

Aberlady Community Association (ACA)

Incorporating the Hall Management Committee

Minutes of Committee Meeting 11th August 2015

Present

Members: Donald Hay (Chair), Ross Searle (Treasurer), Anne Tait, Sheila Baird and Jackie Burman (Minutes Secretary).

Trustee: Archie Baird

Angus McCallum, Community Council

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and noted apologies from Hilary Wilkie (Booking Secretary), Damien Noonan, Ros Richardson & Iain Macaskill

2. Minutes of the meeting on 12 May 2015

2.1 Approved.

3. Matters Arising

3.1 **Buffer pads** – ongoing; **old tables** – complete – Damien has sold the old tables on eBay for £270; **rebate from Scottish Power** still ongoing; **potential for heat pump** – ongoing, **Wi-Fi in the hall** – ongoing; **approach MSP re MIR** – ongoing; **residents' survey re Local Development Plan** – carried forward; **survey community re use of Wi-Fi** – ongoing; **Facebook page** – ongoing; **double yellow lines** - Hilary had sent a letter yellow lines had been avoided. Photo completion had been a success, three judges, Jed Gordon, Alison Andrews & a representative from Aberlady School had chosen the winning photos, prizes had been awarded and the entries shown in the Hall. **Painting Hall interior** - Hilary had contacted Kenny Dalrymple re paintwork but date for the work still to be agreed.

4. Correspondence

4.1 e-mail from Hilary about an altercation between recent wedding guests and local people. The wedding had been quite noisy & “colourful” people had been asked to tone down their language but had not been very pleasant. Hilary had given the offended person a voucher and claimed back some of the bond from the wedding party to cover this. The Committee thanked Hilary for her actions but felt that we should avoid compensating people, as it is not something we can police easily and we do expect people to be thoughtful when using the hall.

5. Booking Secretary's Report

5.1 In Hilary's absence Anne had shown two lots of people around the hall recently who were considering it for their wedding next year but not much availability in May or June although July & August were fairly free. Anne was told that a catering firm based at Kingston had advised the couple about Aberlady hall as a venue to consider.

6. The Future of www.aberlady.org

6.1 Donald said that the website seemed to be fine although a link to Aberlady Facebook page (the interactive work) was still to be undertaken. The Committee felt that the links on the website were very useful. It was suggested that it might be helpful if other members of the Committee did have some training & could access the site so any additional materials or tweaks could be done without having to get Damien to do everything.

7. Treasurer's Report

7.1. Ross tabled a statement of financial activity for the period 1 June to 11 August 2015. Income had been £4,145.25, this had included a donation from the Gala Committee for which the Association was very grateful and expenditure £790.27. Total bank balance carried forward stood at £15,507.29. There were very few pending liabilities. Rental fees for After School Club for last term were still outstanding and the refund from Scottish Power was still being pursued. Gift Aid was still to be reclaimed.

8. Fundraising

8.1 Various ideas for fundraising events were discussed, a Table Sale had already been mooted for October & we will need to confirm a date with Hilary. The Christmas Concert was likely to

be held on Sunday 13 December, again will need to confirm the date with Hilary. Anne felt that it was a lovely event but not that well attended and thought that we should try and get much wider knowledge of it throughout the village. Donald had also suggested a Quiz Night (with stovies) as he would be happy to prepare the quiz. This was felt to be a good idea and a potential date in January or February was agreed. Other ideas suggested were an Aberlady Bake Off competition or similar to have a Coffee Morning or Afternoon Tea.

8.2 The meeting discussed how increased publicity might happen using the website plus Facebook and also a village newsletter to try and contact a wide range of people, as not all local people use technology to be aware of what's on. We would again try and get the message to everyone that we are **Aberlady Community Association** not just the Hall Committee. Donald suggested we should try and advertise things that had happened or were planned once dates are confirmed. Also to try and get local people to get in touch, get local clubs to put a brief paragraph into the Association's newsletter particularly those who are active in the various local organisations. We could have an open evening to invite people to the hall and find out about other local groups etc., including those that don't use the hall and encourage them to have a link to the website. Sheila suggested that the Craft Group & badminton Club could probably use more members, along with the Historical Society & WRI. Ross said the Light Lunch was very popular but had attracted additional people after a newsletter had made more people aware and made it clear it was a community event open to everyone. Anne also mentioned that the various soup recipes were very popular and perhaps a recipe book or soup of the month recipe could be put on the website. This method could also be used to attract more helpers as it would be helpful to have some additional folk involved to make it less onerous on those who already help each month.

Action: **All** to come to next meeting with items for the planned newsletter and to try and contact other people to see if they would want to come along to an Open Evening to meet local people and other local groups/organisations & possible date? Evening or weekend event link with Coffee Morning? Hilary to look for potential dates for following events Table Sale, October; Christmas Concert, December Quiz Night, January/February & Coffee Morning/Bake Off Spring 2016?

9. AOCB

9.1 Angus wished to raise some issues related to Gullane & District Community Council, he is a representative on the liaison committee for the Coastal Community Area Policing Partnership and this deals with 3 different themes, antisocial behaviour, substance misuse and traffic. If people wish to raise any issues related to these he is very happy to be contacted. Jackie raised issue of dangerous speeding on the coast road and the number of cars crashing off of the road into the wall or onto the bents. Anne wanted to raise a concern about cars parking on the Mair causing an obstruction and the speed at which many commercial vehicles tend to drive along it. Also there are a lot of overhanging branches which don't help traffic visibility.

Angus also raised a local planning matter for information about a change of use for Sewin Stitches to have an additional café on site. Ross raised road sweeping and felt that this did not appear to occur to the east of the village and hoped the cleaning schedule could perhaps be made more obvious so that cars could be parked elsewhere that day to facilitate the cleaning operation.

Action: Angus agreed to raise the various issues at the liaison meeting and to find out what the road sweeping schedule was to pass on to Ross to publicise in the Post Office.

Anne queried the correct address and postcode for the Hall as people had been confused as to it's whereabouts. Ross stated the correct address is

Aberlady Community Hall, Sea Wynd Aberlady, EH32 0SD Angus said that the pin used on Google maps could be located more accurately if required by someone coding it to the correct place but he wasn't able to do this.

10. Next Meeting

10.1 The Committee agreed that the next meeting would be on Tuesday 8 September at **7.30pm**.

Donald Hay

8 September 2015