

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 12 October 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson Sub Committee- Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	LC	Philip Ward – Vice Chairperson Convener – Data Protection / IT / Website	PW
Secretary – Linda Greig Convener – Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - Licensing & Planning	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	AS
Sandra Rees Convener - Planning Community Action Plan Coordinator Sub Committee - Events	SR	Kirsty Wilson Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	KW
Ian Cameron- Sub Committee - Licensing & Planning	ICa	Iain Craig Sub Committee – CAPlan Sub Committee - Events	ICr
Gemma Waghorn Convener – Education inc School Council & PTA Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	GW	Community Councillors in attendance – Lynn, Phil, Linda, Ian, Kirsty & Iain. Minutes – Linda	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 8

PC Leigh Allan & PC Brent Chambers

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Apologies from Anne Spruce, Sandra Reese & Gemma Waghorne A member of the public passed on apologies from both Cllr Balsillie & Cllr Drummond	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 14/09/15 Item 11.2 Action by to change from Linda to All	SR
4	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes None	
5	Police Report PC Leigh Allan & PC Brent Chambers attended and gave a report. Part of the report stated that from 16 November 2015 PC James Millar will be Alva's Community Police person along with PC Brent Chambers. PC Leigh asked ACC if we could liaise with the local community regarding the potential dangers caused by parking on pavements in residential areas. There has been an incident where a fire engine was hindered whilst	PW LG SR

	<p>attending an emergency due to cars being parked on both sides of the street. ACC will place a notice on facebook, website and local newspaper.</p> <p>During the report officers highlighted the issue of doorstep crime. There are booklets being delivered to households in Clackmannanshire to help Beat Doorstep Crime. Inside the booklet is a leaflet describing how you can be a nominated neighbour to help reduce crime against older & vulnerable members of our community. These booklets are also available from Alloa Police Station.</p>	
6	Office Bearers Reports	
6.1	<p>Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron</p> <p>Hanging baskets - Some hanging baskets have been taken down those that are still blooming will stay for a few more weeks. ACC would like to thank all shopkeepers for looking after the hanging baskets this year. ACC discussed with men’s sheds the possibility of the group watering the baskets & planters on Stirling Street however there are not enough members of the group for this arrangement to be sustainable.</p> <p>ACC would like to thank those responsible for the beautiful display of flower pots at the corner of Stirling Street & Copland Place Alva.</p> <p>Old Cinema - Members of the community confirmed that the old Cinema has been washed down in preparation for painting.</p> <p>EDF – at the EDT review meeting it was announced that ACC would have the opportunity to award local un-constituted groups with small grants. This arrangement has still to be formalised. Update will be given at next monthly meeting.</p>	
6.2	<p>Secretary Report – Linda Grieg</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The secretary has had trouble with her own personal computer & ACC correspondence has become an issue. Following discussion it was decided that ACC would look at purchasing a laptop for the Secretary to use for ACC business. The budget was set at £200 - £300. • The Community Access Point’s (CAP) new working hours are now in operation. Bookmarkers with all the relevant info were made available. More of these can be sourced from the CAP. • ACC have submitted an application for funding from the Town Centre Communities Capital Fund. If successful the money will be spent on improvements to Stirling Street. This will involve members of the community getting the chance to vote for Alva’s application in order to secure the funding. Update to be delivered during CAPLan report. • Councillors were asked to confirm that they are looking to co-opt councillors and agree the process for this. Those in attendance agreed that LC & LG could start to prepare a person specification & bring it to the next meeting. It was agreed that all CC’s would have the opportunity to have their input into the person specification prior to advertising. • ACC are to meet with Stuart Crickmar Head of Services to discuss Council and Community Priorities.....the meeting will give us a chance to tell Stuart what our Communities priorities are and to ask him questions 	<p>PW LG</p> <p>SR</p> <p>LC LG</p>

	<p>about how Clacks Councils cut backs will affect the local community. It was proposed that ACC invite Stuart to a CAPlan meeting. All those in attendance agreed as it seems most relevant to the work the CAPlan steering group are doing in regard to what the Alva community priorities are as stated in the survey for the Community Action Plan. During discussions many questions were raised, these have been collated for the meeting.</p> <p>This info will be passed to ACC CAPlan coordinator for the suitable arrangements to be made.</p>	LG SR										
6.3	<p>Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p><u>Treasurers Report</u> <u>October 2015</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Special Events</u> Balance is £4475.58. The only expenditure to go through since the AGM balance is £31.14 for medals for Alva Games 2016. We were a medal short this year so decided to get more for next year and save on postage. £1516.80 is still ring-fenced for the action plan. <u>Ordinary Account</u> Expenditure since the AGM balance is as follows <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Poppy wreath</td> <td>£33.20</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Checking of accounts</td> <td>£30.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Secretary’s expenses</td> <td>£18.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>AGM expenses</td> <td>£7.89</td> </tr> <tr> <td>IT expenses</td> <td>£35.00</td> </tr> </table> Balance is £1683.50 Anne will apply to the Council for the admin grant as soon as the draft minutes from the AGM are available. 	Poppy wreath	£33.20	Checking of accounts	£30.00	Secretary’s expenses	£18.50	AGM expenses	£7.89	IT expenses	£35.00	AS
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7	<p>Storage for ACC resources – ACC is in need of storage for its resources. It was suggested that we could source a container from Clacks Council and look at getting planning permission to have it situated on an empty lock up space on Cobden Street.</p> <p>Discussions of who would transport the container from A to B took place, LC will research.</p> <p>The container in question needs emptying. The men’s shed’s group may be interested in its contents. ACC will ask them when we have permission to place the container.</p> <p>The question of insurance was raised it was agreed this will be funded from the admin budget as will any other costs incurred.</p>	LC LC LG										
8	<p>Newsletter - ACC has been asked by a member of the community to consider producing a Newsletter. After discussion it was decided that this would require some amount of commitment and no community councillor has the time available at present to commit to this project.</p> <p>It was suggested that ACC support a member of the public to produce a newsletter but it was decided that this would also require time that the community council does not have at present.</p> <p>It is something that ACC may consider in the future.</p>											
9	<p>Dog waste bags – The issue of the council having ceased to provide the community with free dog waste bags was discussed. It was agreed that ACC would approach the Council with the suggestion that the CAP still provide the bags but at a small fee. This way the community would be able to purchase good quality biodegradable bags & so protect the local environment. It was also stated that some elderly resident found it convenient to collect there bag’s</p>	ICr										

	whilst attending too personal business at the CAP. Some feel they have lost a valuable service.	
10	Convener Reports	
10.1	<p>Environment including Parks and Alva Glen – Linda</p> <p>Sale of land at Queen Street....no reply as yet from the Team Leader of Legal Services at Clacks Council. The last correspondence from Clacks Council was on 9th September 2015 where the CEO advised that she had asked the Team Leader, Legal Services to respond direct to ACC.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that the legal documents are important if ACC are to support the community with their concerns regarding the sale of this land.</p> <p>Councillors discussed the next step and it was agreed that the Secretary would approach Cllr Balsillie and Cllr Drummond to support ACC to locate the appropriate documents.</p> <p>It has been brought to ACC's attention that there is a manhole in the grounds of the former Alva glen hotel without a cover over it. ACC will contact the land owner.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>LG</p>
10.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)</p> <p>ACC have still to nominate a convener this will be on the November agenda</p>	LG
10.3	<p>Planning / Licencing Applications – Sandra</p> <p>Sandra was not in attendance. Linda gave the report i.e. nothing to report.</p>	
10.4	<p>Health Convener – Kirsty</p> <p>Nothing to report at this meeting the Next Public Partnership Forum meeting is next week.</p>	
10.5	<p>IT/Website / Data Protection – Philip</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.6	<p>Education – Gemma</p> <p>Gemma was not in attendance.</p> <p>Sheona Craig - Sheona is Chairperson of Alva Primary Parent Forum at Alva Academy provided ACC with this Alva Primary Report.</p> <p>New head teacher settling in well & already putting her stamp on the school.</p> <p>Main work for the last month has been concentrated on setting up 4 groups looking at 40th anniversary celebrations, literacy, numeracy & growth mindset, playground development & communication.</p> <p>Constitution; discussion around changes to the constitution will go out to the wider parent forum after the October break.</p> <p>We have been assisted by a variety of parent's carers and the pupils in terms of general playground improvement. One skip filled already with broken redundant stuff and garden waste.</p> <p>Usual fundraising underway with PTA's first disco of the year a success and soon to have Halloween disco. New timings for this type of event is working well.</p> <p>Children's input to CAPlan; Head teacher is happy to help & suggests map that children can put post-its on and a wish list for younger children.</p>	

	<p>News that Stirling & Clacks are to separate in terms of budget & all other responsibilities has not yet had an impact on the school. All interschool initiatives will continue as planned even if cross boundary.</p> <p>Budget meeting on 21st October for parent council. Alva Academy has a new parent chair in post.</p> <p>Alva Academy has raised over £30000 for Macmillan Cancer Support & there is still more money to come in. It was agreed this was a fantastic effort by all involved.</p>							
11	Sub Committee Reports							
11.1	<p>Events - An application for £2,500 has been submitted to the Co-op Local Fund for 3 tiered planters. (Each tiered planter is £725 plus plants at £108.33 = £833.33). The application required someone to vouch for us and Rev David Fraser agreed to do this.</p> <p>We will be contacted by 13 Nov to confirm whether we are one of the 3 finalists in Clackmannanshire. Member voting starts on Mon 16 Nov and we will need members of the Alva community to vote for us. If successful we'll get funds from Jan 16.</p>							
11.2	<p>CAPlan The Community Action Plan was received from our analyst on Friday 9 Oct. The Steering Group are meeting on Monday 19 October to consider our next steps and if we think any minor tweaks are required to the Action Plan a member of the Steering Group will do them prior to the document being made available to the public. It should be on the Community Council website by the end of October.</p> <p>We've received £1000 from Mr Marshall for the work of the Action Plan. Sandra will write a letter of thanks. The Steering Group will discuss on 19th whether we should get a photo/press article to publicly thank Mr Marshall and also promote the Community Action Plan.</p> <p>Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund. A bid for £25,000 has been made to the Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund. This £1.7m fund is available to support enterprising, community-led projects which help to deliver town centre regeneration priorities in a local area. Community organisations were invited to bid for pots of between £20k and £150k capital funding to support projects which are in line with the key themes set out in Scotland's <i>Town Centre Action Plan</i>. The Deadline for applications was 29th ptember and if we are successful the money must be spent by the end of March '16.</p> <p>In anticipation of the funds being awarded - A member of the Steering Group, David Fraser has been appointed as Project Co-ordinator. All members* of the Steering Group have agreed to help.</p> <p>The £25k will cover a facelift for 'pilot projects' along the main street and can be offered as % matching grants to property owners.</p> <p>Grants to shop-owners for enhancement - £15,000 Signage - £4000 Lighting - £3000 Landscape improvements/art - £3000</p> <p>Of course, none of this will happen if we are unsuccessful in our bid for funds.</p> <p>Current Members of the Steering Group are:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Community Councillors</td> <td>Members of Public</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Sandra Rees</td> <td>David Fraser</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Iain Craig</td> <td>Eilidh Johnstone</td> </tr> </table>	Community Councillors	Members of Public	Sandra Rees	David Fraser	Iain Craig	Eilidh Johnstone	
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	<p>Lynn Cameron Anne Spruce Gemma Waghorn Linda Grieg</p> <p>Donald Balsillie Anne Stewart</p> <p>Questions were asked on how £3000 would be spent on lighting. After Discussion it was agreed that more details from the application would be available at the next meeting.</p>	SR
12	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>There were no Councillors in attendance.</p>	
13	<p>AOCB Minutes - It was agreed that Councillors would endeavour to have the draft minutes prepared & placed in our folder in the CAP 7 days prior to the next monthly meeting. It would then be necessary to replace the draft mins with the approved mins asap. All agreed that we could rely on each other for this to be achieved.</p> <p>113 Stirling Street - A member of the community asked if there was an update on the licensing application for 113 Stirling Street. Another member of the community confirmed that the license had been granted and added that they could confirm this as they were in attendance when the licensing court met to discuss the application for 113 Stirling Street.</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 9th November 2015 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
12/10/2015

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 421 Leigh Allen, attached to the Community Policing team based at Alloa Police Office. You can contact us by calling 101 or by email to the Community Policing Sergeant.

In the last calendar month, dating from 15 September 2015 – 12th October 2015 we have recorded 15 crimes.

7 of these remain undetected with possible lines of enquiry and 8 are detected (3 Road Traffic offences).

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

In the last calendar month, we have 2 recorded crimes linked with anti-social behaviour and relates to the following:-

Local male and female reported for s38 Criminal Justice and Licensing (s) Act (threatening and abusive behaviour) and resist arrest at Henry Street, Alva 26.09.2015.

Local male reported for vandalism and s38, Westhaugh Cravan site on 01.10.2015.

We have also been carrying out increased high visibility patrols at weekends, in the local areas, to tackle anti-social behaviour and will continue to do so.

VANDALISM

In the last calendar month, we have 4 recorded crimes relating to vandalism and are as follows:-

Smashed window at flat in Stirling Street overnight between 18.09.2015 and 19.09.2015. No further lines of enquiry.

VIOLENCE

In the last calendar month, we have 0 recorded crimes relating to violence.

Police Scotland treats Domestic Abuse as a very high priority and to quote the Chief Constable "Police Scotland will not tolerate domestic abuse. Working with our many

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partners in the public and voluntary sector, we will tackle it and we aim to prevent it destroying the lives of its victims”.

I would like to encourage anyone with any information or concerns regarding Domestic Abuse to contact us on 101.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

In the last calendar month, we have 4 crimes relating to theft in the Alva area which are as follows:-

Between the March and Sept this year – Theft of earrings, Beauclerc Street. Lines of enquiry.

Family issue - Theft by housebreaking (02.10.2015) Female reported.

Attempted Housebreaking – between 02.10.2015 – 05.10.2015 – The Mortgage Centre, Stirling Street, Alva. Damage to locking mechanism.

Theft of a girls pink bicycle from garden in Coblecrook Gardens. This occurred between 07.10.2015 – 10.10.2015. There is currently a number of outstanding enquiries.

ROAD TRAFFIC

3 Road Traffic offences in Alva area.

No MOT

VREC issued – defective lights.

Take and drive away a motor vehicle / fail to stop / fail to report. James Street and Stirling Road on 25.09.2015

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Racial abuse directed at male on Stirling Street, Alva. 09.10.2015. Possible lines of enquiry.

Domestic section 38. Male reported.

Reported minor fire at Strude Mill, Alva. Fire attendance restricted due to parked vehicles on Braehead / Robertson Street. Issue being addressed by Council and Fire Service.

Operation Core

Road Traffic initiatives
Drug offences

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Violence

Operation Monarda

Door step crime leaflets re Bogus Workmen.
Input re-postal competitions

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING