

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of extra ordinary meeting

Thursday 28 January 2016 7.00pm

Venue: Alva Community Access Point

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		

In Attendance

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained the only topic for discussion would be the land for sale at Queen Street/ Johnstone Park.	
2	Apologies Gemma Waghorn and Kirsty Wilson	
3	Declaration of Conflict of interest There were no conflicts of interest	
4	Land for sale at Queen Street/Johnstone Park by Clackmannanshire Council. Linda had drafted a letter to Andrew Wyse, Legal Services Team Leader at Clackmannanshire Council requesting clarification of the situation regarding the land. A discussion took place about the wording of the letter. We decided that	

<p>we need to see the legal documents regarding the change of ownership of the land so that we can then call a public meeting to explain the situation to the residents of Alva.</p> <p>Linda proposed that we send the letter and wait for a reply. Regardless of the reply we will then call a public meeting. All CCs agreed.</p> <p>Sandra suggested we invite questions before the meeting which members of the CC can put forward on behalf of the public.</p> <p>We felt it was important to do this prior to the land being sold. We also want to know the conditions of sale for the land.</p> <p>Councillor Donald Balsillie arrived. He put forward the following points.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council has already accepted in principal that the land from the old Alva Games running track should be returned to the park. Is this enough for the community?</p> <p>The Councils case is that in 1882, when the park committee set up to manage the land were unable to do so, the land was transferred to Alva Borough Council. In 1962 Alva BC land was transferred to the County Council (which then became the Regional Council) free from any burdens. At this stage any previous claims on the land disappeared. The County Council would not have been able to own common good land.</p> <p>When the Johnstone family gifted the park it included baths and the games area. Therefore the Games Committee still have a stake in the park.</p> <p>Donald Balsillie left the meeting.</p> <p>The discussion continued and the letter to Andrew Wyse was amended. All agreed with the amendments. It was suggested that Craig Dunbar, secretary of the Games Committee, be copied into the letter. The Games Committee would also be asked if they had any relevant documents relating to the land.</p> <p>It was decided to hold the public meeting in the Cochrane Hall. Lynn will chair the meeting. Questions from the public can be put by the Community Councillors if members of the public do not want to put them . The floor would be open for a set time.</p> <p>The meeting closed.</p>	
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