

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 12 September 2016, 7.00pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present:

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

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

Elected Councillors - Cllr Drummond & Cllr McGill & Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome Lynn Cameron opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
2	Apologies - Ian Cameron	
3	Minutes of 2015 AGM Minutes of the 2015 AGM were proposed by Iain Craig and seconded by Philip Ward	
4	Matters Arising from 2015 AGM minutes - None	
5	Chairperson Annual Report – Lynn Cameron Alva Christmas Fayre and lights switch-on 28/11/15 with special guest Stevie McCrorie – A very successful day where the community turned out to the festive event in Cochrane Hall. Alva's Stevie McCrorie, 2015 winner of BBC's 'The Voice' entertained the crowds prior to flicking the switch of the Christmas tree lights. Alva Community Fun Day 11/06/16 - Lynn reported that the 3 rd annual Alva Fun Day was another successful event. Hanging Baskets – 20+ filled baskets were hung on brackets at shop fronts in the town centre again this summer. Some additional baskets have been purchased with water reservoir for automatic watering to stop baskets drying out. It is hoped to replace older baskets with the reservoir design for 2017. Planter - ACC received funding form EDF for a large 3-tier planter which in due course will be put in place on the grass verge on the A91 at the Industrial Estate.	

	<p>ACC's Storage Container – This is located on a former garage plot behind Higletty Pigletty.</p> <p>Demolition of Ochil Leisure Centre – it is with some sadness that we report that demolition of this facility is now complete.</p> <p>Eco Homes at Queen Street/Erskine Street - It appears that good progress is being made in the construction of these new houses.</p> <p>Former Cinema – ACC are pleased to see that this prominent building in the town centre has now been redecorated externally.</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel - On 16/06/16 the Planning Convener wrote to Gean Developments; owners of the land at the former Alva Glen Hotel expressing concern that the land remains undeveloped two years after they purchased it while there was an ongoing Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) application by Clackmannanshire Council. More details about this from the Planning Convener at the ordinary meeting after the AGM.</p> <p>Park Gates – Damage has now been repaired</p> <p>British Empire Medal (BEM) – Lynn congratulated fellow Community Councillor, Anne Spruce who was awarded the BEM earlier this year for services to Young People and the Community in Alva.</p> <p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Micro Grants – ACC administer micro grants from EDF. We have received £1500 from which we are to give grants of up to £250 to groups / projects which benefit the community. Following a query from a MOP Linda confirmed there had not been an application from a local Football Club. Linda explained they'd made an enquiry before the application system was established and she'd contacted them when the application forms were available but has had no response.</p> <p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund – 14/10/16 is the closing date for applications for the next round of grants of between £250 to £2000. As before grants of up to £2000 are available to constituted groups who can demonstrate they benefit the community. Any group may only submit one application each time.</p> <p>Community Spirit – This has been evident at the various events throughout the year but Lynn hopes to see more people volunteering to get involved in activities that benefit the community of Alva.</p>	
6	<p>Secretary Annual Report – Linda Grieg</p> <p>Land at Former Leisure Centre One of the main issues the CC was involved in this year was the land at the former swimming pool. After requests were made from members of the community, ACC wrote to Clackmannanshire Council to find out who the land legally belonged to. We were told by Clacks Council's legal services that the land belonged to the Council & would be sold. ACC put all the relevant information that they had out for the community to see & as far as we are aware there were no further requests for investigation.</p>	

However ACC were told by Cllr Donald Balsilie that there was an area of land marked out in the area next to the park which did belong to the Alva Community and would be returned to the Park.

In our ordinary meeting tonight we will ask Cllrs if they could find out how & when this will be carried out. Once we know this then we can, together with members of the community look into what this piece of land could potentially be used for.

ACC Micro Grants EDF ACC have money from EDF to allocate to those who apply. No applications as yet. We will relaunch on Facebook & website & I will put on the October agenda to see if we need to alter the application form.

THANKS On behalf of ACC I would like to say thanks to the local Police Officers & also to Elected Members; Cllr Balsillie & Cllr Drummond who attend our meetings to give us regular reports, answer questions & make enquiries for ACC & on behalf of the community. Thanks to Leslie Baillie & Cllr McGill for attending tonight.

Our main thanks go to all members of the community who have contacted us throughout the year & to all who attend our monthly meetings. Alva Community Council needs this communication from the community to enable it to exist.

Linda asked Sandra to give an annual report on the Community Action Plan (CAPlan)

Community Action Plan Steering Group Members

Community Councillors

Sandra Rees (Chairperson), Lynn Cameron, Linda Greig, Anne Spruce, Iain Craig, Gemma Waghorn

Members of Public

Eilidh Johnstone, David Fraser, Anne Stewart, Donald Balsillie

Overview

In 2015 the CAPlan Steering Group did a community survey which gave a set of statistics about the interests and views of Alva residents. These were collated and are detailed in the Alva Community Action Plan (CAPlan). The Action Plan established overwhelming support for regeneration of the town centre and parks. Copies of the Action Plan were printed and from November 2015 were available from Alva Community Access Point. Copies were circulated to Alva businesses, shopkeepers, groups, schools, etc, and at Clackmannanshire Council all services can access it from a shared folder. It was presented to the Alliance meeting for endorsement meaning that all the main public agencies know of its existence. Clacks Council will consider the content of the report when planning works in Alva that will be funded by the 'Village and Small Town Centres Initiative'. There is a link to the CAPlan on ACC's website www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk Some copies are

available here tonight.

October 2015

Donation £1000 received from Mr Marshall

Local Community Plan Grant. £2000 was received from Clackmannanshire Council. The money is for the Community Council to allocate to one or more community projects which demonstrates delivery on the Action Plan.

Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund. A bid for £25,000 was made for shop front enhancement for Alva town centre. This was unsuccessful as the Government were looking for new initiatives e.g. Wi-Fi.

November 2015

Charette An application for a Charrette (planning event) was submitted to Scottish Government for £3000 to draw out a streetscape for the town centre. This was unsuccessful because the funding related more to the town development plan rather than the stage we are at.

January 2016

Youth Survey EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund agreed to put up £6000 to fund a project that will work with young people across the 4 Hillfoots towns. Someone has been recruited to work on the project and there will be a Short Life Working Group including youths aged 10 to 18. This will address the outstanding issue with our CAPlan in regard to lack of consultation with younger people.

April 2016

Car Park at rear of Co-op We contacted Co-op to discuss utilising the car park at the rear of the store via the passage between Co-op and Indian Restaurant. Co-op Solicitors 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. Contact has not yet been made with owners.

The Clydesdale Bank Spirit of the Community Awards 2016. An application for funds under the category of 'improving the local environment' was submitted i.e. £2000 for fingerpost signage and community notice board plus £3000 to create a small memorial garden and memory bench within the Johnstone Park. This was unsuccessful.

June 2016

Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant fund. An application was submitted for £8k for Outdoor Gym equipment. This was unsuccessful

<p>7</p>	<p>Treasurer Annual Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>Once again I would like to thank Eileen Armstrong for checking the accounts. Copies attached to these minutes.</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u> We have had a number of grants from EDF totalling £9829, which have greatly helped with events during the year.</p> <p>A big thank you to all the people of Alva who have contributed £543.83 towards the Christmas light fund by donating in the collection boxes in the shops.</p> <p>The donation £1332.70 was a donation of £1000 towards the action plan plus £300 which was the float from the Christmas Fayre and £32.70 was a transfer between the 2 accounts (I paid it out of the wrong account initially, gazebos and secretary expenses)</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Ring-fenced</td> <td>-Micro grant £1500</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Action Plan £3610.55</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td>Xmas Fayre £1250</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">Total</td> <td>£6360.55</td> </tr> </table> <p>Balance £9756.66 - £6360.55 = £3396.11</p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u> Income for the Action Plan £2000 was transferred to the special events account.</p> <p><u>Expenditure</u> Sundries was the chairpersons expenses plus 2 gazebos "Christmas items " was the santa suit and materials towards the grotto. Both will be reused in the future. Printing and stationery includes IT expenses, Secretary expenses, business cards and new banners.</p> <p>Balance £1808. 09</p>	Ring-fenced	-Micro grant £1500		Action Plan £3610.55		Xmas Fayre £1250	Total	£6360.55	
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<p>8</p>	<p>Office Bearers – Clackmannanshire Community Council Elections are taking place soon, this occurs every 4 years. The term of office for all existing Community Councillors, including Alva, ends at midnight on 19 October 2016. Therefore appointment of ACC's office bearers will take place at the Inaugural Meeting on 14 November 2016.</p>									
<p>9</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 10 October 2016 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors. 7.30pm Public Meeting.</p>									