

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Meeting

Monday 13 October 2014, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present:  Community Councillors Not Present:

<b>Lynn Cameron - Chairperson</b> Sub Committee -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Philip Ward - Vice Chairperson</b> Convener - Data Protection / IT / Website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Secretary - Linda Greig</b> Convener - Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Convener - Planning Sub Committee - Sub Committee -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Anne Spruce - Treasurer</b> Sub Committee -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Sandra Rees - Minute Secretary</b> Sub Committee - Events	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Margaret McArthur</b> Sub Committee - Sub Committee -	
<b>Ian Cameron</b> Sub Committee -	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Kirsty Wilson</b> Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	
<b>Gemma Waghorn</b> Convener - Education inc School Council & PTA Sub Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Jim Lyle</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Lisa Williams</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Iain Craig</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

### In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

PC MacIntyre

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>  Philip welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.  He explained that Chairperson, Lynn Cameron and Margaret McArthur are tonight representing Alva Community Council at an EDF meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b>  Apologies from Kirsty Wilson and Lisa Williams	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 08/09/14</b>  Minutes proposed by Iain Craig    Seconded by Anne Spruce	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b>  Jim still considers that ACC have scope to co-opt another Community Councillor and had a meeting with Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Officer to discuss this but has agreed not to pursue it any further.  Jim expressed concern about references to items in the AGM minutes as these won't be approved until the next AGM in Sept '15. At the AGM on 08/09/14 it was agreed that all draft minutes will be made available to the public therefore the draft minutes of the AGM can be read alongside minutes of the regular meeting of 08/09/14.  Linda invited all Community Councillors to join her and Anne at Alva Community Access Point on Friday 17/10/14 at 6pm. This is to consider the feasibility of the meeting room on the first floor as a venue for ACC meetings.	
<b>5</b>	<b>Police Report</b>	

	PC MacIntyre attended and gave a report - attached.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>6.1</b>	<p><b>Vice Chairperson Report - Philip Ward</b></p> <p><b>Hanging Baskets and Planters</b> - Chairperson, Lynn Cameron was not in attendance as she was attending the EDF Burnfoot hill Community Fund Panel meeting on behalf of Alva Community Council (ACC). Phil gave her report; There have been good comments from the public about the hanging baskets and planters in the town centre. ACC are currently looking for volunteers to foster planter(s) so if you or your shop, club, group are interested please email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> or pop into Higgletry Piggletty for a chat.</p> <p><b>Pigeons</b> - On behalf of a MOP Phil asked Cllr Balsillie if Clackmannanshire Council completed a risk assessment regarding the pigeons prior to demolition Alva Glen Hotel as the birds are now homeless, massing in George and James Street. Cllr Balsillie advised that the risks considered included vermin but not specifically pigeons. (see item 9 - Former Alva Glen Hotel).</p> <p><b>Skate Park</b> - A MOP intimated that there is currently a petition in support of a skate park for Alva as a positive community benefit. Another MOP added that skate parks meet Clackmannanshire Council (CC) single outcome agreement and the one in Sauchie has helped reduce crime. Another MOP considers there is still time to apply to the Commonwealth Games Legacy 2014 fund. Linda asked the MOP's to let ACC know if there is anything specific we can do to help.</p> <p><b>Developer Community Benefit / Financial Contributions</b> - Linda asked Cllr Balsillie to confirm the 'Community Benefit' from Tigh Grain Ltd, developer of the land at the former Alva Academy who are building houses for Link &amp; Paragon Housing Association. Cllr Balsillie confirmed that there is unlikely to be any community benefit other than the 100% nomination rights that Clackmannanshire Council (CC) will have for the 48 'social rent' houses. Cllr Balsillie advised that CC are committed to the 'Making Clackmannanshire Better' initiative and he has encouraged ACC to develop a Community Action Plan to agree the collective will of people of Alva (see item 6.2). He explained that developers of other sites in Alva should give either a financial contribution or community benefit in accordance with the Local Development Plan (LDP). Following discussion it was agreed that Linda would write to Gordon McNeil, Head of Planning Service at CC with a request to set up a holding account / environmental fund for financial contributions for Alva. A Community Councillor asked for confirmation of the financial contribution or community benefit from the developer of the former Alva Glen Hotel site. Cllr Balsillie agreed to find out but considers it could be approx. £2,000 from each flat which will be for sale on the open market. A Community Councillor considers that CC did not keep previous promises and considers that CC should do the work required for a Community Action Plan, Cllr Balsillie clarified that CC would work in partnership with ACC. He added that land at the west of Alva is zoned for 400+ houses and reiterated that a Community Action Plan would generate a 'wish list' that would be discussed with the developer. A MOP considers that brownfield sites e.g. Berryfield, should be developed before the greenfield sites at the west of Alva. Cllr Balsillie agreed this is desirable but not always possible. CC had tried to do a deal with the previous owner of the Berryfield site to build the new Alva Academy but were unable to reach agreement. The current owner has planning consent, Cllr Balsillie agreed to find out if this has expired.</p>	Linda
<b>6.2</b>	<p><b>Secretary Report - Linda Grieg</b></p> <p><b>Community Action Plan</b> - Sandra explained that on Mon 29 Sept, Margaret, Anne, Iain and Sandra met with Cllr Balsillie, an initial meeting to discuss the way forward for Alva's Community Action Plan.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to set up a sub-committee to facilitate Alva's Community Action Plan. This was proposed by Jim and Seconded by Anne. Members of the sub-committee will be agreed at the next ACC meeting.</p>	

	<p>Sandra invited members of ACC to a meeting in Alva Community Access Point, 7 - 9 pm, 27 Oct to consider the way forward for the Community Action Plan Following discussion it was agreed this will be a public meeting, Sandra agreed to arrange posters, articles in local press and on ACC website / Facebook page and to invite Lesley Baillie. <b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b> Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Policy Officer, Clackmannanshire Council agreed to attend the meeting.</p> <p><b>Cllr Gary Womersley, Leader of Clackmannanshire Council</b> - Linda has received an email from Lesley Baillie with a request for Cllr Womersley and a Senior Manager to attend ACC's Nov or Dec meeting to deliver a budget presentation. It was agreed to accommodate Cllr Womersley at the November meeting.</p> <p><b>New Housing at Former Alva Academy</b> - Linda intimated that Link Housing Association are holding a drop-in event for the public to view proposals for the housing development at the former Alva Academy. Building is due to start on 27/10/14 and the contractor, Marshall Construction will be in attendance as will the developer and housing staff. The event is on Thursday 16/10/14 between 16.30 and 19.00. Cllr Balsillie encouraged attendance at this event.</p> <p><b>Training for Community Councillors - Practical Aspects of Consultation</b> Linda intimated that there are two interactive training sessions on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Oct and Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov, 10am to 2pm at Forth Valley College, Alloa. Linda, Margaret, Sandra and Iain Craig expressed interest in attending.</p> <p><b>Dissemination of Email from Single Point of Contact</b> - As Secretary, Linda is 'Single Point of Contact' and receives email from CC for consideration and forwarding onto other members of ACC as appropriate. Linda forwarded on the email regarding the aforementioned training but one Community Councillor expressed concern that some members had registered to attend prior to discussion and agreement at this meeting of who should attend. It was clarified there is no limit on numbers attending and that the training is open to all Community Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed that Linda should continue to forward email she receives as single point of contact.</p>	
<p><b>6.3</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce</b></p> <p>Anne confirmed bank account balances are:</p> <p>Main Account £1950.58 (Including the £600 administration grant from CC)  £96.95 has been spent on an amplifier, mainly for use at ACC meetings.</p> <p>Events Account £2586.90</p> <p>Following a query from a Community Councillor it was clarified that events had not run a loss as grants had been received for them.</p> <p>A MOP queried why the annual statement issued last month stated £38.00 for a poppy wreath as it cost £37.60. Ann explained that figures are rounded up or down to the nearest £.</p>	
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Convener Reports</b></p>	
<p><b>7.1</b></p>	<p><b>Convener Report - Environment including Parks and Alva Glen - Linda</b></p> <p><b>Pavement at A91 Alva to Tillicoultry</b> - Linda asked Cllr Balsillie what is being done about the unsafe condition of the original pavement alongside the A91 between Alva and Tillicoultry. The new cycle path, separated from the pavement by hedge/fence, runs parallel to the pavement which now has numerous large drains along it and are trip hazards. Cllr Balsillie considers the pavement is now obsolete and people should walk on the cycle path, he said the contractor is obliged to fix any outstanding issues during the snagging/retention period. A Community Councillor suggested that signs are put up stating the pavement is out-of-use. Cllr Balsillie will investigate.</p> <p><b>Fracking</b> - A MOP asked if ACC would consider inviting a representative from Friends of the Earth to a meeting to speak about fracking as a company has applied for permission to drill locally. Cllr Balsillie said that Westminster has identified Forth Valley as an area of development for fracking and extraction of coalbed methane, he clarified that the current request for permission is to Falkirk and Stirling Councils for drilling in Airth and other areas of Forth Valley. He went</p>	

	<p>on to say that Clackmannanshire is probably not suitable due to the amount of old coal mines but any application will be subject to a full environmental impact study. As ACC had a representative from Friends of the Earth to speak at the October '13 meeting it was agreed to speak to the Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) to discuss the possibility of an information sharing event which would represent both the positive and the negatives of fracking.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)</b></p> <p>The JCCF Convener was not agreed at the AGM on 08/09/14 and Jim confirmed he doesn't want to do it as he considers that other members of ACC are not interested in this forum to liaise with other Community Councils. Gemma attended the last JCCF meeting and will attend the next one in November. Gemma is the 'single point of contact' for ACC's correspondence regarding JCCF and following discussion it was agreed that she would be JCCF Convener.</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda</b></p> <p><b>Woodland Park Road</b> - Linda reported that the road to the Woodland Park will be closed from Monday 27 to Friday 31 October 2014.</p> <p><b>Local Development Plan (LDP)</b> - This was submitted to Scottish Government on 25/08/14 for examination. ACC and some individuals members of the community had made representations/comments/objections to Clackmannanshire Council about proposals in the plan (see mins of 13/01/14).</p>	
<b>7.4</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</b></p> <p>Margaret attended PPF in the Bowmar Centre on 17/06/14 on behalf of Kirsty - report to follow.</p> <p>MOP, Mary Dalrymple agreed to go to the PPF meeting on 16/09/14 on behalf of ACC and report back. The report wasn't presented on 13/10/14 but has been received as follows.</p> <p><b><u>PPF update from 16<sup>th</sup> September 2014 meeting</u></b></p> <p>Mary Dalrymple, former Alva Community Councillor, attended the Public Partnership Forum on behalf of Alva CC. The topic was "Your Voice in the NHS" and "Carers in Clackmannanshire"</p> <p><u>Your voice in the NHS:</u> This covered Person Centred Health and Care programmes both at home and in hospitals. Speaker was Mrs Arlian Mallis, who stood in for Mrs Helen Paterson, Associate Director of Nursing. She explained how NHS Forth Valley are trying to have people cared more at home and in their own communities by local services. This is in order to free up hospital beds, especially when it is not a surgical case.</p> <p><u>Carers Centres in both Falkirk and Clackmannanshire:</u> Speakers - Ian McCourt and Holly McGoldrick. A DVD was shown of some young carers and their daily roles within their homes. 202 new carers identified in Clackmannanshire over the last year.</p> <p>Address for contact details as follows: Falkirk and Clackmannanshire Carers Centre Ludgate Centre Mar Place ALLOA FK10 2AD</p> <p>TEL: 01259 226838</p> <p>Website: <a href="http://www.carersfalkirk.org.uk">www.carersfalkirk.org.uk</a> and <a href="mailto:youngcarers@centralcarers.co.uk">youngcarers@centralcarers.co.uk</a></p>	

	<p>Young carers and Befriending Project Manager, Holly McGoldrick. Email: hollymcgoldrick@centralcarers .co.uk</p>	
<b>7.5</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</b></p> <p>Facebook - Phil advised ACC now has 244 followers of our Facebook page. Twitter – Alloa and Clackmannan Community Councils are retweeting ACC items</p> <p>A Community Councillor considers that ACC should've agreed to the £35 expenditure for registering with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) prior to the payment being made. Following discussion the consensus was that at the April, May and June meetings ACC had considered this matter and agreed in June that we should register. It was acknowledged that the June minutes do not specifically mention agreement to the £35 expenditure.</p>	
<b>7.6</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</b></p> <p>Gemma reported that Alva Academy 6<sup>th</sup> Year pupils hosted another McMillan Coffee Morning on Friday 26 September. £25,347.12 has been raised so far with money still to come in.</p> <p>Alva Academy is the UK's No'1 fundraising school for MacMillan Cancer Support and are the first school ever to have raised over £100,000 for the charity.</p> <p>On behalf of ACC Linda asked Gemma to pass on congratulations to pupils of Alva Academy.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p> <p>Members of sub-committees will be agreed at the next meeting.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Clackmannanshire Council</b> - Cllr Balsillie intimated that the new Redmill Primary School has opened in Alloa, merging two former schools. Also in Alloa the Speirs Centre has reopened after refurbishment as a community hub including the library, registration office, customer services, etc.</p> <p><b>Alva Glen Illuminations</b> - Cllr Balsillie reported the success of Alva Glen Heritage Trust Illuminations in the glen on 13 September.</p> <p><b>Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC)</b> - Cllr Balsillie attended a meeting to discuss the future of OLC (a.k.a Alva Swimming Pool) following closure in September '14 after a fire in the main electrical control panel. He confirmed that OLC did well in the recent Clackmannanshire Council review of leisure services and encouraged ACC when discussing the Community Action Plan to bear in mind that this is still a community asset.</p> <p><b>Former Alva Glen Hotel</b> - Demolition is almost complete, Cllr Balsillie confirmed that plans for the site have not yet been received. Continuing on from the discussion about the homeless pigeons around the area of the former hotel (see item 6.1) Cllr Balsillie clarified that they are wild birds and as such are protected. In theory it's possible to apply for a licence to remove them but this is unlikely to be granted due to the town centre location and they are not causing crop damage or issues with public health. He agreed to speak to the Environmental Health Department about pigeons flocking around George and James Street.</p> <p><b>Old Cinema</b> - Cllr Balsillie confirmed Business Advisors from CC have met with the owner regarding poor appearance of the front of the building and he is planning to speak to the owner again. The owner is not legally required to</p>	

	upgrade the outside of the building (report in March '14 minutes).	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Protocol</b> - Following discussion it was agreed in principal that members of ACC will meet to discuss our governing documents i.e. Constitution and Standing Orders, etc.</p> <p><b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b> Alva Community Access Point (CAP), 7pm is the venue for this meeting on Thursday 06/11/14. This is an information/training session for members of ACC, not a public meeting. Lesley Baillie will attend.</p> <p><b>Communications</b> - Linda asked MOP's not to put notes through her letterbox but to put them in ACC's zip folder in Alva Community Access Point or email to <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>ACC Place of Meetings</b> - Cllr Balsillie confirmed that Alva Primary is reluctant to open up in evenings. However, Alva Academy could accommodate ACC meetings but he acknowledged that most members of ACC and MOP's consider the location on the outskirts of town to be unsuitable as there is no bus service to the school and lack of street lighting all the way makes it unsuitable for walkers. He clarified that Clackmannanshire Council will pay costs of hiring any venue for ACC meetings. As agreed at item 4 members of ACC are invited to meet at Alva Community Access Point on Friday 17/10/14 at 6pm to consider again the feasibility of the meeting room on the first floor as a venue for future ACC meetings. Ann Comrie confirmed that Alva Baptist Church hall will be available for the next meeting on 10/11/14.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - Monday 10 November 2014 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



# Police Service of Scotland

## Community Council meeting

Name of  
Community Council:

**Clackmannan Community Council**

**Clackmannanshire East Ward 5**

Foreword:

**There are currently no national or local campaigns ongoing within Clackmannan.**

From 24<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 there has been six reports of smashed windows in Alva, including Alva Scout Hall and addresses nearby. It is believed that local youths are responsible for these vandalisms.

Police Scotland appeal for any witnesses to these incidents.

Police Scotland continue to seek information relating to the misuse of controlled drugs.

Crime Reports

**Since 5<sup>th</sup> September 2014 to 5<sup>th</sup> October 2014 there has been 24 crimes recorded**

**Antisocial behaviour**

3 Breach of the Peace

**1 Assault**

**3 Domestic Assaults**

**1 Purchase alcohol for youths**

**Vandalism**

7 Vandalisms

**Acquisitive Crime**

4 thefts of purses or handbags from persons within private premises.

2 Shoplifting

**Speeding/Road Traffic**

3 minor Road traffic offences



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Other Incidents of note:

**On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2014, there was a report from The Bottle Shop that a male had purchased alcohol and suspected to have passed it to youths. Please bear this in mind, if you are approached by youths asking you to obtain alcohol, please refuse and let us know about it.**

Total Crime Reports:

**Of the 24 recorded crimes recorded in Alva, 10 have been detected and 14 remain undetected with enquiries ongoing.**

**It is clear that these figures suggests that residents in Alva, live in a very safe area.**

% of Overall Detection Rate:

**The overall detection rate for Alva is 40 % The national average being only 51%.**

PACT :

Police and Communities Together (PACT)

**Community Police Officers have identified that that youth disorder in Alva are Police Scotland's' main priority due to the numbers of vandalisms and youth disorder phone calls from the public.**

**Any other issues which are deemed as a priority should be mentioned at the Community Council Meeting..**

Feedback from meeting: