9. Date of next Annual General Meeting.**

The next AGM will be held on; 4<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Location SWI Farnell Hall

**10. Close.**

The meeting was closed at 19.30hrs

## **Chair's Report 2024-2025**

Since the last AGM there has been a change of Chair.

We were sorry to accept Russell's resignation from office, but were keen for the Community Council to continue, so I volunteered during the February meeting of this year to take on the role of Chair.

The other office bearers from the previous year have remained on the Community Council

One of the issues we have been struggling with for some time is sustaining interest from the community itself and with how to increase attendance figures.

We feel the community council can give insight into what is going on in the area, and we need to hear from the community about any issues they'd like us to address or topics they'd be interested in that we could arrange for presentations on or discussion about those.

The existence of the Community Council gives us the right to comment on local planning applications, which is important for residents.

As part of a drive to increase engagement and attendance, during this past year we have introduced a new website with the address [www.aberlemnodistrict.co.uk](http://www.aberlemnodistrict.co.uk), to avoid confusion with the Aberlemno Village Hall website. We plan to create a Facebook page as well to more widely notify about coming events.

We have also introduced Teams Community Council meetings for the winter months, to save attendees from needing to drive in the dark to the hall and sit there in the cold. To date, the Teams meetings have been fairly successful, although some participants have struggled to join via the published link or to retain their Teams connection.

We will be investigating further via survey why people are not attending and what steps we could take to make the meetings more generally relevant.

Speeding in Aberlemno and Farnell villages remains an issue but there has been no resolution to this issue yet. We have been informed by Angus Council that speed bumps are not allowed without street lighting, and that the speed cannot be reduced from 30mph to 20mph. Police attendees of Community Council meetings have warned that in any case this speed limit might not be effective in actually reducing the speed of motorists driving through villages. Speeding is a danger to the visitors to the Aberlemno Pictish stones, who have no footpath or pedestrian crossing to use and so walk on the road to get from one to another.

Fly tipping continues. Angus Council has been requested to provide a bin for the layby just outside Aberlemno from the Forfar direction, but we have been advised that there are no funds available for this. The council does continue to promptly clear fly-tipped rubbish.

Over the winter, one of the Pictish stones opposite the Village Hall was damaged as a result of storms and has now been removed for repair. When it is returned

consideration may be given to moving it closer to the Aberlemno village hall, as a more protected location which is less dangerous for pedestrians.

The decision has been made that the Flemington 2 stone will be returned to Aberlemno, which is great news.

Aberlemno and Farnell remain low crime areas, although concerns were raised by a member of the public about a potential drug issue in Montreathmont Forest area, and police were asked to increase patrols there. There has been investigation by Police and no evidence of drug sale or use has been found.

Robyn Calder

Chair, Aberlemno and District Community Council

## **Secretary's Report 2024-2025**

**Membership:** Key posts are in place but there remain vacancies for members of the Aberlemno and District Community Council (A&DCC) Members currently are from Aberlemno, and the community council are seeking volunteers to join from the other districts the council represents. Anyone interested in representing their district are encouraged to contact us.

**Minutes:** The minutes from AGM June 2024 have been tabled for approval.

**Activities and Engagements:** Public meetings were held in August and October 2024. The December meeting was changed to an online committee planning meeting in the absence of a chairperson. The February 2025 public meeting was held on Microsoft teams. It is planned to hold the winter meetings online to reduce the requirement for travel in possible adverse weather conditions in the hope this may also encourage community engagement.

I represented A&DCC at 2 consultation meetings (17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025) with Angus Council, Integrated Joint Board Health and Social Care Partnership regards the future of Minor Injury Units and Community Treatment Centres. The consultations and clinically led impact assessment examined care equity, access quality, safety, sustainability, affordability and impact on other services. Xray service Forfar and Montrose were closed due to a lack of demand. NHS has no plans to reintroduce at Montrose but have not yet ruled out return to Whitehills in Forfar. During consultation the main addition was respondents requesting extended hours overnight, but demand is so low this can't be justified. The preferred option is for a centralised Minor Injuries Unit (MIU) with a central hub based in Arbroath. Facilities would include x-rays for more complex cases. The MIU would be supported by Community Treatment and Care (CTAC) services across Angus. CTACs hours are 0800-1630 Mon-Frid and these could pick up additional responsibility for minor injuries. Access is through 111 or via GP. 97% attending minor injuries seen treated and discharged within 1hour.

Police Scotland has consistently provided Crime Reports for all meetings and attends them whenever possible. This year, they have offered to provide additional input to one of our community council meetings. Suggested topics are road policing matters, acquisitive crimes (fraud, robbery, shoplifting, etc.), or online safety advice. If community residents have a specific topic of interest, they would like Police Scotland to cover please inform us.

**Communication:** As secretary I continue to monitor the committee inbox emails and forward or action as appropriate. A significant number of communications relate to the TKUP Overhead Lines plans as well as general planning applications.

A&DCC received one complaint, however on investigation the issues raised were not related to the community council activities and the issue was referred to the relevant group.

A&DCC Constitution was updated in accordance with Angus Council's revised guidelines, approved by the members and signed by the chair following the meeting in February 2025. Angus Council has also updated the community councils' standing orders and the complaints procedures. These were circulated to members for information.

### **Resilience work:**

I, along with our planning officer Isabelle Davies, represent A&DCC on the Angus Council Resilience Group. This group has an active communication and information sharing with other organisations such as SEPA, Fire Brigade and Police for adverse events which may impact on local communities such as floods. In January 2025, Storm Éowyn brought significant

disruption to Scotland, including Angus, with strong winds and potential danger to life. The village hall was made available as a hub during adverse weather conditions should power outages impact on residents, but it was not required. In addition, sandbags were made available for pick up by residents if required.

**Local issues:** Highlights of local issues that the community council has addressed.

Road repairs,

Angus pylons

Concerns re antisocial behaviour passed to police

Requested signage road

Farnell defib- not yet resolved

**Public engagement:** Engagement of residents continues to be a challenge Details of public meetings and consultations held by the community council are published on the village hall Aberlemno.org webpage and on Facebook. As part of work plans in 2025 the A&DCC is establishing an independent web presence which will be linked from the Aberlemno.org pages.

There are plans to introduce interesting topics in future agendas with an aim to boost public attendance. Suggestions for key topics are welcome.

**Future events:** The meetings will remain the first Thursday of every second month  
The plan is to hold Feb meeting on Microsoft Teams.

August 7<sup>th</sup> Farnell

Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> Aberlemno

Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Microsoft Teams

Feb 5<sup>th</sup> Microsoft Teams

End of Report

F Cameron

Secretary

# **APPENDIX 3** **20250605-AGM**

## **Treasurer's Accounts 2024-2025**

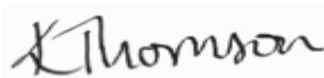
### **Aberlemno & District Community Council** **Income & Expenditure for the Year ended 31 March 2025**

	Operational Grants	2025 Unrestricted Funds	Total	Operational Grants	2024 Unrestricted Funds	Total
Opening bank balance	-	45531	45531	-	49900	49900
Income: Grants from Angus Council	77500	-	77500	37500	-	37500
Previous Community Council	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>77500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>77500</b>	<b>37500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>37500</b>
Expenditure: Auditor	3000	-	3000	-	-	-
Mileage (45p/mile)	-	-	-	5400	-	5400
Stationery	-	-	-	4605	1969	6574
Venue hire	14950	-	14950	17050	2400	19450
Webcam & 4G dongle	10797	-	10797	-	-	-
Website	23755	-	23755	10445	-	10445
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>52502</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>52502</b>	<b>37500</b>	<b>4369</b>	<b>41869</b>
<b>Closing bank balance</b>	<b>24998</b>	<b>45531</b>	<b>70529</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>45531</b>	<b>45531</b>

### **Grants from Angus Council**

On 31 March 2025, Angus Council paid the 2025/26 Operational Grant of £200 into the Community Council bank account. This was received fully in advance of the year ahead.

**Treasurer**



**Katherine Thomson FCCA**  
6 Damside, Aberlemno, DD8 3PF

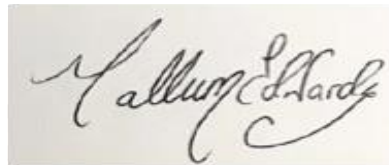
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### **Independent Examiner's Report**

My examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the community council, and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts and seeks explanations from the councillors concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and, consequently, I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention that gives reason for concern that the accounting records have not been satisfactorily maintained.

It is my opinion that the accounts are not misleading, and provide a true and fair view of the community council's annual results and closing position.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Callum Edwards', written in a cursive style.

**Callum Edwards CA**  
76 Strathairlie Avenue  
Abroath  
Angus  
DD11 1LP

Monday, 2 June 2025



## **Planning Report 2024-2025**

### **Planning Applications**

Few applications have been submitted for the Community Council Area over the course of the past year.

#### 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: Withdrawn  
Withdrawn prior to any comment from the Community Council\_\_\_\_\_

#### Demolition of steading buildings and erection of 4 dwellinghouses and ancillary works

Mains Of Farnell Steading Farnell

Ref. No: 24/00544/FULL | Received: Wed 04 Sep 2024 | Validated: Mon 14 Oct 2024  
| Status: Approved Subject to Conditions

CC had no comment - previous consent and residential development approved.

#### Proposed alterations and extension to existing dwelling, change of use of a wooded area and ground used for agricultural purposes to residential garden ground and erection of personal ancillary swimming pool and leisure outbuilding

Craig Esk Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PF Ref. No: 24/00530/FULL | Received: Thu 29 Aug 2024 | Validated: Thu 29 Aug 2024 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions

CC had no objection to this - replagemnt building on same footprint and minor house extension.

#### Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Grassed Footway and Ancillary Works

Land West Of 1 And 2 Balbinny Farm Cottages Aberlemno Forfar Ref. No: 24/00362/FULL | Received: Wed 05 Jun 2024 | Validated: Mon 24 Jun 2024 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions

No comment - alternative footpath being created.

#### Change of Use from House to Short Term Let (Tourism Accommodation) and Extension

Doo'cot Wood Cottage Woodwrae Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PF Ref. No: 24/00297/FULL | Received: Fri 10 May 2024 | Validated: Thu 06 Jun 2024 | Status: Approved Subject to Conditions

CC had no objection to this proposal. No impact on traffic etc.

### **Development Planning**

Attended Local Place Plan training - do not have the resources to underrate a place plan.

Agreed participation in development of AngusPlan.

Requested CC be kept informed of AngusPlan progress - include in group meetings.  
Isabelle Davies

Planning

## AOCB

### Nursery

Nursery - PTA met with Angus Council. No minutes yet

There have been request but only singly so refused - needs three

Council Survey showed interest but no contact details to follow up

PTA working to promote the nursery - many don't realise it is there.

Support long term future of the school

Relieve pressure on Forfar schools? Don't know about Brechin.

Suggest supporting PTA and allowing time to attract youngsters - Agreed

### Flemington Stone Update

Aberlemno Village Hall received £32,000 from the UK Government through the Community Asset Capital Grant.' The grant was awarded by the Angus Council's Policy and Resources Executive Sub-Committee from the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF) Communities and Place Priority Funding Scheme. This money has been used to prepare the Village Hall to accommodate the carved stone excavated by Aberdeen University in 2022 this includes provision of interpretation panels and an internet connection. Improvements have also been made to the grounds of the Hall with picnic facilities, planters, bicycle rack etc. Further information will be available on the [aberlemno.org](http://aberlemno.org) website.