

Alva Community Action Plan (CAPlan)

Notes of Steering Group meeting

Thursday 15 June 2017

Alva Academy

In Attendance:

Alva Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Steering Group:

*Sandra Rees, *Anne Spruce, *Lynn Cameron, *Linda Greig, Sylvia Hay & Cllr Donald Balsillie

*Alva Community Councillors.

Apologies: *Iain Craig, *Gemma Waghorn, David Fraser, Anne Stewart

Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy & Customer Services, Clackmannanshire Council

This meeting was a follow-up to the previous meeting with Stuart on 15/05/17 on how to develop the Alva Community Action Plan (CAPlan).

Village & Small Town Initiative (VSTI)–Alva Streetscape Improvements

- Alva town centre investment of £650,000 is in the Capital Programme of the Clackmannanshire Council budget for 2019-21.
- Clackmannanshire Council may apply for additional funds from the Scottish Government Regeneration Capital Fund, using Council capital in order to try and secure match funding. Application would need to be made by around June 2018.
- It was agreed to invite Anthea Coulter from Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) to our next meeting as she could perhaps assist in setting up a Development Trust and make a case for our project in keeping with guidance from Development Trust Association Scotland (DETAS) and/or assist with other funding applications. Stuart agreed to speak to her. Anthea recently helped secure £2m funding for Clackmannan as well as lottery funding and £25,000 from Scottish Government.
- Stuart confirmed public consultation in Alva will commence prior to 2019. Clackmannanshire Council has allocated capital for a Community Empowerment Fund. It is possible that use could be made of this to support engagement and development.
- It was suggested that meanwhile, to help town centre businesses, Clackmannanshire Council could change the unenforced 30 min parking restriction in the town centre to 2 hours and then enforce it.

Alva Traders – Lynn confirmed that Cllr Dave Clark has arranged a meeting for Alva Traders and other Alva town centre property owners on Monday 19 June 2017. Cllr Clark will suggest the traders form a group to have a collective voice regarding town centre improvements.

Community Hub / Alva Primary School Refurbishment –

- Clackmannanshire Council agreed in principal on 29/03/17 that there will be a community hub at Alva Primary School.
- The capital allocation for Primary School refurbishment and a Community Hub is £702,000, the bulk of which is forecast to be spent in 2017/18 and 2019/20. £100,000 of this is for a community hub that is to be integrated into the school.
- Brain Forbes, Customer Service Manager is the lead officer. There will be a Project Coordinator.
- Members of the Steering Group again expressed concern about the logistics of a hub at the school, lack of overall space, lack of parking and security issues are among the list of concerns. The group suggested that further consideration be given to investment in Cochrane Hall as the Community Hub as an alternative to the primary school.
- It was noted that other communities in Clackmannanshire have opposed plans for a community hub within schools.
- Stuart confirmed there will be public engagement and a Working Group will be established which will include a rep from Alva Community Council. This may include a community drop-in/discussion/workshop event to set out proposals from Clacks Council. Stuart doesn't expect the location of the HUB to be a factor for discussion but rather there will be engagement about the facilities required by community groups regarding plans for a Community Hub at the school which include; large multi-purpose meeting room, small consultation room, good wi-fi (including evenings).

Summary There will be public engagement about the VSTI

There will be public engagement about the Community Hub

Next Meeting End of August / beginning of September 2017

