

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8 September 2014, 7.00pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron, Chairperson	Philip Ward, Vice Chairperson
Margaret McArthur, Secretary	Anne Spruce, Treasurer
Sandra Rees, Minute Secretary	Linda Greig
Ian Cameron	Kirsty Wilson
Gemma Waghorn	Jim Lyle
Lisa Williams	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 15

Cllr Donald Balsillie (SNP)

Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Policy Officer, Clackmannanshire Council

PC Lauren Macpherson

Cllr Archie Drummond (Ind)

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Apologies Lynn Cameron opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
2	Apologies None	
3	Minutes of 2013 AGM Following discussion it was agreed that the post meeting note at item 9 regarding co-option of Community Councillors will be deleted. It was also agreed that copies of draft minutes will be made available to those attending all ACC meetings. Agenda will be displayed in Alva Community Access Point (CAP) one week prior to meetings. Minutes of the 2013 AGM were proposed by Linda and seconded by Phil.	
4	Matters Arising from 2013 AGM minutes As above.	
5	Chairperson Annual Report - Lynn Cameron Using funding from Awards From All, Alva Community Council (ACC) were able to purchase Christmas lights for 9 lampposts in the town centre and host a Fun Day / Pom Pom Fest / Community Week in May '14. A member of the public (MOP) crocheted coloured caps for the bollards in the town centre. Unfortunately some were stolen the first night they were out but following an article in local press most were returned with a note of apology and so the rainbow of colour on the bollards brightened up the town centre all during summer. Lynn and other members of ACC have received numerous positive comments from MOP's about the 24 planters and 24 hanging baskets that added to the explosion of colour in the town centre, these were bought with funding from EDF. The hanging baskets were located outside shops where the proprietor had agreed to water	

	<p>them, etc. There have already been requests from other shopkeepers for baskets next year and ACC hope to be able to provide these, subject to funding. ACC hope to get sponsors for the planters so that they will look good all year round. It is hoped to build on the Community Week next year to emulate the Tillicoultry one, Lynn encouraged MOP's to get involved. She explained that it's hoped to make bunting to hang between lampposts and that ACC would be in touch with community groups of all ages to start making pennants. While children got involved with baking competitions at the Fun Day there were no adult entries so next year there will be a craft competition instead. There was a Christmas shopping evening to celebrate the lights switch on. Lynn explained that it costs £1200 annually just to have the Christmas lights put up, taken down and stored, to help raise funds for this there are collections tins in many Alva shops. Other fund raising events have included a Christmas Fayre (in partnership with Alva Primary PTA). Lynn considers that ACC members have worked well together in the last year and extended thanks to Alloa Rotary, Alva schools and all others who have helped at any of the community events.</p> <p>Lynn commented that the appearance of Alva town centre is already improved following the partial demolition of the former Alva Glen hotel and as works continue to rid the town of this eyesore ACC are looking forward to seeing plans for development of the site.</p> <p>Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC) was damaged by fire on 3 Sept and is closed until further notice, OLC will be open 09.45 to 17.00 for 5 days 8th to 12th Sept '14 for refund of fees paid for lessons, etc. MOP, David Fraser added that there has been extensive damage and the way forward is unknown until results of an insurance claim are available. Meanwhile notice has been given to staff. Discussions are taking place with partners regarding funding, as OLC had been running as a business a good case can be made to continue. On behalf of ACC Lynn extended an offer of assistance if required.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Secretary Annual Report - Margaret McArthur</p> <p>Margaret explained that the issue raised by former Treasurer, Doreen Harvey had been sorted out and Alva Community Council (ACC) nominated her for Provosts Citizen of the Year Award in December 2013.</p> <p>ACC assisted several members of the public (MOP's) who brought concerns about vermin at the former Alva Glen Hotel.</p> <p>Margaret acknowledged that much of the work for community events mentioned by Lynn at Chairpersons Report was done by the Community Councillors who are on the Events Sub-Committee. ACC have two members on the EDF panel (Burnfoot Hill Community Fund) so we can tap into funding.</p> <p>Margaret extended thanks to staff at Alva Community Access Point (CAP) who have been most helpful with printing, etc, and particular thanks to Lynn Smith who gave access on two occasions for evening meetings when there had been blips in the councils booking system. She also thanked MOP's for their input to ACC.</p> <p>Margaret explained that due to ill health she had been unable to fulfil some of her duties as Secretary and Sandra had taken on these tasks. We will ensure that the Agenda will be on display in CAP one week before each meeting.</p> <p>Margaret confirmed she will be standing down as Secretary and not seeking re-election as an office bearer but will continue as a Community Councillor.</p>	
<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurer Annual Report - Anne Spruce</p> <p>Anne distributed copies of Alva Community Council (ACC) annual accounts that had been audited by Maureen Hill at Clackmannanshire Third Centre Interface (CTCI). Anne gave a resume of activities throughout the year regarding the financial receipts and payments for these.</p>	

	<p>A member of the public (MOP) asked why less had been received from Clackmannanshire Council that the previous year. Ann explained that there was no IT grant this year.</p> <p>The accounts were proposed by Margaret and approved by Lynn.</p> <p>Balances at 31/07/14:</p> <p>Main Account £ 756.00 Events Account £ 407.00</p>	
	<p>Office Bearers vacated their seats. Cllr Donald Balsillie agreed to be Independent Chairperson for the election process.</p>	
<p>8</p>	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Chairperson: Anne Spruce nominated Lynn Cameron, seconded by Kirsty Wilson. Lynn Cameron accepted this position.</p> <p>Donald Balsillie handed the chair back to Lynn Cameron for the remainder of the election process.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Lynn Cameron nominated Philip Ward. Seconded by Linda Grieg. Philip Ward accepted this position.</p> <p>Secretary: Sandra Rees nominated Linda Grieg. Seconded by Ian Cameron. Linda Grieg accepted this position.</p> <p>Treasurer: Lynn Cameron nominated Anne Spruce. Seconded by Philip Ward. Anne Spruce accepted this position.</p> <p>Minute Secretary: Linda Grieg nominated Sandra Rees. Seconded by Margaret McArthur. Sandra Rees accepted this position.</p>	
<p>9</p>	<p>Nomination of Conveners</p> <p>Education (incorporating School Council & PTA) Lynn Cameron nominated Gemma Waghorn. Seconded by Anne Spruce. Gemma Waghorn accepted this position.</p> <p>Environment (incorporating Parks & Alva Glen) Sandra Rees nominated Linda Grieg. Seconded by Gemma Waghorn. Linda Grieg accepted this position.</p> <p>Data Protection (incorporating IT & Website) Lynn Cameron nominated Philip Ward. Seconded by Anne Spruce. Philip Ward accepted this position.</p> <p>Health (including Alva Health Centre Patient Group) Anne Spruce nominated Kirsty Wilson. Seconded by Linda Grieg. Kirsty Wilson accepted this position. Note: Kirsty intimated that due to medical appointments she will be unable to attend the Public Partnership Health Forum on 16/09/14. However, she hopes to be able to attend the Alva Health Centre Public Forum on 22/09/14.</p> <p>Planning (incorporating Licencing Applications) Lynn Cameron nominated Linda Grieg. Seconded by Anne Spruce.</p>	

	Linda Grieg accepted this position.	
10	<p>Co-option of Community Councillors</p> <p>Lynn Cameron explained there currently 11 Community Councillors and scope to co-opt another one. Iain Craig expressed an interest and confirmed that he currently helps his wife with PTA events and has given classroom talks on military history. He's been involved with Aberlour Child Care Trust and Motorbiking for Disabled and as a 'hands on' person helped Alva Community Council with tents, etc, at recent events.</p> <p>A vote was taken and Alva Community Councillors voted unanimously to co-opt Iain Craig.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE: Jim has advised that <i>'Rule 9 of the Scheme for Establishment of Community Councils states that Councillors who have previously been co-opted on to the council cannot vote to co-opt on another councillor'</i>. Two Councillors had previously been co-opted so their votes don't count but does not change the outcome i.e. Iain Craig has been co-opted as a Community Councillor.</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 13 October 2014 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors. 7.30pm Public Meeting.</p>	