

# Aberlady Community Association (ACA)

Incorporating the Hall Management Committee

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## Minutes of Committee Meeting 4<sup>th</sup> March 2015

### Present

**Members** : Donald Hay (Chair), Hilary Wilkie (Booking secretary), Ross Searle (Treasurer), Jackie Burman, Ros Richardson, Sheila Baird, Helen Campbell, Anne Tait, Damien Noonan , Ricky Verrall (Minutes Secretary).

**Trustees:** Archie Baird

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Iain Macaskill , Donna Mathieson and Roger Thomas.

### 2. Minutes of the meeting on 4 February 2015

2.1 Approved.

### 3. Matters Arising

3.1 **Buffer pads** – Helen to get costings; **Wemyss & March donation** – Hilary to chase; **Community Council funding for new tables** – secured, Ros to check prices at Costco; **use of hall for election meetings** – the Committee agreed to take a reactive approach; **Community Council response to MIR to go onto website** – done; **fast broadband survey to go onto website** – ongoing; **£504 for hall rentals to be reconciled with hirer** – done; **rebates from Bright Solid and Scottish power** – ongoing; potential for heat pump – Helen to pursue with local contact; **website outline design** – see item 7; **possible Community Council funding for Wi-Fi in the hall** – no update available; **add the Community Association’s endorsement of the Community Council response to the MIR to our response** – done; **fundraising ideas**– see item 8.

**ACTION:** Helen to get costs for new buffer pads

Hilary to chase Wemyss & march donation

Ros to check cost of tables at Costco

Helen to pursue heat pump with local contact

### 4. Correspondence

4.1 Thank you card received from the monthly lunch organisers for the meal. Advance notice from East Lothian Council of new food waste recycling initiative.

### 5. Treasurer’s Report

5.1 Ross tabled a statement of financial activity for the period 5 February to 4 March 2015. Income had been £660 and expenditure £641.51. Total bank balance carried forward stood at £9,482.08. There were pending liabilities for gas (£76) and cleaning (£105).

## 6. Booking Secretary's Report

6.1 Hilary noted steady bookings up to Easter. The doorbell was not working and needed repair or replacement – the Committee agreed to ask the After School Club to fix and to reimburse their costs. Helen was pursuing costings for kitchen cupboard doors and for replacement of the main hall outer doors. A reply was awaited from GL Flooring about the best type of cleaner for the main hall floor. The Committee agreed to review hall charges next January.

**ACTION: Hilary to contact the After School Club manager about the doorbell.**

**ACTION: Helen to report on costings for front door and cupboard doors in due course**

## 7. The Future of www.aberlady.org

7.1 Damien reported that following discussion in the editorial sub-committee he had a clear idea of the new site content and was in the process of preparing a site design. This should be available by the next meeting.

## 8. Fundraising

8.1 The Committee agreed to pursue a photographic competition linked to the revamped website and involving an exhibition of entries in the main hall in the week commencing 30 May. Damien agreed to design a poster. The Committee agreed to pursue a stovies and quiz night in the winter.

**ACTION: Damien to design a poster advertising the photographic competition.**

## 9. AOCB

9.1 **MIR** – the Committee agreed to carry out an on-line survey of village residents, between now and publication of the Local Development Plan (LDP) (likely to be late 2015) via the new website. Damien agreed to take forward phraseology of survey questions. It was noted that a private developer could come in at any time regardless of the MIR/LDP and Donald agreed to liaise with Angus McCallum (Community Council) about raising this with the local MSP.

**ACTION: Damien to work on phraseology of on-line residents' survey.**

**ACTION: Donald to liaise with Angus McCallum (Community Council) about a joint approach to the local MSP re possible private development of areas surrounding the village**

9.2 **Fast broadband coming to Aberlady** – Damien agreed to check whether any of the cabling and other engineering work on the roads around the village signalled imminent arrival of fast broadband.

**ACTION: Damien to check whether local rad works meant that fast broadband was coming to the village.**

## 10. Next Meeting

10.1 The Committee agreed to change the meeting schedule to the first Tuesday of each month. Given the Easter holidays, the next meeting would be at 7.00pm on Tuesday 14 April 2015 in the small hall.

Donald Hay

14 April 2015