



**Aberlemno and District**  
**Community Council Meeting**  
**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024, 19.30hrs**  
**Aberlemno Village Hall**

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

Russell Bruce opened the meeting at 19.30hrs and thanked all attendees for coming along.

**In attendance:**

Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Katherine Thomson (KT), Robyn Calder (RC), Jelle de Bruin (JB), Raymond Kennedy (RK)

Police: Insp Paul Haig

Members of the Public: 1

**Apologies:**

Community councillors; Isabelle Davies (ID), Fiona Cameron (FC).

Councillor Gavin Nichol (GN), Councillor Chris Beattie (CB).

**2. Approval of previous minutes.**

Proposed: (KT)

Seconded: (JB)

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

- a. There was no update on the details of the defibrillator for Farnell, with regards to location and power source. This was due to no residents of Farnell being in attendance.
- b. There was no update on the details of the Farnell Stone, or location for it to be sited. (RB) stated that, only when these details are complete, by residents of Farnell, can the community council provide assistance with regards to transport and any other issues that may arise.
- c. The issue of Dog waste bins sited in the area was to be raised to the councillors. However, as none attended, we will raise this to them again at the next meeting.
- d. (RB) proposed (RC) to the community council position of TEAMS leader. This position will be more prevalent in the winter meeting months of, October, December and February. This position will need the support of (KT) due to finance requirements. (RC) accepted taking this position. The proposal was seconded by (KT).

- e. (KT) was asked if there was any progress on finding out how many 'clicks' had been on our section of the Aberlemno.org website. It was revealed that the engagement details of the website were not activated. This has now been amended.
- f. The community council would like to thank the Angus Council Roads Dept for the 'SLOW' signage painted onto Church Road leading to the Aberlemno church, from both directions.

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

Nil.

All correspondence will be dealt with by the remaining community councillors. The filling of this position will be discussed in planning meetings prior to being filled at the next open meeting, held in August 24.

**5. Treasurer's report.**

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

**6. Planning report.**

The report from the planning representative can be found at Appendix 2 of these minutes.

**7. Local Community policing Area report.**

Insp Haig (PH) gave all in attendance, an update on the area report. This showed that reported crime was still very low, if any at all, in our area.

(PH) asked all to be vigilant and please report crimes seen using the relevant phone number.

101 – non emergency

999 – emergency

**8. Any other business.**

- a. (RB) asked where the new members were in relation to accessing the AberlemnoCC emails on the 'Yahoo' platform. Access was noted to be difficult and will be taken forward to be discussed within the next planning meeting.
- b. Current community council 'Standing Orders' require to be edited, to remove the years noted in para 1a. Proposed: (RB) Seconded: (RC)  
This will be completed by (RB) and confirmed by all community council members prior to being sent to Angus Council for confirmation and approval.
- c. (KT) informed the community council, that a resident of Aberlemno 'School Lane' has reported that a higher than usual number of vehicles have been incorrectly accessing the road, only to turn around and drive off again. The resident has asked if we, the community council, can get in touch with the Angus Council Roads Dept, to have a road sign, with the 'No through road' addition sited at the entrance to the lane.

d. (RK) asked if the community council would support rubbish bins to be sited in the laybys on the B9134. Initially, at the Forfar end of Aberlemno and at the top of Hill of Angus. This has been mentioned before in another meeting and will now be put forward to the Local Councillors.

**9. Questions from the floor.**

There were no questions from the floor.

**10. Date and location of next meeting.**

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024 at Farnell SWI Hall.

**11. Close.**

The meeting was closed at 20.16hrs

## **Treasurers Annual Report**

April 2023 – end March 2024

The last year has been a reasonable year for financial matters and all our invoices and payments are up to date. The end of year accounts have been prepared, audited and sent to Angus Council.

- Received a grant of £375 which is restricted funds, for the running of the Community Council.
- The Special Meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 was paid for from 'unrestricted' funds as this was a chance for all residents to state their opposition to the pylons and OHL's. The payments covered Village Hall hire and printing costs.
- No requests have been received from members of the public regarding small donations from the 'unrestricted' funds which can be used for small community projects.
- The 'unrestricted' fund stands at £452.
- Stationery, venue hire and contribution of 50% towards the Aberlemno.org website continues to be the biggest expenses over the year.

As you may or may not be aware that I am resigning my post as Treasurer, so my thanks go to the residents, Auditor Vicky Hepburn, Angus Councillors and my other Colleagues on the Community Council for all their help and advice, over the last 2 years. I will continue to help the new Treasurer for the near future.

Lynn Bruce

Treasurer, Aberlemno and District Community Council 2023/24.

**Statement for Financial Year April 2023 – March 2024**

	£'s
Starting Balance	499.00
Income:	
Grant from Angus Council (Restricted)	375.00
Grant from last Community Council (Unrestricted)	0.00
Income Total	874.00
Expenditure:	
Restricted Funds:	
Stationery	42.74
Meeting Venue Hire	170.50
Aberlemno Website Page	104.45
Mileage	54.00
Unrestricted Funds:	
Venue Hire (Special Meeting)	24.00
Stationery (Special Meeting)	23.00
Total Expenditure	418.69
Balance carried forward to 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2024	455.31

Prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Lynnette C Bruce (Treasurer)

## APPENDIX 2

### 20240606-Minutes

#### Aberlemno and District Community Council

#### Planning Report for 2024 AGM

##### Planning Applications

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

One objection has been submitted:

Ref. No: 23/00739/FULL; Oct 2023,

Change of Use from Houses to Short Term Lets (Tourist Accommodation), Change of Use of Grassed Footway to Garden Ground and Ancillary Works (Retrospective), Balbinny Farm Cottages Aberlemno Forfar - objection Nov 2023 to loss of footpath. Decision pending.

##### **Other:**

Ref. No: **24/00026/FULL** Feb 2024, Formation of ancillary accommodation in existing outbuilding, 3 Crosston Cottages Aberlemno - no objection, support reuse of traditional building. Pending

**23/00866/LBC**. Partial Down-Taking and Alterations to the Walled Garden for the Erection of a Dwellinghouse - Change of Dwellinghouse Design and Location from Planning Application

**18/00256/FULL**, land northeast of Crosston Farmhouse - no objection, better siting of property, need for trees to be protected/replace.

Ref. No: **23/00310/FULL**, Jul 2023 - Regeneration/redevelopment of a brownfield site including demolition of steading building, erection of 8 dwellinghouses and ancillary works. No objection - replacement of derelict building. Withdrawn

Ref No: **23/00390/PPPL**. June 2023, Planning permission in principle for the replacement of a house with a house. Hillcrest Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PD - no objection. |Approved

##### **Development Planning**

Attended two Angus Council meetings and three training courses.

**Special Meeting - ABERLEMNO VILLAGE HALL, 7PM ON 15 JUNE 2023**

Attendance - 50

CC members - Russ Bruce (Chair); Lynn Bruce; Isabelle Davies; Jacqui Thornton

The special meeting was held in response to residents request and was called to discuss the CC response to SSEN proposals for East Coast 400kV Phase 2 as it affects the Community Council area.

After a brief introduction by the Chair, comments and concerns were requested for the CC to take forward in their official response to the consultation.

**Update**

A comprehensive response was drawn up and submitted by Lynn Bruce.

Subsequently the proposals affecting the Aberlemno and District Community Council area were amended and the pylon corridor moved north of the A90. Whilst this removed direct concerns, Community Council members have kept up with public participation and community groups developed in response to these proposals. Support for fellow communities continues and objections in principle remain unresolved. We will comment on, object to or support proposals as Council members and residents see fit.