

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 14 September 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"/>
Linda Greig - Secretary Convener - Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Sub Committee - 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 Convener - Planning Sub Committee - Planning Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	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"/>
Ian Cameron Sub Committee - Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kirsty Wilson Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Iain Craig Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Minute Rota - Iain Craig, Linda Greig, Sandra Rees , Anne Spruce, Phil Ward Community Councillor in BOLD did these minutes. Linda will do the October mins.			

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 15
PC Ryles

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Cllr Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed members of the public (MOP) to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Kirsty Wilson	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 08/06/15 Proposed by Ian Cameron Seconded by Iain Craig	
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Cycle Route (item 10) - Linda asked Cllr Balsillie for an update as at the June meeting he said Sustrans needed volunteers for wild flower planting. Cllr Balsillie replied that he is keen to get a group of Community Councillors from Alva and Tillicoultry together to progress this.	
6	Police Report PC Ryles attended and gave a report - attached	
7	Office Bearers Reports	

7.1	Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron Nothing to add to report given at AGM prior to this meeting	
7.2	Secretary Report - Linda Grieg Nothing to add to report given at AGM prior to this meeting	
7.3	Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce Nothing to add to report given at AGM prior to this meeting	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	<p>Convener Report - Environment including Parks and Alva Glen - Linda</p> <p>Linda asked Cllr Balsillie for an update on the following issues raised at the June meeting;</p> <p>Benches for the park – Benches have still not been placed in the park. Cllr Balsillie will bring an update to the October meeting.</p> <p>Alterations to Greenhead Playpark and others. – Cllr Balsillie confirmed work to the Greenhead park is complete. Work in the Nethergate park is 75% complete.</p> <p>Play Equipment at Alva Primary School – Cllr Balsillie explained it was not possible to complete this before the start of the new term in August.</p> <p>Sale of Land at former Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC) – Linda reported the growing concern within the community of Alva regarding the sale of land at the former OLC site, described on Clacks Councils website as “<i>Queen Street Alva FK12 5LY. The South site which extends to approx 0.55 hectares (1.35 Acres) accommodates the disused swimming pool building which is scheduled for demolition</i>”.</p> <p>ACC has sent a letter to CEO to ask that Clackmannanshire Council clarifies on behalf of whom they are selling the land and that they provide ACC with a copy of the deeds or other form of disposition for the land. ACC are waiting to hear from the Head of Legal Services at Clacks Council regard this matter. Cllr Balsillie stated that Clackmannanshire Council will return land to Johnstone Park that was borrowed to build the old Alva Academy that is now demolished. Following discussion Cllr Balsillie said he’d attempt to get legal evidence of the exact area that should be returned to the park.</p>	
8.2	<p>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Gemma</p> <p>Gemma attended the JCCF meeting in August in the Dollar CAP office. Ross Haggart, Area Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and Chief Inspector Drew Sinclair, Area Commander, Police Scotland spoke about Operation Core Initiative. This is a four-month operation across Falkirk, Stirling and Clackmannanshire that will focus on drug supply, violence and road safety.</p>	
8.3	<p>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda (including Sub Committee - Planning and Environment – Linda & Ian)</p> <p>Former RBS site – Linda confirmed there is an application for a licenced shop on this site, she clarified that ACC did not submit any representations. Some members of the public (MOP) consider Alva doesn’t need another shop selling alcohol. Cllr Balsillie confirmed the licence to sell alcohol is being considered tomorrow. There have been 10 objections but these are from other providers. Cllr Drummond said there is no evidence of over provision.</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel Site - No planning application yet.</p>	
8.4	<p>Convener Report - Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</p> <p>Kirsty was absent. MOP, Mary Dalrymple, read her report – attached.</p>	

	<p>POST MEETING NOTE: A note with the following was received after the meeting with a request to include it minutes.</p> <p>PPF – The next meeting is on Wednesday 30 September 2015, 7pm to 9pm in Sauchie Community Hall, Mar Place, Sauchie, FK10 3EA. Tea and Coffee available from 6.30pm. The topic will be ‘Your Voice in the NHS’. Agenda – Election of one service user representative and one substitute for appointment to the Strategic Planning Group for Health and Social Care Integration. Presentation: NHS 24 by Davie Morrison, Participation and Equalities Manager.</p>	
<p>8.5</p>	<p>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</p> <p>Phil intimated that he has reregistered ACC with the Information Commissioners Office (ICO). Cost is £35 for 12 months.</p> <p>Alva Community Council has 400 Facebook ‘likes’.</p> <p>Phil reported that our server was with a Scottish company XAVVO but they have been bought over by a USA company, ASTUTIUM. Following discussion it was agreed to keep the existing provider, even if they are no longer a Scottish company.</p>	
<p>8.6</p>	<p>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Gemma reported that S6 are preparing for this years McMillan Coffee Morning on 25 September, 10am to 12 noon at Alva Academy.</p> <p>Gemma confirmed the changes to the times of the school day are proving popular with an early finish on Fridays.</p> <p>Alva Primary School - September Report - Sheona Craig</p> <p>Linda introduced Sheona Craig. Sheona is Chairperson of Alva Primary Parent Forum at Alva Academy. It was unanimously agreed that Sheona will attend ACC meetings to give a report or send it via email to be read out.</p> <p>There are currently 2 parent groups within Alva Primary School</p> <p>The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) whose function is fundraising through a programme of events that are aimed at providing fun for children a and their families. Funds raised are used to enhance the children's experience at Alva Primary .</p> <p>The Parent Council (PC) is an elected group that represents the wider parent forum and has input into budget, policies within the school and appointment of senior staff. Recently the parent forum has been involved in appointing a new head teacher. This has coincided with a large change of staff within the school as a result of retirement and promotion both within Clackmannan and beyond.</p> <p>Both groups will be working on projects throughout the year with 4 key areas of development</p> <p>Literacy , numeracy and the concept of growth mindset. Growth mindset allows for the concept of "yet ". For example I can't do my times tables yet but if I try and use effort I will be able to do them. The concept is applicable across the whole curriculum and builds in resilience, and a sense that hard work and effort is rewarded and acknowledged.</p> <p>Playground development: Currently working group looking at this. We are moving playground equipment that was obtained second hand from amalgamation of schools into Redwell and aim to improve general outward appearance of the school. We are in process of applying for outside funding for playground area .</p> <p>Communication: We now have better website, although still some teething</p>	

	<p>problems, a Twitter account and are looking into putting a notice board at school gate.</p> <p>40th Anniversary celebrations: The current building is 40 next year and the intention is that both parent groups will collaborate on a mixture of events to celebrate. We have a dedicated face book page and are looking for any pictures, memorabilia etc that people would be willing to have us display. We will also be looking for the oldest surviving Alva Primary pupil and the youngest</p>	
9	Sub Committee Reports	
9.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra & Iain</p> <p>No Report</p>	
9.2	<p>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Sandra, Margaret, Anne, Lynn, Linda, Gemma & Iain</p> <p>Sandra confirmed that the Steering Group met on 9 June and chose an independent analyst. We met again on 9 September to peruse the draft report and agreed alterations. The final report is due by 30 September.</p> <p>Copies of the draft Community Action Plan were circulated to those attending.</p> <p>£1000 Donation from Mr J Marshall of Marshall Construction- Sandra will write to Mr Marshall on behalf of ACC / CAPlan Steering Group to accept the offer of £1000 towards the Community Action Plan and thank him for this generous contribution.</p>	Sandra
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>Budget Savings - Cllr Balsillie confirmed £13m has been taken out of Clackmannanshire Council's budget. There will be consultation, more will be known around November. One item to be considered is creation of a community hub at Alva Primary School.</p> <p>Special Meeting - Cllr Balsillie confirmed Clackmannanshire Council are holding a special meeting soon to discuss their response to the current refugee crisis in Europe.</p> <p>Land at Former Alva Academy - Cllr Balsillie explained that after several delays work on the eco-housing at Erskine Street/Queen Street is scheduled to commence in December.</p> <p>Former Cinema - Cllr Balsillie said he is liaising with Clackmannanshire Council's Environmental Health department regarding the aesthetics of the former cinema that is now a meat processing factory.</p> <p>Pigeons - Cllr Balsillie explained that 425 pigeons have now 'been dispatched' and operations have ceased.</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond</p> <p>Pigeon Clean Up - Lynn asked when the pigeon mess clean-up will commence. It was clarified that the owners of each property/shop is responsible for this. Sandra asked if the 'unpaid work squad' be able to do it if property owners signed a disclaimer. Cllr Drummond agreed to look into this.</p> <p>Changes of Personnel in Emergency Services - Cllr Drummond confirmed Ross Haggart is the new Area Manager, Scottish Fire & Rescue Service (SFRS) and the new Police Scotland Area Commander is Chief Inspector Drew Sinclair.</p>	

	<p>Memorials - Cllr Drummond intimated that there is an event in Tillicoultry main street on Sun 27 September at 2pm. The event will focus on two gentlemen from Tillicoultry who were awarded the Victoria Cross in 1915.</p> <p>Overgrown Bushes - A MOP asked what can be done when bushes from a private garden are overgrown and blocking the pavement for others. Cllr Drummond confirmed that Clackmannanshire Council can cut the bushes. He reminded people about the 'Report It' facility on Clacksweb.</p>	
11	AOCB	
11.1	Wall at Back Road - A MOP asked what is being done about the hole in the drystone dyke at the perimeter of the Johnstone Park at Back Road. It has been fenced off for at least 3 months. Cllr Balsillie confirmed there is an ongoing wider survey of the whole wall and he will bring an update to the next meeting.	
11.2	Co-option of Community Councillors - Lynn confirmed there are currently only 9 Community Councillors and there is scope to co-opt another two. ACC will prepare a person specification and advertise in due course.	All
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting - AGM Monday 12 October 2015 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14/09/2015

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 528 Reggie Ryles, one of community constables with the responsibility for Ward 2 - Clackmannanshire North and I am stationed at Alloa Police Office.

There are two Community Policing Sergeants (Graham Cadden & Catherine Sharkey) and they are stationed at Alloa Police Office. If you require to make contact direct catherine.sharkey@scotland.pnn.police.uk or graham.cadden@scotland.pnn.police.uk

In the last month, we have recorded 17 crimes for the Alva area: 8 are undetected and 9 are detected.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In the last month, we have 2 recorded crimes linked with anti-social behaviour as detailed below. These incidents have been detected.

On 13th September 2015, at Glebe Crescent, Alva, a male has behaved in a threatening and abusive manner. This was a domestic incident and not linked to any other issues. Enquiries are being made to trace the male.

On 26th August 2015, at Craighorn Road, Alva, a male was reported for threatening and abusive behaviour. This was a domestic incident and not linked to any other issues.

VANDALISM

In the last month, we have 3 recorded crimes relating to vandalism and are as follows:-

On 12th September 2015, a car mirror has been smashed at Henry Street, Alva. A group of youths have been seen in the area and enquiries continue to identify these persons.

On 3rd September 2015, a van has been scratched at Johnstone Street, Alva. A named male has been identified and efforts continue to trace him.

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED



On 21st August 2015, 2 front windows have been smashed at Dalmore Drive, Alva. Enquiries are now concluded and this remains undetected.

VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, we have 3 recorded crimes relating to violence and are as follows:-

On 2nd September 2015, an assault occurred at Alva Academy. This involved a juvenile male pushing a juvenile female. There was minor bruising caused as a result of this and the male will be referred.

On 30th August 2015, an assault occurred at Craighorn Road, Alva. This involved one male being kicked, punched and struck with a bottle. Enquiries are continuing to identify and trace the 3 males responsible.

On 30th August 2015, an assault occurred at Cochrane Road, Alva. This involved one juvenile male being punched to the body and struck to the face with a football. Enquiries are continuing to identify and trace the 2 juvenile males responsible.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Since the last meeting, we have 4 recorded crimes relating to theft or aggravations thereof, which are as follows:-

On 13th September 2015, a theft of bicycle occurred at Southcroft, Alva. This bicycle was recovered by police and one male was reported.

On 5th September 2015, a theft occurred at Co-op, Alva whereby 2 bottles of spirits were stolen by a female. Enquiries continue to identify and trace the female.

Between 21st and 26th August 2015, a theft occurred at Rhodders Grove, Alva whereby a wooden bench was stolen from a garden. Enquiries continue to identify the person(s) responsible.

On 15th August 2015, a theft occurred at The Bottle Shop, Alva whereby 4 cans of cider were stolen by a juvenile male. He has been traced and will be referred.

ROAD TRAFFIC

Since the last meeting, we have 4 recorded road traffic offences, which are as follows:-

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED



On 08 September 2015, a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour whilst in a motor vehicle and thereafter failing to provide a breath test at the roadside and failing to provide a breath test at a Police Station.

On 31st August 2015, a male was arrested for Drink Driving at Park Street, Alva.

On 23rd August 2015, on the A91, a female was issued a fixed penalty for speeding.

On 23rd August 2015, on the A91, a female was issued a fixed penalty for No MOT.

I would again like to encourage anyone with any information regarding persons who drink and drive or use drugs and drive to contact us on 101. The information will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and will assist in making your community and roads safer.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

On 13th September 2015 at Lovers Loan, Alva, a male was arrested for Breach of Curfew Bail and reported.

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

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

Health Report incorporating PPF and Alva medical Practice Patient Group
September 2015

Various meetings and discussions have been held in Forth Valley Health Board re: the changing presentations of healthcare throughout Stirling and Clackmannanshire.

ALLOA/SAUCHIE:

- 45 bed hospital for frail and mentally frail older people
- 3 storey health centre with 4 G.P. surgeries including G.P. out of hours service
- 2 storey day care hospital
- 2 storey mental health unit

Healthcare system based and integrated with social care. Focus will be on prevention, anticipation and **supported self-management** of illness with community Out Patient services for adults and children over 2 years old. Under 2's to be treated at FVRH. These services include the following:

Physiotherapy; Podiatry; Dental and Speech therapy along with Occupational Therapy.

Advise and help can also be given for Antenatal; Dermatology; Diabetic Retinal Screening, A.A.A screening (Abdominal, Aortic and Aneurysm) as well as Sexual and Mental Health.

STIRLING:

- 116 Bed integrated care hub with 4 G.P. practices
- G.P. out of hours service with X-Ray and Ultrasound facility
- Minor Injuries
- Scottish Ambulance Service (Base and workshop)
- Care Village Housing - Still at design and planning stage

Issues to be dealt with regarding the following:

Hate Crimes, Religious differences, homophobia, Equality, Marriage/Civil Partnership, Age - collectively known as "protected characteristics". Discrimination will not be tolerated. Forth Valley Health Board will aim to have equality of opportunity and good relationships between different groups. Staff will work to this brief.

ALVA MEDICAL PRACTICE PATIENT GROUP:

July meeting was cancelled and next now is on September 24th 2015. Unfortunately author is on holiday and is unable to attend.

1. Update on passenger transport. **NO** Sunday service at all - the whole service is falling away probably due to lack of use. Further information could be kept at health centre - not bus station.
2. Diabetes update - Awareness days have been held. Packs issued with lots of helpful information. Mr Bob McQueen can be contacted for advice and assistance from mentors.
3. G.P. services in Forth Valley. Still problems with finding and keeping enough G.Ps. Alva was asked by Alloa if they could take 1200 extra patients but they cannot do so as all out systems would be overstretched. Alva have no problems meantime.
4. Nurse Triage. May be the way to go so that all patients don't really need to see a doctor. Nurses would need training and privacy.
5. Staff update: 2 new part-time GPs starting plus 1 returning – adequate level. Still problems getting nurse and health visitors, not enough trained staff available.
6. Patients failing to attend- Texting reminders have been unsuccessful. Staff do not have time to chase "no shows". Same core of patients who do not seem to understand how big a problem this is and how it affects other patients who need appointments. "Rolling screens messages in waiting room" was suggested but is it preaching to the converted?

Notable dates:

Flu date 12th October.

Shingles injection for people aged between 70 and 79 years old - also October

NB: FROM 27TH OCTOBER FOR 2 - 3 days EMERGENCY APPOINTMENTS ONLY.

Pharmacy will assist with any non-urgent cases. This is due to new computer systems being installed.

Tullibody Park has been reprieved, so health centre plans go back to the drawing board. No more information at present.

Finally, a reminder that Dr Joan Clark is retiring at the end of September.

Author: Kirsty Wilson - Health Convener