

Aberlady Community Association (ACA)

Incorporating the Hall Management Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 4th February 2015

Present: Archie Baird, Sheila Baird, Donald Hay, Iain Macaskill, Damien Noonan, Ros Richardson, Ross Searle, Roger Thomas, Hilary Wilkie

Apologies: Jackie Burman, Helen Campbell, Anne Tait, Ricky Verrall.

The minutes of the meeting of 7th January were approved.

Matters arising

- Replacement machine or supply of buffer pads for polishing hall floor to be investigated.
Action: Hilary in conjunction with Helen.
- The Annual donation from Wemyss & March Estates to be carried forward to next meeting.
- The hall door has been repaired; the kitchen units not yet. **Action:** Helen
- Hilary attended the Community Council meeting with our request for funding for new tables in the hall; optimistic that we will receive a positive response.
The possibility of additional benches throughout the village was not pursued.
- The hall might be used for election meetings in the run-up to May's general election. To be considered further at next meeting.

Correspondence

- Gullane Area Community Council response to the Major Issues Report (MIR) received and to be posted on our web site. **Action:** Roger
- Information received on a survey on fast broadband requirements in local communities. To be posted on our web site. **Action:** Roger

Treasurer's report

- Income last month £1097, including £504 for hall rentals to be reconciled with hirer. **Action:** Hilary
- Expenditure last month £1302.55 leaving a balance carried forward of £9463.59
- Rebates due from Bright Solid and Scottish Power totalling some £400. **Action:** Ross
- Scales of hall charges to be reviewed at next meeting.
- Energy efficiency measures, including potential for a heat pump, to be explored. **Action:** Ross

Booking Secretary's report

- Bookings in good shape, including a few weddings.

Aberlady web site

- Aims and main themes agreed. Outline design to be presented at next meeting.
Action: Damien
- Explore possibility of Community Council support / funding for broadband Wi-Fi facility in community hall.
Action: Roger
- The potential for reaching younger villagers via an Aberlady Face Book page is to be considered further at next meeting.

ELC Development plan (MIR)

- Our response is an initial one and a further opportunity will arise after the publication of the Local Development Plan expected in a year's time.
- Agreed to add to our response our endorsement of Gullane Area Community Council's response.
Action: Donald
- Agreed that our conclusion should be that the prospective development at Elcho Terrace would be acceptable but only with direct access from the A198.
Action: Donald
- Agreed to plan for a survey of all Aberlady residents between now and the publication of the Local Development Plan to obtain factual data to support our response to that plan. Committee to explore how such a survey might be carried out, both using on-line and leaflet approaches.

Fund raising ideas

- Photographic competition for pictures to feature on new website
- Exhibition of all above photos to be held in community hall
- Stovies and quiz evening - BYOB
- Further ideas to be brought to next meeting.
Action: All

AOCB

- There is a vacancy for an Aberlady representative on the Gullane Area Community Council. Anyone interested should contact Angus McCallum.
- ACA will make the usual £20 donation to the Aberlady Gala programme.

Next meeting: 4th March 7pm in the small hall.