

Minutes of Committee meeting 110
Small hall, Institute
Monday 23 September 2024, 7.30pm

PRESENT:

Simon Taylor (Chair), Alison Chapman (Secretary/Treasurer), Diana Maxwell, June Bouaoun, David Graham.

Action
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Apologies

Dot Clark, Frank Glynn, Susan Hunter, Ruth Murray, Gillian Piper.

Minutes of previous meeting

Minutes of the previous meeting (22 July 2024) were approved.

Funding / finance

Alison Chapman reported that there is currently £2,343 in the bank account, i.e. no change since our last meeting.

Update on projects / ideas and actions arising

- *Primary School poetry*
Nothing new to report. Action kept "live" ready for next year's competition.
- *Aberdour Medieval Singers*
Simon Taylor reported that Ingried Boussaroque is, unfortunately, unable to continue to lead the group, thanks to increasing work commitments and travel. The Singers are meeting on Tuesday 15 October to discuss the way forward.

A formal Thank You was recorded to Ingried for all her work on and enthusiasm for this project, which has been running since June 2021, when some of it had to be done online. We hope to organise a social event for the group, including Ingried, in the not-too-distant future.

- *Poetry trail*
Simon Taylor, Alan Reid and Alison are still planning to walk the trail.
- *ACA website*
Jose is still working on the new website and transferring information across from the old one. Both sites are currently "live."
- *Aberdour Local Community Action Plan (Church Hall war memorial)*
The last LCAP meeting was held on 21 August, which Simon attended on ACA's behalf. A brief summary is that it is up to the community to form its own forum and to take that forward; the idea being to ask local residents what they would like for the village. The first meeting of the forum will be on Wednesday 9 October in the Institute. It was noted that there is no funding available for anything via Fife Council.

ST/AC

It was agreed that it is not necessary for ACA to be represented on the forum in a formal capacity, but that we must ensure that the Church Hall war memorial/missing names does not drop off the agenda.

- *HMS Tarlair*

Diana Maxwell has forwarded to Alison the additions required for edition three and Alison is working on incorporating them into the master document. June Bouaoun offered to speak to a neighbour who is involved in editing/publishing, but it was agreed that, before that, Alison will find out who published the second edition and ask them to quote for printing the third edition.

AC

James Martin purchased two copies of *Listen Up!* from Simon, who gave the cash to Alison tonight (£10 to go into the ACA bank account).

AC

Diana has two talks lined up for next year: on 11 February for the Probus group in Glenrothes, and on 11 March for the National Trust at the Aberdour Golf Club.

- *Aberdour Miscellany*

This is with Alison for checking/formatting, and Diana is going to look through old copies of the *Village News* for suitable photos.

AC/DM

- *Rambles around Aberdour*

A digital version is with Frank Glynn, to look at whether it can be listed on Amazon as a digital, print on demand file.

FG

- *Where are we from?*

Simon had suggested that we combine the Census information David provided with some of the personal stories that were submitted. He and Alison are still to get together to look at this.

ST/AC

- *Music and poetry evening*

The next music and poetry evening will be on Saturday 23 November, 7.30pm in the boat club. Alison is putting together a poster to circulate.

AC

- *Local history exhibition*

Simon had suggested at the last meeting that we use the photos from the 2014 local history exhibition for a 'walk through' led by Arthur. It was agreed that it would be good if we could link this with the launch of the *Aberdour Miscellany*.

- *Aberdour walks – Heritage Centre*

Simon confirmed that the third self-guided walk, about Aberdour's New Town, is now available as a downloadable pdf via our website on [Aberdour Walks | Aberdour Cultural Association](#)

Bill Rennie reports that they have reprinted the walk leaflets ('Walk to the Beach' and 'Place-names'), such was the interest. The Library should have copies but if they have run out they will contact him for more. They are happy to reprint again if necessary. Simon will check this out with the Library.

ST

- *'New' neolithic standing stone*

Simon asked David whether he might help with putting together a map to guide people to the stone.

DG

David commented that he is working on adding maps to the walks outlined by Andy Carnduff in the *Village News* a few years ago. It was noted that Mary Williams had submitted some walks information to the *News* during lockdown and it might be worth combining that with Andy's information.

- *Talk by Steven Blench*

We would like Steven to repeat his talk on Hugh Coventry, as well as the first part of his talk on Jane Dewar if possible. It was noted, though, that Steven and Ffi are moving away from the village, though Simon thinks Steven would be happy to come back to speak. A date in January or February would be good for the Hugh Coventry talk. Simon will check dates with Steven.

ST

David mentioned the contact he had from Hugh Coventry's family and suggested that we get in touch with them when Steve gives the talk. It was also suggested that the original list of volunteers (it is a copy in St Fillan's) might be lodged with the Dunfermline Archive.

DG

- *Aberdour plaques*

Simon has started making an inventory of existing signs, with more to be included when he, Alison and Alan walk around the poetry trail.

ST

Simon is still to contact Fife Coast & Countryside Trust about the new placing of the board at Black Sands.

ST

- *Fife Doors Open Day*

The lapidarium in 7 Seaside Place, Simon and Alan's house, was open as part of Fife's Doors Open Day, across the weekend of 21/22 September. It was agreed that it was a huge success (130 people over two days), although a lot of work. St Fillan's was open as part of the Doors Open weekend, too. It was suggested that it would be good to include a piece in the next *Village News* about the weekend and the places in Aberdour that were open as part of it.

- *Christine Kydd singing workshop*

This is to be held on Saturday 23 November, 11am to 4pm in the boat club (11am-1pm and 2pm-4pm with an hour for lunch). It was agreed that the cost will be £30 per person, to be paid in advance, and that we will limit numbers to 25. Alison will finish the poster soon and will advertise it via the ACA mailing list, Medieval Singers group, the ACA and Aberdour Noticeboard FB pages, as well as via Sing It and the Dalgety Bay Billboard FB page. Diana will advertise it to various singing groups, too. The poster includes Alison's contact details and she will ask people to pay cash or BACs to the ACA bank account up front.

AC

DM

- *Teinds barn*

Simon is still to contact Historic Environment Scotland about reinstating the Teinds barn on Hawkraig Road as a historic monument.

ST

- *Outing to the Royal Observatory in Edinburgh*

It was suggested that we might action this in January or February. Alison will contact the Observatory to check availability and time of visits.

AC

Any Other Business

- *Jose Eglinton*

Jose had suggested after the last meeting that he could perhaps stay on the committee as a non-attending member. It was agreed that it was not necessary for him to be a "formal" committee member, as we will keep him updated with progress via minutes of the meetings.

Date and time of next meeting

Our next meeting will be held on:

Monday 4 November 2024, 7.30pm – small hall, Institute.

Minutes copied to:

Steven Blench, June Bouaoun, Ingrid Boussaroque, Alison Chapman, Dot Clark, Jose Eglinton, Frank Glynn, David Graham, Susan Hunter, Diana Maxwell, Ruth Murray, Gillian Piper, Simon Taylor, ACA website.