Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 11 April 2016, 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 (CAPLan) 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, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Kirsty, Ian, Iain & Gemma. Minutes - Sandra	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10. Elected Councillors Cllrs Donald Balsillie & Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies - Apologies from Philip Ward	
3	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting on 14/03/2016 The Planning and CAPLan reports were available at the March meeting but due to the presentation by PSYV there was lack of time to read them out. March minutes proposed by Ian Cameron, seconded by Anne Spruce.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None	
6	Police Report • PC James Millar attended and gave a report. Attached. There was discussion about pavement parking and delivery lorries parking outside the new shop on the corner of Queen Street/Stirling Street as it causes a build-up of traffic in the town centre. PC Millar said £30 fines have been issued to drivers of some cars parked on pavements and this will continue. Allowances are made for a short time for shop owners who are loading /unloading.	

7	Office Bearers Reports	
7.1	Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron	
	Parking – What Lynn had to say was discussed at item 6.	
	Toilets in Park - MOPs have ask Lynn to find out why the toilets in the park were not open during the Easter holidays and if they would be open in Summer. Following discussion Cllr Drummond said he'd find out.	
	Town Centre Pavement - Since the pavement has been resurfaced there is water leaking onto it outside Baynes who have contacted Scottish Water. It will be disappointing to see the new surface being dug up so soon for repairs.	
	Pavement near Baptist Church – A MOP mentioned the very poor condition of the walkway / pavement outside the Baptist Church that is used by many people from the streets of houses behind the church to reach the town centre. Another MOP mentioned blocked drains. Cllr Drummond reminded MOP's about Clackmannanshire Council's online 'Report It' facility that promotes active citizenship. It was agreed that ACC would put 'Report It' on ACC's Website.	PW
7.2	Secretary Report - Linda Greig	
	Parliamentary Elections – Notices about the elections on Thursday 5 th May are displayed around town.	
	ACC's Container – this is now in place. Lynn & Linda both have keys The intention is to line it with polystyrene and then make a group decision on how it is laid out and managed.	
	Clock at the Cross - This is not working, in Donald's report in Feb we were advised it had been repaired by the owner. Linda will make enquiries.	LG
	EDF Micro grants – Linda has put together draft copies of an application form, guidance notes, terms & conditions and a Poster for the Micro Grant scheme. She requested some input from other Community Councillors, perhaps someone could fill it in see if there are any problems or anything that could be misunderstood. It was agreed all would read all the details & then give feed back at an extraordinary meeting that was arranged for Monday 18 April.	
	Community Hub - Alva Primary School – (Also see item 10) At last meeting there was a request made for information on the proposals for a Community Hub at the Primary school. Cllr Archie Drummond requested more information on behalf of ACC and the following is the reply from the Customer services manager at Clacks Council.	
	'Thank you for your enquiry regarding the above. As you say, this project is still at a very early stage; however it is important that we meet with key stakeholders as soon as possible to help alleviate any concerns. To that end, I'm attending the Alva Primary School Parent Council meeting next Tuesday (29th), along with Alan Milliken. This will give us the opportunity to explain the concept of the hubs, highlight educational and community benefits from adopting a campus approach, as well as outline the proposals and give examples of similar models delivered elsewhere. It will also give the Parent Council the opportunity to ask questions about any issue concerning them. I will also make myself available to attend a future Community Council meeting(s) to do similar.	
	In responding to each of the issues raised at the recent Community Council meeting:	
	1. Potential conflict between public access to school whilst ensuring security for school children - We can assure parents and Community Council members that safety is paramount and that appropriate measures will be put in place. At this early stage, we envisage the community areas being completely	

separated from the school classroom spaces. There may be a common entrance area where members of the public will turn left to go into community spaces, however no-one will be able to go straight ahead into the school area without proper security access.

- 2. **Provision of parking** Having consulted with colleagues in the Roads Team, there does appear to be some ongoing issues with parking in and around the school area, and taxi drop offs in the car park for some of the children with additional support needs . A number of options will be brought forward to improve matters. The capacity is for about 20 spaces. Roads colleagues will look at possible improvements in the design of the car park that could deliver extra spaces. The needs of priority groups such as the ASN/disabled users need to be considered first, before school staff who may need to find spaces elsewhere. Consultation will need to take place with all key users, including school staff. Potential parking in areas at the back of the school, towards/including the secondary school also need to be investigated.
- 3. Consultation with users of existing facilities in the CAP I can confirm we will map out and consult with all users in Alva CAP and the Primary School. We will also include users from Cochrane Hall, "query" some of whom may wish to relocate to the new campus for community meetings and other activities, if appropriate. We will also identify and encourage new potential users and activities that can be delivered out of the new hub during the consultation process.

7.3 Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce

Ordinary Account

No change. Balance remains at £2047.81

Special Events Account

£15.00 received from Alva Scouts for their stall at the Fun Day

Balance £10,026.44 of which the following is ring-fenced:

Action Plan £3617.80 Lights £1664.30 Micro grants £1500.00

Leaving £3244.34 to spend

8 Convener Reports

8.1 Environment including Parks and Alva Glen

Planting at Leisure Path -Wild flower plants that were brought on from last years grow wild seed at the Ochil community garden were donated for the leisure route. Linda has planted these at the Alva end of the path and cleared some weeds. Some of these plants have also been planted in Alva glen.

Further sowing of wild flowers & planting of hedging on the leisure path on Friday 22nd April. Posters are around town.

Benches at Leisure Route - Members of the public are asking if there could be benches placed along the leisure route between Alva & Tillicoultry especially for the elderly & infirm so they can enjoy this facility. Cllr Archie Drummond will look into this.

Alva Beavers - Wish to participate in the Grow Wild project. Linda suggested they sow seeds in tray/pots and then plant them out.

Gemma will attend the JCCF meeting next Thursday. Lewis McDermott, Member of Scottish Youth Parliament will also attend with Gemma. The Scottish Youth Parliament was set up to represent the democratically-elected voice of Scotland's young people. Planning / Licensing Applications – Sandra Nothing for Alva in any of the weekly bulletins other than a single storey extension in Dumyat Road and changes to internal layout at several addresses. Site of Former Alva Glen Hotel Sandra wrote on 12/02/16 to Grant Baxter, Principal Planner, Clackmannanshire Council asking for details of the Developer Contribution that has been negotiated or agreed for the former Alva Glen Hotel site and whether this will be a financial contribution or direct provision. (The application for 24 flats was withdrawn on 05/02/16 but there is likely to be another application in due course). On 17/02/16 an email response was received; 'Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan (LDP) includes this site as a development proposal and the details of this proposal include an indication of developer contributions. In practice these are then firmed up at the planning application stage in accordance with Policy SC9 of the LDP and the related Supplementary Guidance; SG1 -Developer Contributions. The LDP and supplementary guidance can all be viewed on the Council's website. In this case, developer contributions had not been negotiated or agreed with the applicant at the point of the application being withdrawn. Any future proposals for the site will be assessed in the same way, and the final level and nature of contributions will be dependent on the scale and nature of the proposals, having regard to the LDP policies and supplementary guidance'. Public Consultation on Creation of a Tullibody South Campus Clackmannanshire Council are currently consulting on the creation of a Tullibody South Campus. As the catchment area for St Bernadettes includes Alva we have been included within the consultees.	GW
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The proposal is to develop the Tullibody South Campus incorporating Abercromby Primary School, St. Bernadette's R.C. Primary School, a Council Nursery and a Locality Hub. The two alternative site options are: Option A: a new Tullibody South Campus located within the grounds of the present Abercromby Primary School. Option B: a new Tullibody South Campus located within the grounds of the present Tullibody Civic Centre.	
The documents are available on the Clackmannanshire Council Website and also Alva Community Council website.	PW
Health Convener – Kirsty	
Kirsty will attend the next Public Partnership Health Forum on 18 April.	
IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip	
No Report.	
Education - Gemma	

9	Sub Committee Reports	
9.1	Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Gemma & Iain.	
	Due to the success of the Fun Days in 2014 & 2015 we are doing it all again on Saturday 11 June 2016. This happens to be the weekend of The Queen's 90 th Birthday celebrations so our theme is 'A Right Royal Affair'. It's an opportunity to bring out the bunting and bring people of Alva together again. We are still at the planning stage for this event so if you or your group have ideas and/or can volunteer to help please email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk .	
	Competition entry forms and side stall application forms can be downloaded from www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk or collect from Alva Library or the Higglety Pigglety shop on Alva's main street.	
	The Events group will meet on Wednesday 13 April.	
9.2	Community Action Plan (CAPLan) – Sandra	
	Possible Partnership Working with Alloa Town Centre BID (Business	
	Improvement District) Sandra contacted Alloa Town Centre BID Manager, Andrew Mitchell with possible dates for a meeting but has had no response.	
	Consultation with Younger People Lynn attended a meeting at EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund re the £6000 to fund a project that will work with young people across the 4 Hillfoots towns. There is probably going to be a young people's survey and this will address the outstanding issue with our CAPLan re lack of consultation with younger people. MOP, Sheona Craig confirmed that interviews take place tomorrow to recruit someone to work on this project. There will be a Short Life Working Group including kids aged 10 to 18.	
	MOP, Lewis McDermott, Chair of Clackmannanshire Youth Council and Member of Scottish Youth Parliament explained that using an interactive process they have collected data and issues concerning local young people include lack of lighting in public spaces & green spaces e.g. parks. SEE ITEM 11	
	Co-operative Rear Car Park & Access to Town Centre At the February ACC meeting it was agreed that Sandra would write to Co-op to discuss utilising the car park at the rear of the store.	
	15/02/16 Sandra contacted Tom Copeland, Co-operative Relations who included Area Manager, Graeme Cooper in the email conversation. Graeme confirmed he'd recently already contacted the Property Manager about getting access to the lane at the side of the Alva Co-op building that would allow access from the car park to the main street.	
	22/02/16 Property Manager, Paul Aylmer confirmed he'd asked the Estate Managers to look into the matter.	
	09/03/16 Paul said they are waiting for the title deeds to be returned from their Solicitors who have had to request them from the Land Registry.	
	05/04/16 Ashley Ronston, Estate Manager emailed to say; Co-op Solicitors have confirmed they have no rights of access over the passage and it will require the consent of all owners of 50-62 Stirling Street to open it up and allow a right of way. If the Co-op were to contribute or pay for any work to tidy this up and/or install lighting they would want to have a formal right of way and each owner would need to sign a deed giving the Co-op that right in perpetuity. Ashley suggested that it may be more successful for the Community Council to approach the owners from the community angle at this stage as it is more likely to be looked upon favourably.	
	Sandra thanked Cllr Drummond for providing her with contact details for Tom Copeland, Co-operative Relations.	
	It was unanimously agreed that Sandra will contact owners of 50 – 62 Stirling Street in this regard.	SR

MSP Keith Brown forwarded the following information to Alva Community Council.

Clydesdale Bank to Recognise Community Spirit in Clackmannanshire

Community projects in Clackmannanshire were invited to enter an awards programme which could see them share a funding boost of £75,000 to make a real difference in their area. The Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards 2016 was open for applications until 8 April. Five projects will be selected in each of the 3 categories and all 15 winners will be awarded £5,000 each. Winners will be announced in summer 2016

The CAPLan Steering Group have submitted an application for funds under the category of 'improving the local environment' for the following;

- 1. £2000 for fingerpost signage and community notice board to create links between town centre, local parks, Alva Glen Heritage & wildlife sites & national cycle routes.
- 2. £3000 to create a small memorial garden within Alva's Johnstone Park overlooking the play area comprising a Memory Bench and Oak Tree. This will provide families and individuals who have experienced the loss of a child an area to reflect and remember their loved one. Specially designed Memory Bench £2500. Oak Tree with protection £500.

The memory bench and tree is something that has been requested from the community over the last year and fits in with the Action Plan in regard to the development of the parks. The group will discuss the location of the memorial garden and consider other sites.

Sandra extended thanks to CAPLan Group members Eilidh Johnstone and Donald Balsillie for assistance in completing the application form and to Anne Spruce for providing up-to-date accounts to accompany the application.

10 Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Cochrane Park Gates / Park Wall – the gates have been damaged by a car accident and will be repaired or replaced in due course. Likewise the wall at the park on the Back Road was damaged some time ago and requires repair.

Ochil Leisure Centre – Demolition started but ceased due to discovery of starling nests. A licence is required to remove them but work should recommence in a week or two.

Clackmannanshire Council Budget – Cllr Balsillie considers the budget to be fair to Alva;

- Street Lighting Replacement programme.
- £50k upgrade to computers at Alva Academy
- Alva Glen improvements over 4-5 years, working with Alva Glen Heritage Trust to repair footpaths, bridges, etc.
- £630,000 for streetscape improvements via the Village and Small Town Initiative. SR asked how this compares with the budget for other town centres that have been upgraded. Cllr Balsillie said £360,000 was spent in Sauchie.
- £500,000 Capital programme over 2 years to develop a hub at Alva Primary School. SR asked when public consultation will commence and when visualisation material will be available. Concerns include conflict between the need for public access to community services and ensuring security for school pupils. Parking is also a concern. Sheona Craig, Chair of Alva Primary School Parent Council advised that Brian Forbes, Clacks Council Customer Services Manager, attended the Parent Council meeting on 29 March to explain the concept of the hub. Sheona was disappointed that Brain had little knowledge or awareness of the Alva Community Action Plan or that the need for a community meeting space was a major outcome. She passed on SR's name should Brian wish to

find out more. Sheona said Alva is the only town in Clacks & Stirling with a school nursery that doesn't have space to take 2yr olds. The current nursery only has one or two spare spaces but it doesn't meet disability standards. The school is considering how to address this internally. There are also concerns about the development of a hub reducing the amount of outside space available to pupils for activities, etc. Cllr Balsillie said the school is operating at 60% capacity and taking into consideration the potential increase in the school roll if 400+ houses are built at Alva West, officers of Clacks Council still see potential to develop a community hub at the school. Many disagree and await consultation. Footpath at upper Queen Street - a MOP asked when this will re-open as it's been closed 9 weeks even though the original agreement was 5 weeks to facilitate the building of 48 houses on the corner with Erskine Street. Cllr Balsillie agreed to look into this matter. SR asked if only 47 houses were being built at the above as suggested on the most recent plans. Cllr Balsillie agreed to find out. **Cllr Archie Drummond Glenochil Nursery** – sale was supposed to be completed on 31/03/16 but there has been a hiatus regarding the value of the land. Community Garden - this has been relocated to the Ben Cleuch centre from the Allotment Area, Chappelle Crescent in Tillicoultry. Clackmannanshire & Stirling Council Shared Social and Educational **Services** - this agreement is being terminated. **Chief Education Officer** – Anne Pearson has been appointed. Social Services Review - There has been a £2m overspent; much of this is related to child services. There are twice as many children in care in Clackmannanshire than in other comparable areas. **AOCB** Youth Council - Lewis McDermott, Chair of Clackmannanshire Youth Council (YC) explained the YC is a constituted group working on behalf of young people in Clackmannanshire. 3 members of the YC are from Alva, it is run by Youth Services (not schools) and meet in Ben Cleuch Centre, Tillicoultry every Thursday 5pm to 7pm. YC have been given £2000 and have started a Youth Bank, YC have matched this so they have £4000. Lewis asked the Community LG Council to help raise awareness of the Youth Bank & Grants. He will send info, PW posters, etc to be put on ACC's website. Lewis has been elected as a Member of the Scottish Youth Parliament (SYP) The SYP has been collecting ideas from young people for the 2016 - 2021 Youth Manifesto - Lead the Way. The SYP provides a forum for young people to express their views and ideas ranging from public transport to mental health. Hustings - Alva Baptist Church, Tuesday 26 April, 7.30pm. Bring questions for the Candidates in this May's Parliamentary Elections. SNP, Labour, Conservative, Lib Dems and Greens will be represented on the panel. Send-in questions at alvahustings@gmail.com Or #alvahustings2016 on twitter.

12 Date of Next Meeting - Monday 9th May 2016 Alva Baptist Church

7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.

Leaflets in Higletty Pigletty shop.

7.30pm Public Meeting

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ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 11/04/2016

INTRODUCTION

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

Since your last meeting on 14th March 2016 we have recorded 11 undetected crimes and 8 detected crimes. There have been 87 calls recorded for Alva on our STORM system, since your last meeting.

This is a reduction in calls and of 9 crimes from last month.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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

- On 22nd March 2016, a male was apprehended in The Nebit, Alva for threatening and abusive behaviour and for breaching his conditions of bail.
- On 5th April 2016, a male was apprehended in St Serfs Walk, Alva for threatening and abusive behaviour directed towards police. He received a Recorded Police Warning.
- On the same day in Craighorn Road, Alva a male breached the conditions of his bail and was subsequently arrested for this.

VANDALISM

There were 7 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area since the last meeting, they are as follows:

- Overnight from 17th to 18th March 2016, a vehicle parked in the street at Parkgate, Alva had all 4 of its tyres punctured. The owner of this vehicle also had another of his work vehicles tyres punctured whilst parked up in Sauchie. Enquiries are ongoing to identify a motive and suspect for this incident.
- Overnight from 18th to 19th March 2016, a car windscreen was damaged whilst parked up in a driveway at Stirling Street, Alva. Initial enquires have been concluded and no suspect has been identified.
- On the morning of 18th March 2016, a window at a residential dwelling was smashed in Coblectook Place, Alva. Initial enquiries have been concluded and no suspect has been identified.

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- On 1st April 2016, a dispute between associates occurred in Dalmore Drive, Alva which resulted in a phone being vandalised. Efforts are ongoing to trace the suspect.
- From 1st to 7th April 2016, property within the nursery garden was damaged on 2 separate occasions. CCTV is being installed and regular checks are being carried out by police to trace the persons responsible.
- Overnight from the 3rd to 4th April 2016, a vehicle parked in Dalmore Drive, Alva had a tyre punctured. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this incident.
- On 10th April 2016, a window was smashed at a residential dwelling in The Nebit. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the person or persons responsible.

VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, there have been 4 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- On 15th March 2016, an assault occurred on a female at a residential dwelling in Braehead, Alva. A local female has been reported for the offence.
- On 2nd April 2016, a domestic disturbance occurred in Stirling Street, Alva during which the aggressor reportedly assaulted his partner and breached the conditions of his bail. He has been traced and reported for the relevant offence.
- On 3rd April 2016, a domestic assault occurred in a residential dwelling at Craighorn Road, Alva. The male responsible was arrested and has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 5th April 2016 at a residential dwelling in West Stirling Street, Alva a minor domestic assault occurred which resulted in male being apprehended and reported.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Since the last meeting, there have been 2 recorded incident of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area since the last meeting. They are as follows;

- On the evening of 16th March 2016, a residential dwelling at Dickies Wells, Alva was broken into and a considerable quantity of jewellery was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the person or persons responsible.
- On the morning of 23rd March 2016, a quantity of foodstuff was stolen from The Co-Op in Stirling Street, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect.

ROAD TRAFFIC

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

- On 1st April 2016 at East Stirling Street, Alva, a male was apprehended for driving whilst unfit due to drink or drugs.

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- On the same day in a separate incident, another male was charged for multiple road traffic offences in Craighorn Road, Alva.
- On 4th April 2016, a driver was traced driving a vehicle with defective parts in Cleuch Drive, Alva. This was dealt with by means of the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Further drugs warrants have been executed across the county over the last month with significant quantities of controlled drugs and money being recovered by police. Any information regarding drug dealing or other criminality can be reported to police or Crimestoppers and can be done so anonymously.

Efforts are continuing to deal with parking problems in Alva by means of enforcement and communication with Clackmannanshire Council.

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.

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 or calling into Alloa Police Office.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

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