

Aberlady Community Association (ACA)

Incorporating the Hall Management Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 14th April 2015

Present: Archie Baird, Sheila Baird, Jackie Burman Donald Hay, Angus McCallum, Damien Noonan, Roger Thomas, Hilary Wilkie

Apologies: Iain Macaskill, Ricky Verrall. Ros Richardson

The minutes of the meeting of 4th March were approved.

Matters arising

- Supply of buffer pads for polishing hall floor to be investigated. **Action: Helen.**
- The Annual donation from Wemyss & March Estates to be chased. **Action: Hilary**
- Check prices at Costco for new tables. **Action: Ros**
- Progress heat pump with local contact. **Action: Helen**
- Give BrightSolid our bank details so they can pay our rebate. **Action: Ross**
- Pursue ScottishPower for rebate. **Action: Ross**

Correspondence - see Local developments, below

Local Developments (MIR)

- Angus reported that East Lothian Council will consider the feedback on their MIR on 21st April. Possibility that public may attend as observers. **Action: Donald**
- Discussion on the potential precedent from the Ferrygate development in Haddington where the council's decision and the subsequent appeal to government may be overturned by the developers seeking judicial review of the process. Agreed to await the MIR review and then, via Gullane Area Community Council, to approach the local MSP for advice and support. **Action: Donald.**
- Last meeting 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. **Carried forward.**

Treasurer's report

No report.

Booking Secretary's report

- Bookings steady through to July.
- Minor maintenance completed.
- Deep cleaning of floor due next week.
- Consider a lighter cleaning machine or additional help for Billy on Sunday mornings. **Action: Hilary**

Aberlady web site and broadband

- Prepare survey of community to include possible uses of Wi-Fi facility. **Action: Damien**
- Roger confirmed that Wi-Fi would be available at costs of £99 for installation and £13.50 pm for line rental and £7pm for unlimited broadband (+VAT). Also gas and electricity could be added to that package at further discounts from Utility Warehouse. Agreed to get energy quote. **Action: Ross.**
- Angus confirmed that Community Council support / funding for broadband Wi-Fi facility in community hall was very probable.
- The potential for reaching younger villagers via an Aberlady Face Book page is to be considered further at next meeting. - **carried forward.**
- Check status of fast broadband provision in Aberlady. **Action: Damien**
- Explore Chamber of Commerce view on recent fast broadband survey in rural East Lothian. **Action: Roger**

- Initial release of revamped web site to be available next week. **Action: Damien**

Photo Competition

- Photo competition to be launched with closing date 25th May and exhibition to be held in hall on 29th/30th May. Sub-group to manage this to meet on Monday 20th April.

Action: Damien. Sub-group to cover (amongst others):

- Promotion of competition
- Logistics for receiving, selecting and displaying photos
- Judging
- Use of winning entries, e.g. Aberlady calendar for 2016

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- Angus suggested that Community Council would support plans to make space in the hall more flexible if that would encourage greater use.
- The Council plans to paint double yellow lines around various corners in the village. Report on the exact status of this at next meeting. **Action: Hilary.**
- Agreed that future meetings would be at 7pm on the second Tuesday of each month.

Next meeting: Tuesday 12th May at 7pm in the small hall.