

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14 September 2015, 7.00pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron, Chairperson	Philip Ward, Vice Chairperson
Linda Grieg, Secretary	Anne Spruce, Treasurer
Sandra Rees, Minute Secretary	Ian Cameron
Gemma Waghorn	Ian Craig

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 15
Cllr Donald Balsillie (SNP)

Cllr Archie Drummond (Ind)

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome Lynn Cameron opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
2	Apologies - Kirsty Wilson & Margaret McArthur	
3	Minutes of 2014 AGM Minutes of the 2014 AGM were proposed by Iain Craig and seconded by Ian Cameron	
4	Matters Arising from 2014 AGM minutes - None	
5	Chairperson Annual Report – Lynn Cameron Over this very quick year we have had a few changes. We were happy at this time last year that the demolition of the Alva Glen Hotel had started in the town centre, however the resulting pigeon/poo issue has been a bit of an unwanted problem. They seem to have dispersed now with less problems reported. The demolished waste ground is becoming a sore point again; full of beer bottles, dog poo bags, weeds, etc. It will be nice to know if this year we will see some talk of planning for the area. The other thing we did hope to see this year was a lot of new housing on the old school site in Erskine Street/Queen Street; we wait with great anticipation for that to commence!! We are sad to have seen the closure of Ochil Leisure Centre after the fire last September and the subsequent plans to demolish the building. The area is up for sale. It was also with great sadness that we heard of the tragic death of one of our younger community members, young Scott. This tragedy brought to the fore the character of Alva people with the way they came together with acts of remembrance in the park to allow people to cope with the event.	

	<p>The flower barrels have all been sponsored by groups, individuals and businesses which has resulted in floral displays all year. The baskets were put back up outside town centre businesses but unfortunately due to rain these haven't been watered as much as those responsible thought the rain would be enough! We did not secure the funding we would have liked to extend the flower baskets and add tiered planting at the end of town, but this may come next year. This is something that brings great comments and compliments including from Menstrie and Tillicoultry people.</p> <p>We did get funding for our Christmas lights and so managed to add another 2 to the lampposts, making a total of 11. The rest of the funding went on several strings of lights on the large tree at the entrance to the park. They turned out to be a great success as well as the open night with singers, musicians, and our special visitor in a red suit who visited the open businesses and gave sweets to the children.</p> <p>In the spring of the year the dozens of pennants, that were produced by Alva residents, were stitched together to make 10 x 100 ft long bunting. These were put up on the lampposts around town before the Fun Day but had to be removed soon afterwards due to the heavy rain and wind causing them to stretch and cause problems with pedestrians and traffic. They will be re done for next year.</p> <p>The Fun Day in May '15 was well attended, with the glorious weather giving us a great advantage. Our main attraction, Elsa from Frozen, went down a storm. We had a lot of help from individuals, including a group of men from the Church of Scotland who stepped in and helped with the setting up of the new gala tents that were borrowed from Tillicoultry Gala folks. We were fortunate to be the first to use them!</p> <p>We would like to extend our appreciation and thanks to all the people who have helped in any way with the events that we have put on for the community.</p> <p>There are 2 community councillors and another member of the public that sit on the EDF panel which deals with funding from the windfarm. There are some changes happening with this that have been talked about during the year and we hope to be able to bring more news of that after our next meetings at end of this month and middle of next.</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>Secretary Annual Report – Linda Grieg</p> <p>Margaret McArthur has resigned from Alva Community Council (ACC) as she has other commitments. On behalf of ACC Linda offered thanks to Margaret for her contribution to the work of the Community Council. Margaret has offered to help with future events.</p> <p>ACC assisted members of the community with concerns of the unsightly recycling bins located at the Community Access Point (CAP) which have been relocated in the Glentana car park.</p> <p>ACC also supported members of the community with their concerns of the possible closure of the CAP by collating all concerns and forwarding them on in writing to CEO of Clackmannanshire Council. This facility has remained open but with reduced opening hours but is still a huge asset to the town. The staff there provide regular support to ACC. However ACC decided that the CAP facility does not suit our needs for our regular meetings due to a lack of staff availability for the duration of our meetings. We have decided to continue holding our regular meetings here at Alva Baptist Church. On behalf of ACC Linda offered thanks to Rev David Fraser and members of the church for their hospitality.</p>	

	<p>ACC have adopted policies as a means of protecting ourselves and volunteers that support us with our activities. These policies are</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Equal Opportunities, 2. Health and Safety, 3. Protecting Vulnerable Adults 4. Safe Guarding Young People. <p>We also have a volunteer signing in form so that volunteers can say whether or not they are happy for us to take their photograph and perhaps use it in press releases, social media or on our website.</p> <p>ACC are also registered with Information Commissioner's Office for DATA Protection. (renewed on 27th August)</p> <p>We also have appropriate insurance till 30th April 2016.</p> <p>We would like to thank the local Police for their regular attendance at our meetings and for their monthly reports. This year we had visits from Chief Inspector Steven Sneddon & MSP Keith Brown so thanks for their input.</p> <p>We appreciate the regular updates and reports we get in person from our Elected Councillors: Cllr Donald Balsillie and Cllr Archie Drummond.</p> <p>Linda thanked all members of the community who helped ACC with the Fun Day in May 2015, including Margaret McArthur (former Community Councillor) for the lovely home-baking which contributed to the fund raising that will contribute to future events.</p> <p>ACC have been working with Alva Glen Heritage Trust (AGHT) on the 'Wild about the Hillfoots' Grow Wild Project. On behalf of ACC Linda thanked Claire Templeton for her huge efforts in managing the project. Alva Brownies, Clacks Youth Services and Clacks Adult Day Services were involved in the project by planting wild flowers in the Glen and along the Alva to Tillicoultry Cycle Path. There was quite an impressive show of flowers this year and hopefully with a bit of maintenance in autumn their will be a more impressive show next year.</p> <p>The Queens Baton Relay plaque has now been placed on the pillar at the front of the Cochrane Hall.</p>					
<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurer Annual Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>Anne distributed copies of Alva Community Council (ACC) annual accounts that had been checked by Eileen Armstrong BA. Anne gave a resume of activities throughout the year regarding the financial receipts and payments for these.</p> <p>The accounts were proposed by Lynn and seconded by Phil.</p> <p>Balances at 31/07/15:</p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 70%;">Ordinary Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1808.09</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Special Events Account</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£4506.72 *</td> </tr> </table> <p>*of which £1516.80 is ring-fenced for the Community Action Plan</p>	Ordinary Account	£1808.09	Special Events Account	£4506.72 *	
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	<p>Office Bearers vacated their seats.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie agreed to be Independent Chairperson for the election process. He thanked Community Councillors for their work over the last year and a round of applause was given.</p>					

8	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Chairperson: Sandra Rees nominated Lynn Cameron, seconded by Anne Spruce Lynn Cameron accepted this position.</p> <p>Donald Balsillie handed the chair back to Lynn Cameron for the remainder of the election process.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Lynn Cameron nominated Philip Ward. Seconded by Ian Cameron Philip Ward accepted this position.</p> <p>Secretary: Anne Spruce nominated Linda Grieg. Seconded by Sandra Rees Linda Grieg accepted this position.</p> <p>Treasurer: Ian Cameron nominated Anne Spruce. Seconded by Lynn Cameron Anne Spruce accepted this position.</p> <p>Minute Secretary: Sandra Rees intimated that she is not seeking re-election to this position. A member of the public offered to take the position but following discussion it was agreed that a Community Councillor should do it. Phil suggested a rota group for minutes and this was agreed. The group comprises; Linda, Phil, Anne, Sandra & Iain Craig.</p>	
9	<p>Nomination of Conveners</p> <p>Education (incorporating School Council & PTA) Ann Spruce nominated Gemma Waghorn. Seconded by Lynn Cameron Gemma Waghorn accepted this position.</p> <p>Environment (incorporating Parks & Alva Glen) Sandra Rees nominated Linda Grieg. Seconded by Ian Cameron Linda Grieg accepted this position.</p> <p>Data Protection (incorporating IT & Website) Lynn Cameron nominated Philip Ward. Seconded by Anne Spruce. Philip Ward accepted this position.</p> <p>Health (including Alva Health Centre Patient Group) Lynn Cameron nominated Kirsty Wilson. Seconded by Linda Grieg. Kirsty Wilson was absent but in a letter said she would accept this position</p> <p>Planning (incorporating Licencing Applications) Linda Grieg nominated Sandra Rees. Seconded by Phil Ward Sandra Rees accepted this position.</p>	
10	<p>Nomination of Sub-Committees</p> <p>Sub Committees were confirmed as follows;</p> <p>Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Sub Committee – Sandra, Lynn, Anne, Iain Craig, Gemma and Linda (part-time).</p> <p>Events Sub Committee – Lynn, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Gemma, Iain Craig</p> <p>Planning Sub Committee – Sandra, Linda & Ian Cameron.</p> <p>The above are all Community Councillors, however it is noted that members of the public can be on a sub-committee and anyone wishing to join should speak to Linda or email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 12 October 2015 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors. 7.30pm Public Meeting.</p>	

