

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 9th May 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 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 Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	GW	Community Councillors in attendance – Lynn, Phil, Linda, Kirsty, Anne, Iain & Ian Minutes - Linda	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 9 Elected Councillors - Cllr Drummond till 9pm & Cllr Balsillie from 8pm

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Apologies from Gemma & Sandra	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest. None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting proposed by Ian & seconded by Iain	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes None	
6	Police Report PC James Millar was in attendance & gave the local police report which is attached. A member of the community asked if there has been any reports of dogs been stolen in the Alva area. PC James Millar said not to his knowledge.	
7	Office Bearers Reports	
7.1	Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron • Old cinema - Lynn made comment about the noticeable difference to	LG

	<p>the old cinema, everyone agreed. ACC will forward this positive feedback back to the owners.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of Public Toilets in Alva – Lynn reported that the Alva cemetery toilets will now only be open during funerals. <p>Discussion followed regarding the lack of public facilities in Alva for residents & visitors. At the April meeting Cllr Archie Drummond said he would make enquires regarding the opening hours of the toilets at the park. Clacks Council has since sent ACC the following report.</p> <p><i>"I have the figures from 6 years ago which were £52,200 per unit including installation but not infrastructure costs for water and power supply. There was the option to lease of £18,000 per year to lease over 7 years or £13,000 over 10 years. There's an annual maintenance fee of £900 which includes a 6 monthly visit for essential maintenance plus call out for any vandalism or repairs out with this. I have asked the company for updated costs and awaiting their response.</i></p> <p><i>The other option we are exploring is the Comfort Partnership Scheme. This means Clackmannanshire Council sets up partnerships with local businesses which allows the public to use their toilet facilities without charge. In return, the Council pays an annual sum to the businesses for the privilege. In Perth and Kinross an annual payment of between £600 - £2,500 depending on the size of the population of the area. There would be a requirement for road signage which would be at Council expense to direct people to such facilities. To communicate this service the scheme would need to be advertised either in the press or leaflets delivered to the proprietors' of shops, bars, and cafe's outlining the scheme. There would also be a requirement to audit those who expressed an interest to ensure their facility is up to standard for example every toilet must be compliant under the Disability Discrimination Act.</i></p> <p><i>Current costs for opening and closing the pavilion in the summer months is currently £6237."</i></p> <p>It was agreed that ACC would write to the Council asking if Alva could have the toilets opened for any event taking place in Alva regardless of the time of year</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dog's paws affected by fungus – Lynn reported that there has been concerns on local social media regarding dogs being affected by fungus which affects the flesh on the paws of dogs. • Alva Parking – ACC have reported to Clacks Council that the 30 minute parking restriction signs in Alva are not clearly visible. It was also suggested that we write to the Council requesting that we have new parking restrictions of up to two hours during business hours. It is felt that this would encourage residents to use local businesses rather than businesses in nearby settlements with better parking facilities. • Clock at the cross – There would seem to be some confusion about who owns & is responsible for the clock & its maintenance. ACC will make some enquiries. 	<p>LG</p> <p>LC</p> <p>ICr</p>
7.2	<p>Secretary Report – Linda Greig</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Footways at the Green, Alva - Cllr Archie Drummond made enquiries about the Condition of Footways at The Green, Alva <p>ACC have since been informed by the acting roads & street lighting team leader <i>"that the site has been inspected and the condition of the footway and kerbs recorded. He has been informed that there are no significant safety issues, however it is recognised that the footway is in need of improvement.</i></p>	

	<p><i>He will ensure that the locus is added to this Service's five year works programme. This programme is examined annually and works packages are then issued, prioritised by condition, hierarchy and available resources."</i></p> <p>Members of the community disagreed that there are no significant safety issues.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eco housing deliveries to Erskine Street – ACC received information from Cllr Drummond regarding the traffic regulation orders for the delivery of the eco housing to Erskine Street & this was posted on our facebook page. • Redundant street signs - ACC passed on the info regarding redundant street sign i.e. swimming pool the Council has said they will remove it. • Community empowerment act –. Clackmannanshire Council is expecting guidance from the Scottish Government on the implementation of the Act before drawing up policies and procedures. In order to tailor the procedures to suit our communities we were asked to comment on what we already know about the act. Our comments will help to build a picture of how community groups understand the act. <p>Discussion followed regarding how residents in the community could participate in public decision making regarding the community hub planned to be located in Alva Primary school.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community hub – elected councillors were asked what stage the plans for the community hub were at & when there would be a public consultation. Cllr Donald Balsillie reported that the plans were in the early stages & the timescale for the planning & development has a two year timescale. He added that there would be a public consultation but could not indicate when this would be. • ACC Container – It was agreed that the container will need some form of insulation before our resources go in. Attempts will be made to source materials at minimum cost. • ACC Insurance - Leslie Baillie has said that our insurance is updated although we have no paper work as yet. Insuring the contents of the container is our responsibility so can we cost this for fire & theft? It was agreed that would get done when the container is ready for use. • ACC policies & procedures - for Protection of vulnerable people, Health & safety, equal opportunities & safe guarding young people have been reviewed. I will send them out so we can all refresh ourselves with the content & feel free to make suggestions for any amendments. • Micro grants – it was agreed that all being well ACC would launch there micro grant funding on Tuesday 17th May 2016. Information including application forms & guidelines will be made available at the library, on our website & face book page. Posters will go around the town to advertise. 	<p>ICr</p> <p>AS</p> <p>LG</p> <p>LG PW</p>
<p>7.3</p>	<p>Treasurers Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>This month the following transactions have been made:</p> <p>Ordinary Account</p> <p>£153.42 Business cards, parachute cord, banner</p> <p>£69.30 IT expenses</p>	

	<p>Balance £1825.09</p> <p>Special Events Account</p> <p>£7.25 postage</p> <p>£2040 Christmas Lights</p> <p>£105 License for the Fun Day</p> <p>£99 was collected from the Lights collection boxes in the shops</p> <p>Balance £7973.10 of which the following is ring-fenced</p> <p>Micro grants £1500</p> <p>Action Plan £3610.55</p> <p>Lights £16.84</p> <p>Leaving £2845.80 to spend</p>	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	<p>Environment incl Parks & Alva Glen - Linda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Benches for the leisure route between Alva & Tillicoultry - The team leader in traffic & transportation agrees that benches would be an asset for this route. Although he does not have a specific budget set aside for the provision of seating, he will monitor the ongoing works presently being carried out on this cycle project and if there is any flexibility in the budgets he will prioritise the provision of bench seating on the route. If he can, he will try to take the earliest opportunity to provide benches so they can provide benefit during the upcoming summer months. 	
8.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)- Gemma</p> <p>An update will be given at the next meeting.</p>	GW
8.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Planning / Licensing Applications – Sandra • Lynn asked the following on Sandra’s behalf. <p>Could elected members clarify the situation regarding the Glentanna building - not just for the Coffee Shop but also the Scotcrest business next door - and elaborate on plans for the area? Also, is there any truth in the rumour that the old burgh yard in the Johnstone Park is being sold?</p> <p>How do any plans affect the Scout hut?</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie answered that the current tenant put business up for sale & a buyer was offered an annual lease which they declined.</p> <p>It was pointed out that the area, as part of the local development plan is zoned for commercial & leisure development & part of the plan is to re house any existing businesses. Cllr Balsillie confirmed this will still be the case if there are any plans for the building in the future.</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie said there are no long term plans for the Glentanna building &</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wee Walk Wee Cycle - The 'Wee Walk Wee Cycle' campaign aims to get more people walking and cycling for local journeys and for commuting, with a focus on promoting Clackmannanshire's excellent walking and cycling network. • Cochrane park pillar – has been damaged during a car accident. • Trusted partner – Cllr Balsillie asked the Community Council to consider the proposal to become a “trusted partner” the proposal will include Community Councils having key- holder status. The Community Council agreed that they would discuss this at a later date perhaps in October when there is more information available. 	
11	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions were raised regarding the recent inspection of the building that is Alva Academy. Cllr Balsilie assured all that the results were satisfactory. • A member of the community asked if there was any information regarding planning for Balquarn Stables, Back Road, Alva FK12. It was explained that details of planning applications are available on Clackmannanshire Councils website but ACC would look into it. 	LG SR
12	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 13th June 2016 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



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ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
09/05/2016

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 15th April 2016 we have recorded 7 undetected crimes and 6 detected crimes. There have been 92 calls recorded for Alva on our STORM system, since your last meeting.

There has been a slight increase in calls and a reduction of 6 crimes from last month.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 6 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area since the last meeting, they are as follows;

- On 20th April 2016, a male was traced in The Nethergate, Alva and found to be in possession of controlled drugs. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 26th April 2016, a male was traced in Caroline Crescent, Alva and found to be in possession of controlled drugs. He was issued with a recorded police warning notice.
- On 29th April 2016, a male was traced in East Stirling Street, Alva and found to be in possession of controlled drugs. He was issued with a recorded police warning notice.
- On 6th May 2016, a male was traced in The Nebit, Alva and found to be in possession of controlled drugs. These drugs will be tested after which the relevant action will be taken.
- On the same date, a neighbour dispute in Southcroft, Alva resulted in a report of threatening and abusive behaviour and vandalism to a door. A suspect has been identified and will be traced in due course.
- On 7th May 2016, again in Southcroft Alva, the same neighbour dispute resulted in a male being charged with threatening and abusive behaviour.

VANDALISM

There were 0 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area since the last meeting.

VIOLENCE

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

- On 16th April 2016, an assault occurred on a female in Johnstone Park resulting in very minor injury. Suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing to trace them.
- On 22nd April 2016 within a residential dwelling in Cobblecrook Place, Alva, a male was assaulted and was injured as a result. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are ongoing to trace this individual.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Since the last meeting, there have been 4 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area, they are as follows;

- On 28th April 2016, a theft of groceries occurred from the Co-Op, Stirling Street, Alva. The female responsible was traced by police and charged with some of the property being recovered.
- On 1st May 2016 at the Co-Op, Stirling Street, Alva, counterfeit currency was tendered. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect.
- On the same date, a mobile phone was stolen whilst it was left unattended in a taxi which terminated its journey in Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect and the phone.
- Between 5th and 6th May 2016, a static caravan in Brook Street, Alva was broken into and a shovel was stolen. It also appears that an attempt was made to start a fire. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the youths responsible.

ROAD TRAFFIC

Since the last meeting, there has been 1 road traffic offence for the area with the relevant report submitted.

- On 20th April 2016 at Stirling Street, Alva, a road traffic incident occurred involving dangerous driving whereby the driver made off from police. The driver has been traced and reported for several offences.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

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

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Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via one of the Community Sergeants, who are PS Catherine Sharkey 089 and PC 653 Graham Cadden. Both are 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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