## Alva Community Council (ACC)

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# **Minutes of Meeting**

## Monday 09 October 2017

**Venue: Alva Baptist Church** 

Sandra Rees - Chairperson Sub Group - Events Sub Group - CAPLan	SR	Lynn Cameron – Vice Chairperson Sub Group – Events Sub Group - CAPLan	LC
Linda Greig - Secretary Convener - Environment Convener - EDF Micro Grants Sub Group - Licensing & Planning Sub Group - Events	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer Sub Group – Events Sub Group - CAPlan Sub Group - EDF Micro Grants	AS
Louise Young - Minute Secretary Convenor - Health Centre Patient Group Sub Group - Events	LY	Gemma Waghorn Convenor - Education Convenor - Health (Public Partnership Health Forum) Sub Group - Events Sub Group - IT/Website	GW
Iain Craig Convenor - Licensing & Plannin Sub Group - Events Sub Group - CAPLan Sub Group - EDF Micro Grants	ICr	Mary Dalrymple Convenor - Data Protection Sub Group - Events Sub Group - IT/Website	MD
Graham Burt Convenor - IT/Website Sub Group - Events	GB	Robbie Russell Sub Group - Events Sub Group - CAPLan	RR
Kirsty Ryles Sub Group - Licensing & Planning Sub Group - Events Sub Group - IT/Website Community Councillors in attendance - Lynn,	KR	Sandra Louise Comma Many Craham & Virghy	Jain

Minutes - Louise

### In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 5

Elected Councillors - Cllrs Clark, Benny & Drummond

Agend a	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
Item		
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	Sandra Welcomed everyone to meeting. No introductions required.	
2	Apologies	
	Apologies from Robbie & Linda. Phil formally resigned as an ACC.	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting	
	Proposed by Graham, seconded by Mary.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None	

6	Police Report - PC James Millar - Communit	y Police Officer
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# ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL 09/10/2017

Linda

#### **INTRODUCTION**

I am Police Constable 247 James Miller, one of two Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other is PC 933 Brentt Chambers. You can contact us by calling 101 or by e-mail at <a href="mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk">James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:Brentt.Chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk">Brentt.Chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk</a>.

Over the last month there have been 10 detected crimes and 9 undetected crimes recorded by police.

#### **PRIORITIES**

#### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

- On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a drugs search warrant was executed at a residential dwelling with a quantity of controlled drugs being recovered. The occupant has been reported for the offence.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a female was apprehended in The Nebit, Alva for threatening behaviour toward police.
- On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018, a minor disturbance occurred in a licensed premised in Brook Street, Alva resulting in a complaint being made to police. Enquiries are continuing.

#### **VANDALISM**

There was 3 recorded incident of vandalism in the area, they were as follows;

- Overnight on 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a window was smashed at a licenced premises in Stirling Street, Alva. Enquiries are continuing for this incident.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a disturbance occurred a residential dwelling in The Nebit, Alva which resulted in damage to the door and window. Police are appealing for any witnesses who may have seen a male carrying a chainsaw in the street around 2100 hours on that date.
- On the same evening a window was smashed of a residential dwelling in Craighorn Road, enquiries are continuing and it is believed that both incidents are related.

#### **VIOLENCE**

There was 7 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they were as follows:

- Between 6<sup>th</sup> and 9th September 2017, an incident of violence

- occurred between 2 school pupils which necessitated police involvement. The matter will be resolved by means of the appropriate warning for the circumstances.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017, a minor assault occurred between family members in Strude Howe, Alva. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are continuing.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a further incident of violence occurred involving a pupil at school which necessitated police involvement. The appropriate warning was issued to the pupil concerned.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 2 assaults were reported to the police in the area of The Nebit and Dalmore Drive, Alva. One of the males responsible has been arrested and efforts to trace the other are ongoing.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a sexual incident occurred in Henry Street, Alva which resulted in 2 persons being apprehended and reported for various offences.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a disturbance occurred in Johnstone Street, Alva and continued into Brook Street, Alva which will result in 2 persons being reported for various offences including assault.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a serious domestic incident occurred at a residential dwelling in The Nebit, Alva which resulted in a male being apprehended and reported for several offences.

### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There have been 5 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area, they were as follows;

- Between 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> September 2017, 2 thefts occurred at the Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva. A local female was identified and arrested for the offences.
- On 13<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a further theft occurred at the Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva. A suspect has been identified and efforts are continuing to trace the person responsible.
- On 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a series of thefts and vandalisms occurred at Alva Academy. Two suspects have been identified and the matter is being progressed by the Schools Based Officer.
- Overnight on 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017, a trailer was stolen from an industrial unit in Alva. Enquiries are continuing to identify the persons responsible.
- On 4<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a quantity of meat was stolen from the Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva. A female was arrested for the offence and appeared from custody.

#### **ROAD TRAFFIC**

 On 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017, a vehicle was driven off and described as being a small blue Ford after it collided with a car in Caroline Crescent, Alva and a garden fence in Parkgate, Alva. Enquiries are continuing to identify the vehicle and driver responsible.

It should be noted that traffic offences are routinely detected and dealt with by police without the need for them to be recorded. These offences may appear in the ASB section.

#### **OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

Consideration and feedback would be welcome from the Community Council regarding changing the day of their meetings to help police facilitate attendance by the community officer for that ward. Due to the number of incidents of disorder being reported in The Nebit, Alva, the problems have been discussed at a MATAC (multi-agency tasking and co-ordination) meeting and the decision has been taken to have temporary CCTV installed.

#### **ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Community police officers have continued in their efforts to address local issues such as anti- social behaviour, parking issues and underage drinking. PC Miller has contacted Clackmannanshire Council to establish the council's policy on wheelie bin speed reduction and road safety stickers with a view to rolling these out to assist with areas of concern.

In response to concerns raised at the last meeting, PC Miller has carried out observations in St Serf's Road, Alva since the last meeting and no vehicles were deemed to be speeding. While on patrol in Craighorn Road, Alva, one vehicle was heard to have a loud exhaust and come from the general direction of St Serf's Road, Alva but it was not traced.

Community police officers continue to attend in Stirling Street, Alva and at the primary school to address ongoing parking issues and complaints about youths chapping the doors of residential dwellings.

Please continue to report any concerns to police on 101 or directly to ourselves via e-mail.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via one of the Community Sergeants, who are PS Scott Thomson 378 and PC 653 Graham Cadden. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.

#### **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING**

Cllr Benny & Cllr Clark again mentioned the speeding traffic from Menstrie coming into Alva passed Myretongate. PC Miller advised he will request speed strips to be placed out again. Louise asked if they could be placed closer to the actual 30mph sign. Pc Miller advised he will look into this, however it will be dependent on where there is power available.

PC Miller advised here is no Community team on a Monday evening, and there was a question raised to possible changing the ACC meetings to another night. It was agreed by both ACC and the MOP's that a Monday is suitable for most and wish to keep it to a Monday. PC Miller advised he will pass this on and will obviously continue to do his best for his or PC Chambers to attend.

#### **7** Office Bearers Reports

### 7.1 Chairperson Report - Sandra Rees

#### Constitution

Sandra and Linda will sign the constitution.

#### **Data Protection**

Registration expired 27/08/17 – Anne has confirmed it has been renewed.

Mary agreed to source the current Certificate for the public folder in CAP and for the Events Group who sometimes require it for funding applications.

#### LIL-DEM Survey

Linda circulated an email from Lesley to Community Councillors requesting a response regarding the report on initial findings of the 'Information Literacy for Demographic Engagement' following a survey of information practices of Community Councillors that was carried out early in 2017.

Community Action Plans: Driving Action from the Page to the Ground Saturday, 28th October, 2017 10 am - 2.30 pm, Sauchie Hall

Linda circulated an email from Lesley;

You are invited to join us at the Joint Community Council Forum's 2017 community conference. The theme this year aims to be of interest to community councils, community action groups, parent councils, development trusts and any other community groups who have ideas for action in their communities. We'll be taking a practical look at what drives community action so that plans become reality. This is an informal and interactive development day at which community volunteers who have used different approaches to driving action will be there to share with us what worked and why. PAS (Planning Aid Scotland) will also be there to present a new digital tool for place planning and greenspace Scotland will present examples of how community growing has been applied to community action plans.

No member of the CAPLan group is able to attend. However, Mary is going in her capacity as JCCF convener and will report back at the November meeting.

#### Review of Scheme: Complaints Procedure

Linda received an email from Lesley Baillie the day after the meeting on 04/10/17, attended by Mary & Gemma and reps from 3 other Community Councils. requesting confirmation of Alva Community Council's stance on 'the need for a complaints procedure to allow complaints from the public against you and your community councillors to be handled in a consistent way across Clackmannanshire and, importantly, how you think this would help you fulfil your core function'

Following discussion there were no strong thoughts one way or the other on whether there should be a complaints procedure. Sandra agreed to feed back to Lesley.

## 7.2 Secretary Report – Linda Greig Read by Lynn

Could all Community Councillors please discuss & make a decision on how the Secretary should prepare the agenda for monthly meetings.

Do we continue with a template agenda updated monthly and as required by the Secretary with info given by Councillors?
 Or Do we only include those items that are emailed to the Secretary?
 Bearing in mind item 7.1 of our Standing orders

7.1 Any councillor will have the right to have an item placed on the agenda for a meeting, as long as they give the Secretary notice in writing (setting out the nature of the item) at least seven clear days before the date of the relevant meeting

(There are a lot of factors to be considered, but making progress with business & being flexible are both important & perhaps we should look at reviewing the Standing orders.)

It was a unanimous decision to keep a template agenda for the meetings.

**COCHRANE PARK** ....A member of the community alerted Cllr Martha Benny to problems with fairly large holes with stagnant water in the park opposite the children's playground. The ladies dog became ill after having been in one of these holes & she was concerned for the safety of children & other dogs. A representative from Clacks Council has agreed to fence of the pockets of sludge and erect signs warning dog owners, parents etc of the problem until such times as the Council can acquire some funding to rectify the situation.

# Cllr Clark & Clacks Council Team Leaders Update from on Alva Walk about 23 June 2017

### 1. . Street Sweeping/Grass Cutting

Grass cutting on paths and bark spilling onto path: the gardeners are expected to blow the cuttings from the paths back onto the grass plots following cutting operations. The grass cutting teams are struggling at the

moment due to the excessive grass growth we are experiencing, 6 employees off long term sick and £150,000 of savings to be made so some areas that are normally undertaken are being missed due to time constraints.

The gardeners have been notified regarding the issues of bark and grass clippings and instructed to keep the problem to a minimum.

Street sweeping and grounds maintenance working as one team: This set up was in place several years ago but was changed following an internal restructure. We can explore the suggestion further once replacement

Service Manager is appointed.

No change as Service Manager post remains vacant.

Quality assurance: Land Services have a Quality and Performance Officer who makes regular checks throughout the county regarding the standard of work. The issue at the moment is that we have a limited budget and the

standards that we can attain are not as high as in previous years.

#### 2 **Pedestrian Crossing**

Whilst placing extra pedestrian crossing at Queen Street and Brook Street and signalising both junctions is an aspiration of Roads & Transportation , this would cost approximately £200,000+. It will remain under

consideration subject to the availability of capital funding to be approved by Council.

Pending future consideration of 2018/23 budget.

#### 3. Main Shopping Area

An inspection of the area will be carried out to establish the position and what can be done. However, this area is likely to be a focus of the future regeneration project approved for Alva.

#### 4. Vacant Premises

Phasing of town regeneration projects recently approved by Council. Need for additional funding can be considered by Council once regeneration project for Alva is formulated.

#### 5. **Hedge**

This has been referred to the appropriate Roads Officer who will take it up with the landowner/householder.

Householder was contacted and they removed most of the hedge. Unfortunately they have left about a third of the hedge. We have contacted them again and asked them to cut back or fully remove the remainder of the hedge.

#### 6. Caravan

The caravan is not abandoned and therefore it cannot be removed. *ClIr Clark is pursuing this further.* 

#### 7. Street Calming

The Island referred to is correctly signposted and we have no record of the bollards being replaced due to being struck. The island is an essential part of the traffic calming on this wide section of the street approaching the town centre.

No further action proposed.

Roads will look at the opportunity to provide pedestrian crossings and speed reduction on the west section of Stirling Street from the 30 mph signs to the vehicle entrance to the Park. This will require design and subsequent

consultation with a view to carrying out the works to coincide with the Alva regeneration projects in 2019/20. The project has been added to the roads programme.

Pending future consideration of 2018/23 budget.

#### 8. Signage at Blairdrennan

This will be assessed and if required action taken. Roads no longer has a Traffic Signs Officer so there may be a delay in dealing with this issue.

We have ordered a new sign which will be erected as soon as the householder has completed the harling on the wall.

#### 9. Garage at Craighorn

With regard to the derelict garage (which we think refers to Craighorn Road, Alva rather than Tillicoultry) we have no record of anyone renting a plot on this site. However, a notice had already been served on it. Our plan of

action is:

- (a) Secure the site by erecting fencing around the garage.
- (b) Following the notice, wait to see if anyone claims the garage and car inside (hopefully the fencing will draw attention to it).
- (c) If no-one comes forward, we will remove the vehicle (probably scrap it) and demolish the garage.

#### 10. Parking at 67 Erskine Street, Alva

Parking across driveways is obstruction and cannot be dealt with by the Council. The Police are responsible for enforcing obstruction and other on-street parking offences. The Council no longer provides white marking bars

across driveways as the dropped kerb is deemed to be sufficient to warn a driver that they should not park there.

The householder has not contacted Roads however my advice is that they place a sign on their gate 'No Parking access in Use' or words to a similar effect.

#### 11. Wall at Norton Street/Henry Street

The area to the rear of Norton Street/Henry Street has been visited by a Building Standards Officer who examined a wall and found it not to be dangerous. However, the wall examined may not be the correct one and therefore more precise information has been sought on which wall is of concern so we can be sure we've examined the right one.

E-mail was sent to Councillor Clark on 25 July 2017 advising that the length of wall indicated has been checked and does not appear to be in a dangerous condition.

#### 12. Trees at Silverburn

In regard to the problem with overgrown trees to the rear of properties at Silverburn Gardens - a High Hedge Notice was served on the owner of Burnhouse Farm House located to the north of properties at Silverburn Gardens. The trees have now been reduced in height as required by the Notice and the regulatory planning position has been remedied.

# Officers Comments relating to Councillor Enquiry re rubbish at rear of Londis shop...

The shop owner has asked for 7-10 days to contact the company who supplied the cages and arrange to have them removed.

## 7.3 Treasurer's Report – Anne Spruce

Treasurer's Report- October 2017

**Ordinary Account** 

	Payments	
	Poppy Wreath £33.00	
	Balance £ 1751.33	
	Special Events	
	Receipts	
	£250.00 donation towards the lights	
	Balance £17447.61	
	Ringfenced	
	Micro grants £1750.00	
	Lights £2500.00	
	Action Plan £8969.55 (including OLE money)	
	Total £13219.55	
8.1	Convener Reports  Environment incl Alva Glen – Linda Read by Lynn	
8.2	Alva Glen Illuminations event was a great success with a huge turnout of both locals & visitors.  Possible Community GardenDo we at ACC want to take the lead, initially, to engage with the community to see if there is a need for a community garden, as mentioned in Secretaries report in Sep. It was agreed that we should do this.  Wild FlowersSome maintenance work was carried out on the wild flower area on Sunday, some weeding & strimming, it may require some more work before the end of the year.  Planning / Licensing Applications - Iain Craig	
	<ul> <li>Possible loans to tenants for property upgrades- head of housing putting forward a paper to look at same.</li> <li>Electronic charging point lower Cobden/Johnstone Street</li> <li>Alteration to dwelling in Wharry Road inner wall</li> <li>Application for summer house at Lestange Avenue</li> <li>Alteration to dwelling Brookfield Place - Bifold doors</li> <li>Former Alva academy site amendment revised mid floor details and introduction of external protective barriers</li> <li>Two storey extension to dwellings in Johnstone Street</li> <li>Extension in Lovers Loan to create granny flat dwelling</li> <li>Hillfoots Business Centre - 2 storey extension and formation of new access road from adopted road (approved)</li> <li>Alva Primary - Proposed erection of pram and bike shelter</li> <li>Keir Hardy Road - Alteration to dwelling remove wall and replace</li> </ul>	
	conservatory roof	

#### 8.3 Public Partnership Forum - Mary Dalrymple

## PPF Meeting - Wednesday 6th September 2017, Sauchie Hall at 7pm.

Three speakers gave very interesting talks as follows:

- 1) **Caroline Cherry from Stirling Council**. Model for rural care. Health & Social care staff whose patient is at the centre always in their community. At present there between 7 & 8 pilot schemes on the go within the UK.
- It is being trialled throughout Scotland.
- Community getting involved.
- Care locally made decisions.
- Balfron Care Group includes residents as well as professionals.

Question was posed "What size is the team?

Answer - "Holland has 10 in a team. Here not too big"

Question: "Would there be a training programme for all professional disciplines in the Stirling area?

Answer: "Speaker not able to answer/inform us"

- 2) Sandra Campbell from NHS Forth Valley. Cancer & palliative nurse.
  - Connected with family and friends re: problems.
  - Pathways of cancer from medical workup to end result i.e. surgery, radiotherapy and chemotherapy.
  - Stages of cancer which can endure difficult side effects after cancer has been eradicated such as sleep difficulties.
  - This area is under WOSCan (West of Scotland Cancer) including NHS Forth Valley and the Beatson in Glasgow.
  - Andrew Murray is the executive lead for this group.
  - FVRH Oncology /Palliative care team.
  - 900 deaths attributed to cancer each year in Forth Valley
  - 1500 new cancer cases each year.
  - Tested community nurse McMillan. Over 1000 referrals seen by 2 x Band 6 = 1 full time nurse.
  - Cost = £80K per year in return £10 for every £1 spent.
  - 10 referrals per week, every week.
  - Sessions are held for the following: Sleep; GP Appts; Eating and Mindfulness.
  - Locations for the sessions: Coffee Drop-Ins at Golden Lion Hotel, Stirling. Hawkhill Centre 1:30pm to 3:30pm every second Tuesday.
  - Summary is held by cancer patient and handed to their GP's.
  - Cancer sufferers can feel lonely even in a full room. However, help is there.
  - McMillan is there for **ALL** member of the family.
- 3) Ian McCourt from Falkirk & Clacks Carers Centre. Power of Attorney (POA).
  - Under the POA Act 2000, a POA must be registered with the office of guardianship in Falkirk, stamped then returned to be made legal before being actioned.
  - A doctor must sign off the named person as being capable of making decisions for themselves.
  - There is a fee £75.00 upwards to be paid, unless it is processed under Legal Aid.
  - Timescale is between 7 to 16 weeks for processing it by the office of

	Guardianship.	
8.4	IT & Website - Graham Burt	
	Phil handed over the position of IT Convener officially to me at the monthly meeting on Mon 9th Oct and will continue to support me when needed for which I am eternally grateful for and would not have taken the post without his support.  I'd like to thank Phil for his contribution during the time he was IT Convener.	
	I attended a training session in Alva CAP on Friday 6th Oct with the IT dept from the Council, offered by Lesley Baillie.  It was an informative meeting and good to get another set of webmaster's eyes	
	on the site. The only change he recommended is to make the Contact Us page more visible which I will fix when I meet with Phil. I will also bring the minutes page up to date as well once I know how.	
	I plan to test the Paypal button and if not working will ask Phil to look at it. At the meeting we got a few suggestion of other means of contribution based fund raising, so I will look at those options.	
	Last but no means least, I am going to restrict admin access to the site to just myself and Phil so that I am fully aware of any changes to the site. If any Councillor has any suggestions for any change, the IT team can discuss them if agreed, I will make the changes.	
8.5	Education - Gemma Waghorn	
	Gemma advised that the Alva Academy MacMillan Coffee Morning was a great success. To date the total raised is £41, 039.86 and money is still coming in!	
	A MOP advised that the school has been recognised as the highest non corporate fundraiser of the year.	
	Sub Committee Reports	
9	Events – Lynn, Robbie, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Louise, Iain, Gemma, Graham, Mary & Kirsty.	
	Planning an open shop evening on Thursday 16th November. The CO-OP want to be involved with a sleigh outside shop with Santa. Letters have been handed out to local businesses asking them if they want to be involved in the evening.	
	We are not doing a light switch on this year, however it is a consideration for next year. We are going to get an electrician to mark which fuses are which.	
	Christmas Fayre - Saturday 18th November.	
	Santa is organised Jazz band is organised Rainbows/Brownies to be involved - Carol Singing / Santas Helpers	
11	Community Action Plan (CAPLan) – Sandra Rees	
	Outdoor Gym – We await the invoice for £6000 from Clackmannanshire Council who will arrange purchase and installation for the gym for March 2018.	

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	Meeting with Julie McGrath from Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) – Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
	In response to a request from Sandra a number of weeks ago Julie contacted her to ask how CTSI could support the CAPLan Group with a Development Trust to secure funding for town centre regeneration to add to the £650,000 funding that Clackmannanshire Council have for 2019-21.	
	Julie is available to meet the CAPLan Group this Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Oct for an initial chat. 6 members of the group indicated they will attend.	
	Meeting with Brian Forbes, Customer Services Manager, Clackmannanshire Council – Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct	
	Brian is working on an updated proposal/design regarding the relocation of the CAP / library into Alva Primary School. He has invited Jane Rough, Senior Education Officer, with responsibility for Early Years to the meeting.	
	Julie McGrath from CTSI may also attend on 18 <sup>th</sup> Oct to discuss the Development Trust.	
12	Clackmannanshire Councillors Reports	
	Cllr Dave Clark (Lab) - School Hub - Cllr Clark advised that this is NOT a done deal! There are many factors still to bed discussed/considered.  Parking Paedophiles - 5 in Alva	
	Cllr Benny added that no it is not a done deal, However she dislikes it as an add-on to the school. Would be happier if it was a fresh build with the Hub incorporated into the building.	
	A MOP raised concerns about the Hub -Parking, however the main thing was that the building is getting too old and needs major refurbishment, not suitable for a Hub to be fitted in. Also outdoor learning is a large part of education now, and with the amount of people coming and going to the "Hub" wouldn't work.	
	One Way Streets - Cllr CLark advised that he has been approached about the road to the back of the Co-op etc to be made one way due to the delivery trucks - This may require further debate.	
	<b>Alva Glen Site -</b> Cllr Clark Corresponded with Gean Holdings quite considerably and until recently had no response. Latest response was that there is apparently an interested party to purchase the land from Gean. They have advised that they may sell the site with the planning permission. However if not gean will apply for Building Consent, but no work will be started by end of 2017.	
12	AOCB - None	
13	Date of Next Meeting on Mon 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm Community Councillors pre-meeting at 7pm	
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