

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Meeting

Monday 14 December 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

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

### In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10 Elected Councillors X 1 CllrDonald Balsillie

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies from Anne Spruce & Ian Cameron	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> 09/11/2015 Some dates and spelling to be checked.	<b>PW</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> None	
<b>5</b>	<b>Police Report</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PC Brentt Chambers attended and gave a report. Attached.</li> <li>ACC were asked if a group of young people from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers could attend an ACC meeting to give a presentation on what they do. This was agreed. ACC will liaise with PSYV to arrange a date.</li> <li>ACC raised an issue regarding the problem of parking on double yellow lines in Alva. Of particular note was Queen Street, where traffic travelling north to the junction with Stirling Street have to use the oncoming lane to access the junction due to cars parked on the double yellow lines next to the fast food outlet.</li> </ul>	<b>LG</b>



	<p>Takings were £1496.55, expenditure £1310.53 leaving a small profit of £186.02</p> <p>We have also paid £335.64 for the installation and switch on of the Christmas lights</p> <p>Balance on the account is £8590.25 of which £5282.16 is ring-fenced (£3617.80 – action plan and £1664.30 for the lights)</p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u></p> <p>Expenses this month- £30.00 for 2 gazebos and £2.70 for secretary expenses</p> <p>Balance £2047.81</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Environment including Parks and Alva Glen – Linda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is an unsafe sign on junction of Stirling Street and Cobden Street. Will be reported to the correct dept in Council.</li> <li>• Benches in the Park are a work in progress &amp; should be positioned soon.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JCCF are looking for someone to take over the organising of CC insurance.</li> <li>• JCCF are looking for a Vice Chair.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Planning / Licensing Applications – Sandra</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Application - The Woods Caravan Park have submitted a planning application for 5 Lodges.</li> <li>• Approved - Balquharn Farm Holiday Cottages have applied for a change of use of domestic garages to form 3 holiday cottages. This has been approved subject to conditions.</li> </ul>	
<b>7.4</b>	<p><b>Health Convener – Kirsty</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The practice manager wishes to make the practice more efficient &amp; cost effective as possible.</li> <li>• Triage may be introduced &amp; will be staffed by trained nurses.</li> <li>• Patients may be asked when making an appointment what their appointment is for to enable the appointment to be made with the GP, Nurse or other health professional.</li> <li>• The practice are asking patients how they feel about having fewer methods of ordering prescription e.g. doing away with the phonenumber.</li> <li>• Long term repeat prescriptions can be organised through the local pharmacy.</li> <li>• Patients who have type two diabetes can get info from Mr Bob McQueen 750458.</li> <li>• Practice nurses can treat some minor injuries...patients are asked to phone to discuss this.</li> <li>• Flu Clinic...next year letters from the local surgery to remind people of the flu vaccination will only be sent to those at high risk. Any other reminders will be from Forth Valley Health Board.</li> <li>• Shingles Vaccination... If you aged 70 born between 02/09/1942 – 01/09/1934 <b>or</b> aged 79 born between 02/09/1933 – 01/09/1934 you will be invited to have a vaccination to protect you against shingles. No one over 80 years will be offered the vaccine.</li> <li>• FVHB nurses choir were having a concert on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December in the Cochrane Hall.</li> </ul>	

7.5	<b>IT/Website / Data Protection – Philip</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There has been some activity on website &amp; facebook regarding “land for sale on Queen Street &amp; ACC’s Christmas Fayre.</li> <li>• Phil asked if any other CC’s would like to post on our website, Sandra &amp; Linda volunteered. Phil will support those who wish to participate with any technical information.</li> </ul>	PW
7.6	<b>Education – Gemma</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alva Academy have helped raise £3000 for Play Alloa.</li> <li>• Funding for the group going on the Malawi trip is still ongoing.</li> <li>• The pupils of the Academy are making use of the provision of the School Police Officer.</li> </ul> <b>Primary Education</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There was a meeting regarding the new budget proposals.</li> <li>• Transport provided to the school from Clacks Council is generous.</li> </ul>	
8	<b>Sub Committee Reports</b>	
8.1	<b>Events</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CO-OP Local Fund – Application for £2,500 was submitted to the Co-op Local Fund for 3 tiered planters unfortunately this application was unsuccessful.</li> <li>• Christmas Fayre &amp; light switch on...see extract from newspaper attached.</li> </ul>	
8.2	<b>CAPlan - Sandra</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Local Community Plan £2000 Grant from Clackmannanshire Council (CC)</b> The money has now been received. 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.</li> <li>• <b>Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund A</b> bid for £25,000 was made to the Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund for shop front enhancement but it has been unsuccessful.</li> <li>• <b>Charrettes Programme</b> An application for a Charrette (planning event) was submitted to Scottish Government (SG) for £3000 on 04/11/15. If successful Scot Gov would’ve matched this sum so there would’ve been £6000 for our project which would be to draw out a streetscape for the town centre with visualisations. However, the bid for a Charrette was challenged regarding low level of funding requested for what was being promised for delivery. The application is suspended subject to further investigation of; <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Potential additional support funding from Clackmannanshire Council’</li> <li>2. Identification of any balance funding from Scottish Government.</li> <li>3. Timescale for delivery and individuals to lead on project.</li> </ol> </li> </ul> <p>It was discussed that the charette funding related more to the town development plan rather than the stage we are at now.</p> <p>The CAPlan Steering Group will meet in January to discuss the way forward generally following publication of the CAPlan report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Big Lottery Fund Scotland – New Programme Launched</b></li> </ul> <p>Tasmina Ahmed-Sheikh MP sent a letter to ACC to <i>share news about plans for Big Lottery Fund Scotland and how they will be committing significant Lottery funds in Scotland over the next five years.</i></p> <p><i>Big Lottery Fund Scotland opened new main funding offer to applications on 26 November 2015. It will award grants of £10,000 to over £1 million to</i></p>	CAPlan

	<p><i>communities and people most in need across Scotland. This includes;</i></p> <p><u>Medium grants for community-led activity</u></p> <p><i>They will also make medium grants (up to £150,000) for community-led activity to support communities to bring real improvements to the places they live and the wellbeing of those most in need. Big Lottery know community organisations play a key role in addressing inequality and strengthening communities. They want to support those organisations to carry out the work that they do best – bringing local people together around the things that matter to them.</i></p> <p><i>This funding is specifically for organisations in Scotland that are based in the local area they serve and are run by local people.</i></p> <p><i>They are also planning to build on the success of their Growing Community Assets funding stream as they look to develop a further programme of large grants for community assets in March 2016.</i></p> <p><i>Simpler and more straightforward</i></p> <p><i>Big Lottery has not stopped making grants under £10,000. Awards for All their main small grants scheme and Investing in Ideas and the Communities and Families Fund have been open all through this year and remain so. They make awards from £250 - £10,000 and are open for business.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Possible Partnership Working with Alloa Town Centre BID (Business Improvement District)</b></li> </ul> <p>Alloa Town Centre BID Manager came across the Alva Community Action Plan and noted a number of our objectives mirror what they have achieved / are working towards in Alloa through the Business Improvement District.</p> <p>He has suggested he meets with the CAPlan group to discuss / share experiences and to find out what opportunities may exist for future partnership working.</p> <p>The CAPlan group will consider this proposal.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clacks Budget online consultation 2016/2017 is now live. Computers are available at the CAP as are Budget Consultation forms.</li> <li>• The Council are to provide visual plans on community hub models, Alva Primary is being considered as a future community hub for Alva.</li> <li>• The demolition of the swimming pool has been delayed.</li> <li>• There will be eco houses built on the site of the old school. Marshalls have the contract to build the houses.</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>ACC have accepted the offer of a laptop from the former Ochil Leisure Centre business that is now surplus to requirements.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 Alva Baptist Church</b></p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	

CAPlan group



**ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**14/12/2015**

**INTRODUCTION**

I am Police Constable 933 Brentt Chambers, one of the Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other being PC James Miller 247. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e.mail at [brentt.chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:brentt.chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Since your last meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 we have recorded 11 undetected crimes and 5 detected crimes for the Alva area, along with 1 Vehicle Defect Rectification Form issued.

**CALLS**

There have been 88 calls recorded on our STORM system, since your last meeting. Very few of these call had any community element to them. The relevant are recorded as follows;

- 3 calls in relation to Youth Disorder in the Alva area. These were dealt with at the time of the incident.
- 12 calls in relation to various Road Traffic issues, parking issues, speeding, accidents, etc.
- 10 calls in relation to noise complaints of varying degrees, noisy neighbours, parties, etc.

**PRIORITIES**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were 3 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area since the last meeting, they are as follows;

- 20<sup>th</sup> November, a racial incident occurred at Myretoungate. This has been detected with 2 males reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 21<sup>st</sup> November, a breach of the peace and a vandalism at Craighorn Road, for which a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December, a S38 CJL(S)A 2010, breach of the peace offence at The Nethergate, this is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.

**VANDALISM**

There were 3 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area since the last Community Council meeting, they are as follows;

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- 21<sup>st</sup> November, a breach of the peace and a vandalism at Craighorn Road, for which a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> November, vandalism whereby a car was scratched in Southcroft. This is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November, vandalism to a property window in the Nethergate, this is detected with a male being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **VIOLENCE**

Since the last meeting, there have been 2 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- 23<sup>rd</sup> November, an assault which occurred in East Stirling Street, for which a female has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December, an assault in Caroline Crescent, which is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.

### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

Since the last meeting, there have been 5 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area since the last meeting. They are as follows;

- 31<sup>st</sup> October until 9<sup>th</sup> November, a theft from a property in Southcroft. This is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 28<sup>th</sup> November, theft from a property in Myretoungate. This is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 30<sup>th</sup> November, a breach of the peace and a theft from the Nethergate. This is undetected, however a male is to be traced and charged with the offences.
- 4<sup>th</sup> December until 7<sup>th</sup> December, theft from a motor vehicle in Brook Street. This is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 6<sup>th</sup> December, theft of a motor vehicle from the Nethergate. The vehicle was recovered and there is an outstanding suspect to be traced and dealt with for this offence.

### **ROAD TRAFFIC**

To date we have 3 road traffic offences for the area with the relevant ticket issued or report submitted.

- 16<sup>th</sup> November, a Vehicle Defect Form was issued for a vehicle at Minto Gardens.
- 23<sup>rd</sup> November, various RT offences including fail to stop, at Craighorn Road. There is an outstanding suspect to be traced and dealt with for this offence.
- 29<sup>th</sup> October, various RT offences including drink driving, at Stirling Street. For these a male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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**OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

Forth Valley Division of Police Scotland have been actively involved in Operation Core, which is a national initiative targeting crimes of violence, drugs and road traffic offences. This has seen a number of persons arrested for such offences throughout the Clackmannanshire area.

During this operation, numerous search warrants have been carried out on addresses for drugs, road traffic officers have carried out vehicle checks notably with local officers along with specialist departments have carried out high profile drugs warrants in Clackmannanshire in the last week with approximately £15,000 worth of drugs recovered in the area.

**ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant, who is PS Catherine Sharkey 089, and is based at Alloa Police Office.

From the 23<sup>rd</sup> November, your dedicated ward officer for the Alva and Tillicoultry area will be PC James Miller C0247, who will be based from Alloa Police Office and can be contacted via phoning 101, emailing [James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or calling into Alloa Police Office.

**FEEDBACK FROM MEETING**



# Sub Committee - Events

## Christmas Fayre and Lights Switch-On

It may have been cold, wet and windy but that couldn't dampen the spirits of a community that turned out to Alva Christmas Fayre and tree lights switch-on. Hundreds braved the weather on Saturday 28 November for the festive event in Cochrane Hall which was brimming with community spirit from start to finish.

Stevie McCrorie, 2015 winner of BBC's 'The Voice' entertained the crowds at the event. Stevie performed a couple of songs in the hall including his recently released single My Heart Never Lies, then 'flicked the switch' of the Christmas lights on the tree in the park adjacent to the hall.

Many children and families came along to help celebrate the start of the Christmas period in Alva. Alva Primary School Carol Singers enchanted the crowds finishing off with a loud rendition of Jingle Bells heralding the arrival of Santa his Elves. The visitors from the North Pole settled in the grotto that was visited by many children throughout the afternoon. Alva Academy Dancers performed a dance routine and there was also face painting, refreshments and tombola.

There was a great atmosphere with Christmas music in the background helping everyone to get in the mood for Christmas shopping. Tables groaned with distinctive gifts and crafts from local groups and businesses providing an ideal opportunity to pick up a few stocking fillers.

Alva Community Council would like to thank Stevie McCrorie, Alva Primary and Academy for their performances, Santa and his Elves as well as Police Scotland Youth Volunteers, Brownies and Guides who helped and to those who kindly donated tombola prizes as well as our cake maker. Each one contributed to the great success of the event.

Tickets for the event were sold at £2.50 adult / £1.50 concession. It was a sell-out. Income raised covered the £600 paid to Stevie McCrorie's Management Team.

There were posters around town advertising the event as well as articles in Alloa Advertiser and Stirling Observer for 3 weeks prior to the event. Photos were printed with an article in the papers the following week. There is also coverage on ACC's website and Facebook pages as well as other FB pages.

The Christmas Fayre was never about making a profit but ;

Income £1496.55

Expenditure £1310.54

Profit £ 186.02

