

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 9 February 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present: Community Councillors Not Present:

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

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 7 PC Brennt Chambers
Councillors Donald Balsillie, Archie Drummond, Bobby McGill

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Sandra Rees & Margaret McArthur	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 12/01/15 Proposed by Iain Craig Seconded by Gemma Waghorn	
4	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes None.	
5	Police Report PC Brennt Chambers attended and gave a report - attached.	
6	Office Bearers Reports	
6.1	Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron	

	<p>Lynn has been asked to contact Glenochil Prison regarding the supply of a wooden bench. The contact at the prison has been busy so far and not responded. Lynn will chase him over the coming weeks.</p>	
<p>6.2</p>	<p>Secretary Report - Linda Grieg</p> <p>Budget consultation</p> <p>I have sent a letter to the CEO at Clacks Council providing feedback on the consultation process and the proposals that it sets out in the Budget Consultation for 2015/2016.</p> <p>The letter included the following points raised by members of the community & CC's</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • our disappointment at the time scale given in which to liaise with community and to put together a written response. • our concern about the “Changes to Services” and “Reducing of Services” elements of the online survey as there was little information available in regard to what these services actually involve, and what they cost now. People have said they struggled to give valuable answers to these parts of the questionnaire. • the lack of face to face forums where people could gather information and ask questions. • ACC strongly opposes the closure of the Community Access Point and the services that it provides and will do all it can to support the community to ensure that this facility remains open. The proposals contained in the Clackmannanshire Council Budget Consultation paper will have a major adverse impact on the access to services of the Alva Community. • Alva Primary does not seem to have any room for extending the building and it would be inappropriate for members of the public to have access to the building as it stands during school hours. This is a matter of the safety and security of our primary school children. <p>Policies</p> <p>I have sourced the four policies ...H&S, Equal Opportunities, Protecting vulnerable adults and protecting vulnerable children.</p> <p>I will email them outI have 3 hard copies for those who would prefer.</p> <p>Please can you give feedback positive or negative With a view to adopting these at March meeting.</p> <p><u>Local Transport Strategy Consultation</u></p> <p>1 response at present....ACC response needs to be in by 16th Feb</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>6.3</p>	<p>Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u></p> <p><u>Expenditure</u></p>	

	<p>Community Action Plan - £1960 Christmas Lights storage - £2000</p> <p>Balance to date £1555.87</p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u></p> <p>£200 received from Clackmannanshire Council to cover donation to Alva Baptist.</p> <p>Balance to date £1919.78</p>	
7	Convener Reports	
7.1	<p>Convener Report - Environment including Parks and Alva Glen - Linda</p> <p>Benches for the park</p> <p>I have met with Clacks Council Landscape design officer and he has agreed to place four benches in the park there is a diagram of where they were asked to be placed for anyone to look at the end of the meeting.</p> <p>Grow Wild funding for the cycle way between Alva and Tillicoultry. ACC and AGHT were asked to explore further a proposal to combine our projects. I met with a representative from AGHT and we agreed and have since been given a conditional offer of funding for both projects from grow wild.</p> <p>We are now in the process of liaising with other groups and organisations to take these projects further.</p> <p>Support may be required from other CC's I may need IT help from Phil for Grow wild profile page Support for press releases Anne....Beavers participate in activities in Glen Volunteers to support events I will email the work schedule...this has times and dates but is flexible. I will update at next meeting</p> <p>Plaque</p> <p>The plaque is ready to be collected and to be delivered to the hall where they will arrange to have it placed...I will pass on details of where to collect it if someone can organise when the hall is open, confirm where its going etc.(Donald Balsillie has volunteered to do this)</p>	
7.2	<p>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Gemma</p> <p>Gemma reported that at the next meeting members of the emergency services will be giving a safety presentation.</p>	
7.3	<p>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda (inc' Sub Committee - Planning and Environment - Linda , Margaret, Ian)</p> <p>Nothing to report this month.</p>	
7.4	<p>Convener Report - Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</p> <p>PPF - Clinical Services Review held in Alloa. Only 20 members of the public were in attendance. Subject was about getting NHS and social work to work together better. Anyone with questions regarding this should contact Karen Maclure, the Patient Focus and Relations Manager on karen.maclure@nhs.net. The next CTSI meeting will be in Sauchie on 18/02/2015. Kirsty will attend.</p>	

7.5	<p>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</p> <p>Facebook / Twitter – A steady increase of likes and followers. Exact numbers were not available but can be found on our twitter and facebook pages.</p>	
7.6	<p>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Gemma reported that Alva Academy pupils did well in their prelims.</p>	
8	<p>Constitution and Standing orders</p> <p>Updated Constitution and standing orders were distributed. Lesley Baillie has checked them to make sure that the content is legal, and they were accepted by Alva Community Council.</p>	
9	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p>	
9.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra & Iain</p> <p>Funday is scheduled for May 23rd. Leaflets have gone out to the schools to ask for help in producing bunting for the town. The full programme for the day has yet to be decided but it will not be as busy as last year. Anyone wishing to have a table at the funday should contact Lynn at Higglety Pigglety.</p> <p>Tasks for the day have been allocated. Anne will organise first aid.</p> <p>Queen's Baton Relay plaque has been made and is ready to be installed. Linda to email details to Donald Balsillie who will arrange for the council to install it in the Cochrane Hall.</p>	
10	<p>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPlan)</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p> <p>Next meeting of the steering group will be 18th February in Number 5.</p>	
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>The council have received two petitions recently regarding rumoured closure of Community Access points, and buses. Donald emphasised that there is no desire among any of the political parties on the council to close CAPs, but warned that in light of recent budget cuts there may be a need to reduce opening hours.</p> <p>Since the cold winter has not significantly reduced the amount of pigeons in the town the council have decided to take decisive action over the next few weeks. An update will be given at the Community Council meeting.</p> <p>There are plans afoot to create an Alva to Alloa cycle route via fishcross. Donald asked us if we could endorse these plans.</p> <p>Donald mentioned an idea to have a bench erected in the park in memory of Scott. Donald will provide text for a donation appeal, Lynn will coordinate with the council and Iain will speak to Craig Rennie regarding it.</p> <p>This year Visit Scotland are promoting Scottish food and drink. Alloa District improvement project have put in a bid to Visit Scotland to help us put on our own local food and drink event.</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond</p> <p>Archie mentioned that he is aware that Police performance last year dipped. This is attributed to the amount of man power needed for the Commonwealth Games and Ryder Cup.</p> <p>There are still a lot of unpaid council tax bills, some going back as far as 1994. Demands have gone out to the debtors.</p> <p>Recently 54 local secondary age pupils were sent on a safety in driving event organised by the emergency services.</p> <p>Cllr Bobby McGill</p> <p>Bobby mentioned the bad timing of the budget consultation. He also mentioned</p>	

	that because of centralisation there is less local intelligence known by the local community police.	
12	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Iain mentioned issues that have been brought to his attention by local residents. James Street and the surrounding area is bad for dog fouling. Despite speed bumps there is a problem with speeding in James Street, with some people using it as a rat run to avoid the Brook Street / Stirling Street junction.</p> <p>There has been a spate of youth disorder in the are recently. Brook Street Motors are using James Street to park customers' cars and their own vans. While not illegal local residents consider it a nuisance.</p> <p>A MOP asked if the old railway line track could be turned into a proper walking path to meet up with the road to Tullibody at Menstrie. Donald suggested that this be considered as part of CAPLan.</p>	
13	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 9 March 2015 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	

Police Report

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

09/02/2015

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 933 Brentt Chambers, one of the Community Policing officers stationed at Alloa Police Office. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e.mail at brentt.chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Since your last meeting on 12/01/2015 we have recorded 9 undetected crimes and 10 detected crimes for the Alva area.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Since the last meeting, we have 3 recorded crimes linked with anti-social behaviour and relate to the following:-

1 local male reported for Noisy Party/Disturbance and Resist Arrest in Cobden Street.

1 local male reported for a BOP and Assault in the Bottle Shop, West Stirling Street on the 25th January 2015.

1 local female reported for a BOP and Assault in Cobblecrook Gardens on the 26th January 2015.

We have also made the use of Social Media sites to highlight these issues across Clacks.

I am regularly in contact with the complainer(s) to keep them informed as to our course of action.

VANDALISM

Since the last meeting, we have 5 recorded crimes relating to vandalism and are as follows:-

Vandalism to a parked vehicle in Minto Gardens, on the 16th January 2015, which remains undetected at this time.

Vandalism to a property in Erskine Street, whereby a front door was damaged on the 17th January 2015, which remains undetected at this time.

Vandalism to the Parkland Day Centre, West Stirling Street whereby the property was damaged on the 19th January 2015, which remains undetected at this time.

Vandalism to the tyres of a vehicle parked in Rhodders Grove on the 26th January 2015 which remains undetected at this time.

Vandalism to the Masonic Lodge, Ochil Road whereby the property was damaged on the 27th January 2015, which remains undetected at this time.

Local community officers have been engaging with members of the public and business owners who have had property damaged with the numerous vandalisms which occurred over this period, resultant of this community engagement a number of local youths have been identified as being possibly responsible for some of these incidents. In response to this, local officers are currently liaising with the schools to deal with the youths responsible for these.

However, enquiry still ongoing into all of the above, however if anyone has any information with regards to same please call 101.

VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, we have 2 recorded crimes relating to violence and are as follows:-

1 local male reported for a BOP and Assault in the Bottle Shop, West Stirling Street on the 25th January 2015.

1 local female reported for a BOP and Assault in Cobblecrook Gardens on the 26th January 2015.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

We have 7 crimes relating to theft of which 3 are detected and 4 are undetected. They are as follows:-

Theft of lead from the garden of a property on Beauclerc Street, on the 14th January 2015 which remains undetected at this time.

Theft by Shoplifting from Co-Op Stores on the 20th January 2015 for which a male has been traced and reported for the incident.

Theft by Shoplifting from Co-Op Stores on the 22nd January 2015 for which a male has been traced and reported for the incident.

Theft by Shoplifting from Co-Op Stores on the 25th January 2015 for which a male has been traced and reported for the incident.

Wooden shed broken into and bicycle taken from East Stirling Street on the 27th January 2015 which remains undetected at this time.

Wooden shed and summerhouse broken into and off-road motorbike taken from the garden of a property in Greenhead on the 29th January 2015. One of the sheds was thereafter burnt down but this remains undetected at this time.

Wooden shed broken into in Cochrane Crescent on 5th February 2015 however nothing taken, this remains undetected at this time.

Enquiries are ongoing in relation to all of the above however I would like to remind residents to ensure that no property is left lying out unattended or clearly visible for opportunists to take.

ROAD TRAFFIC

To date we have 1 detected road traffic offence for a minor road traffic offence and the relevant tickets issued or report submitted.

A change in the limit for drinking and driving has now been in effect since the 5th December 2014 which provides a lower limit of 22 micrograms in 100 millilitres of breath where it was previously 34 micrograms.

This will undoubtedly allow the Police to make our roads safer and, with the publicity circulated by Police Scotland, hopefully decrease the number of persons reported for this offence.

I think it is prudent to mention to all residents that the new lower limit will mean that even the smallest amount of alcohol could easily put someone over the limit. The risks are not worth the cost of losing your licence and the subsequent consequences (financially or otherwise).

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Officers are continuing to carry out intelligence lead stop/searches of persons within the local area for drugs, weapons and alcohol where appropriate to prevent and deter crime.

There have been a couple of isolated incidents which the CID are currently carrying out enquiry, however are not community related.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant