



**Aberlemno and District
Community Council Meeting
Thursday 1st December 2022, 7.00pm
Aberlemno Village Hall**

	<p>In attendance Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davies (ID), Lynn Patch (LP), Jacqui Thornton (JT) Local councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN), Jill Scott (JS), Chris Beattie (CB) Police representatives: Inspector Grant McGaughay (GM), Sargeant Tracy Brown (TB)</p>	
1	<p>Welcome, attendance and apologies Russell Bruce opened the meeting, thanked all attendees for coming along and introduced the community council members, local councillors and attendees from the local police.</p> <p>No apologies were received</p>	
2	<p>Community Council Matters</p> <p><u>Name change:</u> Russell Bruce stated that we would like to change the name from Aberlemno community council to Aberlemno and district community council.</p> <p>This has been discussed with a number of residents across the district with no objections. No objections were received from the floor at this meeting.</p> <p>Jacqui Thornton proposed the name change, and Isabelle Davies seconded.</p> <p><u>Constitution:</u> The Aberlemno and district community council constitution was proposed by Russell Bruce and seconded by Lynn Patch.</p> <p><u>Standing Orders:</u> The Aberlemno and district community council standing orders were proposed by Jacqui Thornton and seconded by Isabelle Davies.</p>	
	<p>Action Jacqui Thornton will make these available on the aberlemno.org website.</p>	JT
3	<p>Minutes from last meeting Russell Bruce proposed the approval of the minutes from the last meeting, and this was seconded by Isabelle Davies.</p> <p>There were no matters arising from these minutes and they will now be made available on the Aberlemno.org website.</p>	JT
4	<p>Secretary's report and correspondence Jacqui Thornton outlined her role as Secretary which includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organising meetings, agendas and minutes • Keeping the aberlemno.org website up to date with community council matters • Correspondence through the community council e mail account 	

Action	Information for the community is received from Angus Council and will be posted on the aberlemno.org website on the 'community messages' page, along with other information that may be useful to residents. Examples include the recent kerbside recycling survey and the Voluntary Angus Action bulletins.	JT
5	Treasurer's report The treasurer's report can be found in Appendix 1 of these minutes.	
6 Action	<p>Planning report Community councils have a part to play in the determination of planning applications in their area.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A list of registered planning applications is sent to all community councils who have 7 days to inform the Planning Authority they wish to be consulted • The Planning Authority can send a planning application to the community council if it is of particular significance and ask for views • Community councils should be consulted as part of pre application inquiries • Community councils can help in local planning preparation by providing a local view and information. <p>We will put the weekly list on the community council page on the aberlemno.org website along with a link to Public Access which allows the viewing of planning applications online.</p> <p>Angus Council is required to prepare and publish a local plan setting out their planning policies and where developments like housing will happen. Community councils can represent their area views in this process.</p> <p>In response to a question from the floor it was confirmed that once planning has been approved, this can only be challenged on the legality of the decision.</p>	JT
7 Action	<p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aberlemno has no proper foot paths or streetlights but does have a school and standing stones which are visited regularly • The speed limit through the village is 30mph and no decisions re a change to 20mph will be made until at least March 2023 • A resident was recently hit by a car's wing mirror, but the car did not stop (Tracy Brown requested that this is reported to the police) • Farnell is in a similar position with no foot paths or streetlights and has a 60mph speed limit through the village <p>Chris Beattie and Jill Scott took an action to look into why Farnell just has the national speed limit through the village rather than 30mph</p> <p>Lynn Patch provided a summary of the actions she has taken to date regarding the speed limits through Aberlemno village in terms of e mails sent and contacts made.</p>	CB & JS

	<p>The following traffic calming measures were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A 'Jim' policeman with camera has recently been put in Aberlemno • We can request a full audit of the road safety in Aberlemno (and Farnell) – this would then support the request for any changes • Where there are larger events taking place in Aberlemno, we can request support via Tracy Brown subject to available resources • Consideration could be given to a request for a solar speed sign – ie that shows the speed the car is travelling at • The mobile speed cameras that give out automated fines would not be appropriate as they are set at 60mph <p>Road safety is a key issue for residents and the community council will take the suggestions made at the meeting forwards.</p>	
8	<p>Local Community Policing Area Report</p> <p>In addition to the road safety discussions already taken place during this meeting, Tracy Brown and Grant McGaughay provided an update from this report which included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both Aberlemno and Farnell are each split across two police areas – Tracy provided reassurance that this should not cause any issues as there is regular communication across the divisions • Oil theft is not currently an issue in Aberlemno or Farnell however be vigilant regarding oil tanks, ensuring they have locks on them to prevent oil theft • There were no crimes recorded in the previous month specific to Aberlemno – Tracy will bring the Farnell reports to future meetings 	
9	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A local resident queried a report that Angus County is being renamed. Chris Beattie confirmed that this is not the case but that the seat may come under North Tayside in the future. • Chris Beattie asked residents to make use of Access Line – no need to wait until a community council meeting to raise issues. • Jill Scott confirmed that the Access Offices will start to open 6 days per week. • Russell Bruce asked all present to spread the word about the community council as we would like to get more representation from the wider community as all members currently reside in Aberlemno itself. • A question was raised about the three large (purposely dug) holes in the pathway from Balbinny to Aberlemno – these are to do with cables being put in for a new build and it would be the landowners that are responsible. • Isabelle Davies confirmed there is work going on around resilience for when major disruption occurs eg due to storms, flooding, power cuts, cold weather etc. Angus Council co-ordinates services and agencies to help and companies like SSE also provide support and advice. The resilience group will work on pulling together key information and posting it on the aberlemno.org website. Angus Council also have a network of contacts who try and identify vulnerable people so if there is anyone needing/likely to need help, the ask was to e mail the community council and we will get back to you with further information. • A question was asked about 'Aberlemno first responders' and it was confirmed that 999 should be the first port of call in an emergency but that there is a defibrillator at the Church. 	

10	Questions From the Floor There were no further questions from anyone present at the meeting.	
11	Date of next meeting The date of the next meeting was confirmed as Thursday 2 nd February 2023 at 7pm in the Farnell Village Hall). Russell Bruce thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 8.45pm.	

Appendix 1 – Treasurer’s Report



ABERLEMNO AND DISTRICT COMMUNITY COUNCIL

TREASURER’S MONTHLY REPORT

October - November 2022

After the last meeting on 12th October 2022, I wanted to achieve the following:

- Open Treasurers Bank Account for ‘Aberlemno and District Community Council’
- Grant/s from Angus Council
- Road Safety – complaints to Angus Police and Angus Council

So, achieved from the above list:

The Bank Account has been applied for online but as of 1st December 2022, is not open yet.

Grant/s have not been applied for either but they will be as follows:-

- Grant - £375 (restricted funds) to cover expenses of the Community Council.
- Grant - £516.69 (unrestricted funds) which was the remainder from the previous Community Council. This will be used to purchase items or services to improve the lives of residents in our area.

Financial Statement:

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

