



**Aberlemno and District
Community Council Meeting
Thursday 1st August 2024
7.00pm
Farnell SWI Hall**

Minutes

1. Welcome, housekeeping, attendance and apologies

Community council members: Russell Bruce (RB), Isabelle Davis (ID) Katherine Thomson (KT), Robyn Calder (RC), Jelle de Bruin (JB), Raymond Kennedy, (RK) Fiona Cameron (FC).

Councillors: Gavin Nicol (GN) and Jill Scott (JS)

Police: Sgt Caroline Patullo. Apologies PC Nick McKendrick
Public: 2 in attendance Apologies x 2

2. Approval of previous minutes

Proposed: KT
Seconded: JB

3. Matters arising from previous minutes

The appointment of FC as secretary was proposed by RB. There being no objections, the proposal was seconded by ID.

- a. Defibrillator Farnell - There was no update on the details of the placement and power source. Funding cannot be sought until these issues are resolved. It was agreed that this should be moved to a matter's continuation item at future meetings.
- b. Farnell Stone - There was no update on the details of placement. Therefore, no action for the community council currently. As with item a. the defibrillator, it was agreed this item should be moved to a matters continuation until resolved.
- c. Dog waste bins – GN and JS confirmed the point of contact at Angus Council is Graeme Dailly. However, due to financial situation

of Angus Council uncertain outcome of the request. RB to contact Graeme Dailly.

- d. Standing Orders amendment – The only adjustment was the removal of the reference to the year within the meeting dates. There were no objections. RB to forward the updated version to Angus council via Sandra Livingston.
- e. No through road signs – Residents have requested a sign for School Lane, Aberlemno. The request has been passed to roads department Angus Council.
- f. Waste bins in laybys either side Aberlemno Village – As per item c. Graham Dailly is point of contact. Request to be submitted.

4. **Community Policing Area report**

Appreciated attendance of Sgt Patullo as on A/L

Report attached at Appendix 1

Community event Coffee with a Cop being held in Aberlemno Village Hall 10.00 – 12.00 2nd Aug 2024 KT to publish on web page tonight.

5. **Secretary's report**

As secretary new to post at this meeting no report available. RB and ID advised several communications received related to courses but due to cost these were prohibitive.

The village hall representative advised of communications from an Aberlemno resident. The content is confusing the community council and the village hall committee roles. It was agreed as it related to matters associated with the village hall committee role they would respond. However, it was agreed a brief note should also be sent from the community council to clarify the content is out with our remit.

6. **Treasurer's report**

RB and KT advised they still don't have access to the community council bank account. Therefore, treasurers report could not be provided for the meeting and unable to confirm receipt council grants.

Access to the Royal Bank Scotland account requires copies of minutes where community council agreed signatories and access.

JB Proposed and FC seconded KT (Treasurer) as 1st signatory, RB (Chair) as 2nd signatory. No objections. Motion approved

7. **Planning report**

Full report attached at Appendix 2

Balbinny Holiday Complex have submitted a revised proposal to provide a footpath on the opposite side of road to the 2 holiday cottages in conjunction with dog walk area. This would be to replace the path behind the cottages which has been incorporated into the gardens for which the Community Council had submitted an objection. ID recommend accept application for

footpath and withdraw objection on other one at cottages, ID to draft response for comment. It was noted that there remains an issue on timings of planning notifications and consultations which reduce the opportunity to review and comment within the timeframe.

Doo'cot Cottage Woodwrae – Planning request change of use to short term let approved. Timescale for comments again has been an issue.

Smiddie cottage change approved

It was suggested using Aberlemno Facebook and website would open applications for comments more widely. ID to consider.

8. Any other business

Angus Council held Vibrant Communities meeting. ID was the only Community Council representative in attendance. Many topics of relevance were finance, support and training and GDPR requirements.

Membership of Community Council Forum - Discussion of biannual meeting with Angus Council. The meeting is mainly information sharing but participative level low. It was agreed the Forum would be a useful meeting for council information. ID/RB to follow up, confirm dates of meetings and agree with Community Council members re representatives' attendance.

ID proposed regular online operational meeting between public meeting to address any immediate issues/actions

9. Questions from the floor

No issues raised

10. Date and location of next meeting

1900 hrs 3rd October 2024

Following previous agreement, the 3 winter meetings October, December and February are proposed as online meetings. October 3rd will be the first to be held online.

Communication of how to access the meeting discussed. Links to the meeting will be published on Aberlemno.org, Aberlemno Facebook, Farnell SWI Hall Facebook page, Brechin and Farnell Church Facebook and notice boards at Farnell and Aberlemno church can be utilised to post date, meeting url and agenda.

11. Close

RB closed the meeting at 19.56hrs

**Appendix 1
Community Policing Report**



**POLICE
SCOTLAND**

Keeping people safe

Tayside Division

Angus LPA

LPA Commander - Chief Inspector Ross Fitzgerald

LOCAL COMMUNITY POLICING AREA REPORT – July 2024	
Local Community Policing Area	Community Policing team, Montrose and District/Brechin and Edzell
Local Area Inspector	Inspector Martin Pattie
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> taysidebrechinedzellept@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 29.06.24 – 28.07.24

Police dealt with approximately 643 calls within the Montrose, Brechin and Edzell wards area during this period, of which 256 were pertinent to the Brechin, Edzell, and Aberlemno area.

In addition, there were a total of 118 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](#)

JULY 2024 EVENTS

Officers have been engaged in various events and initiatives during July around the community.

SPEED CHECKS

Speed checks were carried out by Community Officers in Aberlemno one motorist was spoken to about their speed and given appropriate advice while everyone else was found to be driving under the speed limit. Further speed checks will be carried out in the future due to concerns regarding speeding.



EMERGENCY SERVICES COMMUNITY EVENT

Community Officers from Montrose/Brechin Community Policing Team attended a joint emergency services event at House of Dun. They were joined by colleagues from Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service, HM Coastguard – Angus and Dundee representatives from Scotland Chairity air ambulance. The event was well attended and we hope to hold a similar event in Brechin later this year.



Ongoing work by Community Officers during August 2024

2nd August 2024 - 1000 - 1200 – Coffee with a Cop (community engagement) Aberlemno Village Hall. Please come along and have a chat with your local community officers about any issues that you may have. We will have the Police Van for anyone who would like to have a look inside. Trading Standards will also be in attendance and can offer advice and guidance about a range of things.

11th September 2024 – 1000 – 1200, Veterans Support Event at Forfar Legion Club, 1 Academy Street, Forfar. Support Services will be in attendance at this event which is open to all Veterans and their families.



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



Suicide? Help!



www.suicidehelp.co.uk

Samaritans: **116 123**
Breathing Space: **0800 83 85 87**



Appendix 2
Aberlemno and District Community Council
Planning Report August 2024

24/00362/FULL

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

Land West Of 1 And 2 Balbinny Farm Cottages Aberlemno Forfar

Aberlemno and District Council welcome this application. It provides an alternative to the road route for walkers from Balbinny to the proposed dog exercise area, the Aberlemno Stones and bus stop into Forfar. It appears accessible to all walkers - visitors and local from the north and south. Might an access across from the two holiday cottages benefit visitors, giving direct access to the proposed path and for exercise area? Presumably the path will be maintained in line with the existing paths?

Are there any proposals to erect or move existing footpath signs?

Once approved/constructed the community Council will withdraw their current objection to Application No 23/00739/FULL - Change of use from houses to short term let; change of use of grassed footway to garden ground and ancillary works.

Please note ADCC were not consulted on 27 June 2023 but received the relevant weekly list on 2 July 2024.

For information see 21/00197/FULL

Change of Use from Agricultural Land to Form a Secure Dog

Walking/Exercise Area including Formation of Hardstanding Area for Vehicular Access, Parking and Turning Arrangements, Erection of Timber Shelter and Erection of Deer Fencing

Decisions

24/00297/FULL

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

Doo'cot Wood Cottage Woodwrae Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PF

Aberlemno And District Community Council had no objections to/comments on this application in principle. This application was approved on 1 August 2024

Decision letter:

ANGUS COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

PLANNING PERMISSION - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL REFERENCE :

24/00297/FULL

To: Mr & Mrs David Butter c/o KSA Chartered Architects 4 John Street Montrose
DD10 8LY

With reference to your application dated 6 June 2024 for planning permission under the above-mentioned Acts and Regulations for the following development viz: Change of Use from House to Short Term Let (Tourism Accommodation) and Extension at Doo'cot Wood Cottage Woodwrae Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PF for Mr & Mrs David Butter

The Angus Council in exercise of their powers under the above mentioned Acts and Regulations hereby Grant Planning Permission (Delegated Decision) for the said development in accordance with the particulars given in the application and plans docketed as relative hereto in paper or identified as approved on the Public Access portal.

The permission is subject to the following conditions, namely:- The development to which this planning permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of its grant. The foregoing conditions are imposed by the Council for the following reasons :- To clarify the duration of this planning permission in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) and to ensure that it will lapse if not implemented within that period. The reason(s) for the foregoing decision by the Council are as follows:- The proposal is in accordance with the development plan as it is compatible with the locational criteria identified in the plan; the scale, nature and design is acceptable; and it does not cause a significant adverse impact upon amenity, the built, cultural and natural environment, road safety or infrastructure. There are no material considerations that justify refusal of planning permission.

24/00026/FULL

Formation of ancillary accommodation in existing outbuilding

3 Crosston Cottages Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PE

The Community Council made no objection to this application which 19 July 2024 was approved on

Decision Letter:

ANGUS COUNCIL TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (SCOTLAND) ACT 1997
(AS AMENDED) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT
MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (SCOTLAND) REGULATIONS 2013

PLANNING PERMISSION - CONDITIONAL APPROVAL REFERENCE :
24/00026/FULL

To: Mr R Bruce

c/o A Craig Architectural Consultant 7 Bearehill Gardens Brechin DD9 6LW

With reference to your application dated 13 February 2024 for planning permission under the above mentioned Acts and Regulations for the following development viz:-

Formation of ancillary accommodation in existing outbuilding at 3 Crosston Cottages Aberlemno Forfar DD8 3PE for Mr R Bruce

The Angus Council in exercise of their powers under the above-mentioned Acts and Regulations hereby Grant Planning Permission (Delegated Decision) for the said development in accordance with the particulars given in the application and plans docketed as relative hereto in paper or identified as approved on the Public Access portal.

The permission is subject to the following conditions, namely:-

1. The development to which this permission relates must be begun not later than the expiration of three years from the date of its grant.
2. That the ancillary accommodation hereby approved shall be used only for purposes incidental to the enjoyment of the main house, 3 Crosston Cottages, Aberlemno. No separate curtilage shall be formed, and it shall at no time be used as an independent dwellinghouse without an express grant of planning permission from the planning authority.

The foregoing conditions are imposed by the Council for the following reasons :-

1. In order to clarify the duration of this permission in accordance with the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1997 (as amended) and to ensure that it will lapse if not implemented within that period.
2. The proposed development has been assessed based on the likely relationship with the main house and its use as ancillary type accommodation only. Any other form of development would require a separate assessment to ensure that the amenity of the area would not be adversely affected by a separate dwelling and that the relevant policy tests of any development plan could be met.

The reason(s) for the foregoing decision by the Council are as follows:-

1. The proposal is in accordance with the development plan as it does not give rise to unacceptable impacts on amenity, the character and appearance of the dwelling or wider area and does not result in overdevelopment of the plot or unacceptable loss of garden ground, parking or storage as assessed in terms of the council's published guidance. It does not result in unacceptable impact on natural, built, or cultural heritage interests and does not result in unacceptable flood risk or road safety implications having regard to the location and the nature and scale of the development. There are no material considerations that justify refusal of planning permission contrary to the provisions of the development plan.

Planning Note:

Aberlemno and District Community Council is not consulted directly on planning applications but are sent the weekly list. It is proposed: -

Responses to Planning Applications note that the Community Council is not consulted as per the date shown on Public Access consultee list and note the date the weekly list is received.

Active planning applications in the Community Council area to be listed on the Aberlemno website/Community Council Facebook page (once available) along with the link to public access. Planning Contact to inform Katherine Thompson when this occurs.

Draft planning application responses to the circulated and if no comment received within three days, will be submitted to Angus Council.