

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 9 November 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, Philip Ward Community Councillor in BOLD did these minutes. Anne will do the December minutes.			

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 15

Cllr Donald Balsillie

PC Ryles

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed members of the public (MOP) to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Linda Greig	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 12/10/15 Proposed by Iain Craig Seconded by Ian Cameron	
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None	

5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Unsafe parking was mentioned by the Police at last month's meeting. A notice has been put in the local paper as well as on our website, facebook and twitter.	
6	Police Report PC Ryles attended and gave a report – attached.	
7	JCCF Convener Gemma Waghorn accepted the role of JCCF convener as proposed by Anne Spruce and seconded by Philip ward.	
8	Office Bearers Reports	
8.1	Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron Storage: We have use of the container at the school. We have to empty it before we can use it but we already have the key for the container and the back gate. We need to arrange emptying. No more information about Cobden street space. Donald Balsillie reported that a request gone in to the council and he is awaiting a reply. Lynn discovered that the garages are council owned. The container is for the storage of Alva Community Council assets. Shona suggested community payback could be used to clear the Cobden street space. Lynn will check this out. Regarding school container, Donald to get in touch with ACE recycling to get it emptied.	
8.2	Secretary Report – Linda Grieg A letter from Andrew Wise was read out regarding the sale of the land next to Johnstone Park. Sandra objected to letter from Andrew Wise, its details do not go far back enough. We still believe that the Council do not have right to sell the land. David Fraser recommends Margaret Wilson may know enough. Mr Marshall stated that OLC is on Johnstone land. Donald stated Johnstone family gifted park to Alva. A Committee was established to manage the land. During this process the committee handed the land to Alva Borough council. The Council's legal services say it is now council land. The posts that have been installed are there because Donald asked for the land to be marked out. They show council's position. Sandra says that a clause exists that the land should go back to the park if the school is no more. Kirsty believes that Murray Cochrane may have maps and old information that may help us to determine true ownership of the land. David Fraser agreed that the letter does not answer the request to which it was responding. Liliias Barron may know. Ian Anderson may know (Sandra to ask) Bill Emslie will ask Games Committee. Phil will put something on the website asking for help.	
8.3	Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce Ordinary Account: £600 Community Council grant received from Clackmannanshire Council. We have spent on a Santa suit and Grotto for the Christmas Fayre. Balance £2080.51 Special Events Account: £1000 donation received from Mr. Marshall to help with the Community Action Plan. Christmas light collection boxes have raised £162.83. 46p interest earned on the bank account. £139.60 spent on Cochrane Hall hire for Christmas Fayre, £500 for survey, £399 survey printing leaving a balance of £4600.27, £1617.80 of which is ring fenced for the action plan.	

9	<p>Alva Academy Malawi report</p> <p>10 children from Alva Academy planning a trip to Malawi. It will cost them £3250 each. They want to set up fundraising. They asked CC for money. We are willing to help them with fundraising activities but not give our own money.</p> <p>We are to receive £1500 from EDF which is to be given to community projects in the form of micro grants. Lynn to provide micro grants info to them. They will need to apply on the appropriate paperwork to get a grant from this money. We will offer them a table at Christmas Fayre, Linda to write to Shona Rigston.</p>	
10	<p>Convener Reports</p>	
10.1	<p>Convener Report – Environment including Parks and Alva Glen – Linda</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.2	<p>Convener Report – Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) – Gemma</p> <p>Next meeting scheduled for November 26th.</p>	
10.3	<p>Convener Report – Planning / Licencing Applications – Sandra (including Sub Committee - Planning and Environment – Linda & Ian)</p> <p>Nothing to report.</p>	
10.4	<p>Convener Report – Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</p> <p>Kirsty reported on the facilities she had discovered at the Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Redbrae Road, Camelon, FK1 4DD. It's a facility for people with sight and/or hearing loss. Services include five meeting and conference rooms, multi-sensory room, sensory garden (including opportunities for users to work in the garden), low vision clinic assessments, interview/counselling room, IT suite including computer classes, kitchen area, a guide dog run (where guide dogs can get some good exercise), cafe and free wifi. They also run activities including reading, choir, Qi Gong, dining club, guitar workshops and braille classes. For more information and bookings call Jackie Winning at the centre on 01324 590888.</p> <p>In a recent meeting with the manager of Forth Valley Royal Hospital it was revealed that admissions, referrals and ED usage was rising to worrying levels, and that delayed discharge (where a slow discharge process means beds are not being freed) is a problem.</p> <p>Alva Medical Practice are intending to implement a nurse triage system, where patients can first see a nurse who may be able to help. Triage will not be mandatory, but choosing to see a nurse will help speed things up.</p> <p>Dr. Hays successfully completed his 100 mile bike ride and raised £1300 for water aid. The new IT system has been successfully installed and is working.</p>	
10.5	<p>Convener Report – IT/Website / Data Protection – Philip</p> <p>The publication of the Community Access Plan has caused some activity on facebook. Plenty of people are now visiting our page.</p> <p>Phil looked into procuring a laptop and docking station with a good warranty. He recommended an Asus laptop at £170 from PC World, and a docking station at £90 from Amazon. A PC care plan is available from £3 a month. This expenditure was agreed in principal. David Fraser stated that Ochil Leisure Enterprises are winding up shortly and they have a laptop that needs a home. He will see if it is</p>	

	possible for us to have it, so computer purchasing is on hold until we find out.	
10.6	<p>Convener Report – Education – Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>The Halloween disco fundraiser went well and a Christmas Fayre fundraiser is planned for December. The Parent Council group are meeting in December.</p>	
11	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p>	
11.1	<p>Sub Committee – Events – Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra & Iain</p> <p>A “Taste of Co-Op Christmas” event is to take place in Alva Parish Church Hall on 26th November between 7pm and 9pm. Linda asked for volunteers to help run a stall for the Community Council. Phil will produce some photos for the stall from our Fun day, Christmas lights and grow wild events.</p> <p>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). 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.</p> <p>Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On</p> <p>Christmas celebrations are kicking off in Alva on Saturday 28 November with the Christmas Lights Switch-On and Christmas Fayre. A special guest has been asked to perform at the Fayre and to ‘flick the switch’ for the tree lights but arrangements are still to be confirmed.</p> <p>Alva Community Council are hosting the event in the Cochrane Hall, Alva from 2pm featuring an array of delightful stalls selling gifts and crafts from local groups and businesses.</p> <p>The Christmas Fayre will bring a warm glow for the community and lots of smiling faces in anticipation of the festive season. We hope that Santa and his Elves may be able to visit, there will be a grotto ready for him just incase. Alva Academy Dancers will perform and Alva Primary School Carol Singers will also enchant the crowds with several songs during the Christmas Fayre and there will be face painting, refreshments and tombola.</p> <p>Tickets for the event will be available at Higglety Pigglety, price (to be confirmed) includes entry plus tea, coffee or juice and cake also a tot of mulled wine at the lights switch-on. Alternatively, pay on entry if there is spare capacity in the hall. Anyone who would like to have a stall at the Fayre or would like to donate tombola prizes should phone 07979 476 466 or pop into Higglety Pigglety to speak to Community Councillors, Lynn or Ian Cameron. Alternatively email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE: Stevie McCrorie, 2015 winner of BBC’s ‘The Voice’ will be ‘flicking the switch’ at the Alva Christmas Lights Switch On at 4pm after entertaining the crowds in the hall at 3.30pm approx.</p>	
11.2	<p>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPlan)</p> <p>Note of Steering Group meeting 19/10/15</p> <p>CAPlan Steering Group Chairperson – Sandra Rees was appointed as Chairperson of the CAPlan group following the resignation of Margaret McArthur from the Community Council and the CAPlan Steering Group due to other demands on her time.</p>	

CAPLan Final Report – Received from the Independent Analyst on 9 October and after a few minor tweaks by Eilidh it was sent for printing and 400 copies received on 30/10/15.

Copies now available from Alva CAP and Higglety Pigglety for members of the public and will be circulated to Alva businesses, shopkeepers, groups, schools, etc. The report is on ACC's website and Facebook page along with notes of the meeting on 19 Oct and a Timeline of Activity between April and October. An email has been sent to the *CAPLan Progress Group with a link to the report (*those who indicated on their survey that they wanted to be kept informed).

Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser, Clacks Council put the report in a shared folder that all Council Services can access. June Anderson, the community council representative on the Community Planning Partnership, will also ask for it to be presented to the next Alliance meeting (10am 4th December) for endorsement. That means that all the main public agencies know of its existence, not just Clackmannanshire Council.

Sandra will email Elected Members, etc a link to the report. Clackmannanshire Council will consider the content of the report when planning works in Alva funded by the 'Village and Small Town Centres Initiative'.

Note of the Steering Group meeting on 02/11/15

£1000 Donation from Marshall Farms A letter of thanks has been sent to Mr Marshall along with a copy of the CAPLan report.

Local Community Plan £2000 Grant from Clackmannanshire Council (CC) On 29/10/15 Sandra emailed CC's Lesley Baillie with application for this grant. The money is for the Community Council to allocate to one or more community projects which tangibly demonstrate delivery on the local community plan in their area. Lesley has clarified that there would be no objection if we decided to use this money for a Charrette.

The CAPLan group currently has funds of approx £1600 and with the £2000 Clacks Council have offered as a CAPLan grant the balance will be £3600.

Charrettes Programme An application for a Charrette (planning event) has been submitted to Scottish Government (SG) for £3000. If successful SG would match that so there would be £6000 for a project. The Charrette would be to draw out a streetscape for the town centre with visualisations, etc. Clacks Council may be able to provide materials such as maps, plans, photos, documents and officer time before, during and after our event(s) which will take place in January / February 2016.

Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund A bid for £25,000 has been made to the Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund. 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 *Town Centre Action Plan*. The Deadline for applications was 29 September and if we are successful the money must be spent by the end of March '16.

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. The £25k will cover a facelift for 'pilot projects' along the main street and can be offered as % matching grants to property owners.

Also on 02/11/15

Meeting with Head of Service, Stuart Crickmar Alva Community Council (ACC) received an invitation from Clackmannanshire Council (CC) for dialogue with Head of Service, Stuart Crickmar to discuss council priorities and those of the Alva community to inform the council's budget process. At ACC's meeting on 12/10/15 it was agreed that it was relevant to the work of the Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Steering Group as community priorities are set out in the recent CAPlan report. The Steering Group and other members of ACC (Kirsty) met with Stuart on 2 Nov in Alva CAP and discussed items on the council's 'Programme of Review' document. No decisions were made which commit either ACC or CC to anything.

Development of settlement hubs (inc utilisation of Community Access Points (CAP's)) We discussed proposals for a Community Hub at the Primary School including concerns about loss of playground space, disabled access, we asked if the public would only have access to it out-of-school hours? If not, then there is an issue of security for pupils. Would we then lose Alva CAP?

Stuart explained Clacks Council (CC) must reduce costs and want to integrate as many services as possible to create staff efficiencies, etc, and the use of CAP's is declining. As part of the School Estates review CC are looking at the possibility of creating a campus incorporating Alva Primary, Alva Academy and community facilities. There are already community facilities at the new Alva Academy but these are not used to their full potential due to the location of the school.

Review of enforcement activity (litter, dog fouling) Dog waste bags are no longer free or available at Alva CAP, this is inconvenient for elderly and vulnerable who are in the habit of getting them there. We suggested CAP sell them to prevent effects on environment.

Stuart said he would look into this but cash handling in CAP's is an issue as it incurs additional staff for security etc. A dispensing machine was suggested.

Business case for on and off street parking Parking difficulties in Alva town centre was among the top responses in the CAPlan report.

Stuart explained this item relates mainly to Alloa. However there was discussion about lack of disabled parking spaces in Alva town centre.

Review of residential provision for adults (Menstrie House)

Business case for Housing with Care in Tillicoultry The Local Development Plan includes a request for Housing with Care in Alva so that older people don't have to leave town when they require care and support.

Stuart is unaware of any plans for Housing with Care in Alva.

Review of youth and sports services Alva CAPlan highlights the need for improved access to sports services in Alva. We asked Stuart about the future of easter and summer sports camps and suggested more parents would use them if programmes were issued sooner than two weeks before they are due to commence as working parents need to plan much further ahead than two weeks.

Stuart agreed to pass on comments to the appropriate department.

Review of School Crossing Patrols No plans for change in Alva.

Review of play areas and development of strategy. We asked if there were any plans for change in Alva, if so to ensure there is consultation as there was none when the Greenhead park size was reduced. Also work commenced the first week of the school Easter holidays 2015 and was not complete for the start of the Summer holidays.

Comments noted and the group were advised that there will be one 'destination park' in each settlement. Equipment in other small parks will not be replaced.

Review of surplus assets and disposal strategy The sale of the land at the old swimming pool has come up and been recorded as a concern at ACC meetings. ACC has a

	<p>mandate to raise the principle of being consulted on the disposal of the land.</p> <p>Stuart confirmed the use of public space in a key location in Alva comes under the terms of the Community Empowerment Act. It is not too late for ACC to have a say in how the land is used or to discuss in theory the transfer of the property to community ownership / management.</p>	
12	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Lynn read out a letter regarding the broken clock on the wall between 40 and 42 Stirling Street.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie recommends a Town Centre Enhancement fund application for getting it fixed. He will raise this with the planning service.</p> <p>The council are currently going through services to see what can be cut. Westminster have imposed £23 million in savings. We can expect more cuts to be announced so the impact will be harder.</p> <p>The building of new Eco homes will hopefully start in January. The manufacturing company was wanting an interim payment which the Scottish Government would not countenance. Also Link housing were not happy with the council having 100% nomination rights.</p> <p>Ochil Leisure Centre demolition is scheduled for December or January.</p> <p>Three feasibility studies have been undertaken for renewable energy schemes. Suggestions included Hydro power, Using glassworks waste for heating, ground source heat from local mine works and investment in photo-voltaic cells on council buildings.</p> <p>The council are recommitting to open Tillicoultry Glen.</p> <p>A preferred bidder has been approved to purchase and develop the Glenochil Nursery site.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire are taking in two families of Syrian refugees.</p>	
13	<p>AOCB</p> <p>None.</p>	
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 14th December 2015 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



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First Class Post

Date: 14 October, 2015

Dear Mrs Greig

Land for Sale - Queen Street Alva FK12 5LY

I refer to your letter of 06 September 2015 to my Chief Executive, which was passed to me for reply. Please accept my apologies for the delayed reply as unfortunately I was not able to attend to this prior to my going on annual leave.

With regard to the clarification sought by you regarding the ownership, I can confirm that the Council owns the land which "accommodates the disused swimming pool building".

In response to your request:-

1. The Council is selling the land on its own behalf.
2. The land accommodating the swimming pool building was transferred back to the Council from Ochil Leisure Enterprises in January 2015 and was duly registered in the Land Register of Scotland. As requested I enclose a copy of the Disposition transferring the land (and buildings) back to the Council.

Yours sincerely,

Andrew G Wyse
Legal Services Team Leader



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
09/11/15

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 421 Leigh Allen, one of community constables with the responsibility for Ward 1 - Clackmannanshire West and I am stationed at Alloa Police Office. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e-mail at leigh.allen@scotland.pnn.police.uk . Since your last meeting in October 2015 we have recorded 13 undetected crimes and 18 detected crimes for the Alva area.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Since the last meeting, we have 7 recorded crimes linked with anti-social behaviour as detailed below. These incidents have been detected.

On 15th October 2015, at an address in The Nethergate, Alva 2 males were acting in a threatening and abusive manner. Both males were local and were arrested for their conduct.

On 17th October 2015, at Johnstone Street, Alva, a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 17th October 2015, at Brook Street, Alva, a male was issued with a Fixed Penalty for a Breach of the Peace.

On 18th October 2015, at The Nebit, Alva, a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 23rd October 2015, at a school in Alva, a pupil was threatened with violence. One fellow pupil was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 1st November 2015, at Cleuch Drive, Alva, a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour and vandalism.

On 4th November 2015, at Stirling Street, Alva, a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour.



VANDALISM

Since the last meeting, we have 6 recorded crimes relating to vandalism and are as follows:-

Between 12th October 2015 and 13th October 2015, at The Cochranes, Alva a wall was subject to graffiti. There are no suspects in relation to this and no further enquiry to be completed.

Between 17th October and 18th October 2015 a vandalism occurred at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva whereby a window was smashed. Enquiries are continuing.

Between 17th October and 18th October 2015 a vehicle was vandalised in Park Street, Alva. Enquiries are continuing.

On 24th October 2015, a window was smashed at an address in Courthill, Alva. Enquiries are continuing.

On 25th October 2015, a vandalism occurred in Johnstone Street, Alva, whereby a fence was damaged. Again enquiries are continuing.

Between 2nd November and 3rd November 2015, offensive graffiti was found on a public footpath in Brookfield Place. There are no suspects in relation to this and no further enquiry to be completed.

VIOLENCE

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

On 17th October 2015 an assault and vandalism occurred within West Johnstone, Alva. There were injuries as a result of this incident and several suspects have been identified and enquiries continuing. This incident was linked to another incident reported involving the same persons whereby another assault occurred causing injury. A male was arrested and reported to the PF for this.

On 25th October 2015 a male was arrested for an assault and sending abusive text messages at an address in Johnstone Street, Alva.



ACQUISITIVE CRIME

We have 3 undetected crimes and 1 detected crime relating to theft which are as follows:-

On 17th October 2015, a Theft by Shoplifting occurred at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva whereby alcohol was stolen. CCTV has captured the incident and enquiries are continuing.

On 25th October 2015, a Theft by Housebreaking occurred at a shed within Erskine Street, Alva. Various items to the value of £990 were stolen. Enquiries are continuing.

On 28th October 2015, a Theft by Shoplifting occurred at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva, whereby £182 worth of alcohol was stolen. Enquiries are continuing.

On 6th November 2015, a male was arrested for Theft by Shoplifting at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva. He was also in possession of an offensive weapon.

ROAD TRAFFIC

To date we have 2 detected road traffic offences. These relate to a driver riding a motorbike on a pavement and a driver driving over the drink/drive limit.

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

We have had 2 incidents reported to us under the Stalking legislation. One enquiry is ongoing and in the other, a male has been arrested for this along with threatening and abusive behaviour and an assault.

Following drugs warrants being executed within Caroline Crescent and The Nebit, Alva, a high value of drugs were recovered resulting in a report to the PF.

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

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED



New Community Policing model starts on November 23rd 2015 with your new Community Ward Officer being PC 247 James Miller who can be contacted on 101 or james.miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk .

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED