

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 8 October 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

### Community Councillors Present:

<b>Sandra Reese</b> Chairperson	<b>Iain Craig</b>
<b>Lynn Cameron</b> Vice Chair	<b>Graham Burt</b>
<b>Anne Spruce</b> Treasurer	<b>Katherine Graham</b>
<b>Linda Greig</b> Secretary	
<b>Mary Dalrymple</b>	

### In Attendance:

Members of Community x 9 Elected Councillors - Cllr Balsillie & Cllr Benny  
Council Representative Lesley Baillie

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome</b> Sandra opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> - Margaret Bringen.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of 2017 AGM</b> Minutes of the 2016 AGM were proposed by Iain Craig and seconded by Mary Dalrymple.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Matters Arising from 2017 AGM minutes</b> - None	
<b>5</b>	<b>Chairperson Annual Report – Sandra Reese</b>  <b>1. Resignations, Co-Options and Adoption of Co-option Procedure</b>  <b>a) The Draft Co-option Procedure to be presented for adoption at the AGM</b>  <b>b) Resignations</b>  Robbie Russell resigned from Alva Community Council in May followed by Louise Young in June and Kirsty Ryles in October. We wish them all the best for the future.  <b>c) Co-Option of Community Councillors</b>  Following a recruitment campaign over the summer we were delighted to announce at the September meeting that we had three applicants who were welcomed as co-opted Community Councillors. Mr Douglas Buck has had second thoughts and resigned. However, we are delighted to welcome again Margaret Breingan and	

Katherine Graham.

## **2 Events Group**

The Events Group have been busy in the last 12 months with a Christmas Fayre in Nov 2017 and the Fun Day in May 2018. The group also arranged the 24 hanging baskets for the town centre and plants for the 3 tier planters we now have at each end of town. Most of the funding for all these activities comes from EDF who recently provided funds to purchase a trailer.

There was also a Cemetery Clean-up Day on Saturday 17 March. The Events Group combined forces with Ochil Youths Community Improvement (OYCI) Group who had arranged a litter pick on Ochil Road at the top of the cemetery for the same day. There was a good turnout of helpers despite flurries of snow.

## **3 Clacks Council Budget Consultation for Public Meeting 09/01/18 & Outcomes**

Alva Community Council helped raise awareness of the Clackmannanshire Council budget consultation meeting by issuing paper copies of the consultation and chatting to people during a street campaign on Sat 6 Jan and also put posters up around town.

Clacks Council had a budget gap of £9.5m in 2018/19 prompting unprecedented numbers of people completing the online consultation and attending the meetings in each town including approx. 100 at the Alva meeting where Council officers put forward options to make savings and opened consultation on the possible savings options.

Many had concerns about the proposals including the following affecting;

- Closure of Cochrane Hall or mothball until a Community Group can take it over. This proposal was approved by Elected Members. Fortunately Alva Development Trust (ADT) had been created by Alva Community Council (ACC) and they are currently preparing to sign a 3 year lease of the hall (See CAPLan Report at item 6).
- Closure of toilets in Cochrane Park. This proposal was approved by Elected Members. ADT hope to complete a Community Asset Transfer of the toilets and have them open with a café where the current changing rooms are, subject to a successful funding application
- Closure of Alva Community Access Point (CAP). It was decided not to close this facility but to continue with plans to relocate to Alva Primary School. The Community Action Plan Group (CAPLan) had several meetings with a Council officer on this topic before the threat of closure was announced and the group continue to liaise with officers

## **4 Community Action Plan (CAPLan) Group**

Alva's Community Action Plan was published in Sept 2015 by Alva Community Council (ACC) following consultation where everyone in

each Alva household was invited to take part in a survey.

The CAPLan Group comprises 4 members of the public and 7 Community Councillors

### **Alva Development Trust**

As explained at item five (above) Alva Development Trust was created by Alva Community Council's CAPLan Group and on 21/03/18 ADT became separate from ACC which was just in time as Clackmannanshire Council decided at their budget meeting at end of March to close Alva's Cochrane Hall or mothball until a community group could take it over and to close the toilets in the park on 30/09/18. The main purpose of ADT is to manage the Cochrane Hall and toilets in the park on behalf of the people of Alva.

ADT Chairperson, Mellisa White, attended ACC's meeting in May and gave a resume of activities to date. ADT Secretary, Mary Laing, has also attended some ACC meetings to give further updates. Mary and other committee members have done lots of work over the last few months assisted by Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) and ADT are now a registered company with charitable status.

Clacks Council have prepared a three year lease of the Cochrane Hall which will be signed later this week by ADT. Clacks Council will provide staff for the hall until the lease is signed but after that it will be staffed by ADT committee members and volunteers. The three year lease gives breathing space while funding is secured, perhaps from Scottish Land Fund, for Community Asset Transfer of the Cochrane Hall and toilet block.

ADT are having their first fundraising event on Friday 23 November – an Abba tribute band. Tickets are £20 each and includes a buffet.

If anyone is interested in tickets for the Abba night, becoming a member and/or volunteer please contact ADT on facebook or by email to [alvadevelopmenttrust@gmail.com](mailto:alvadevelopmenttrust@gmail.com) or the hall landline 01259 760208 (there will be an answering machine). Three ADT committee members run the Toddlers group in the hall and can be contacted there on Tuesdays 09.00 to 11.00 and Wednesdays 12.00 to 14.15.

Sandra is one of the 7 committee members of ADT but not an office bearer. This will be declared in event of any future conflict of interest.

The Cochrane Foundation sent a letter of support for ACC/ADT to Sandra in March. She will write to them again giving an update.

### **Outdoor Gym**

The CAPLan report contained requests for our parks to be developed by investing in sports and leisure facilities e.g. outdoor gym.

ACC were given over £5000 from Ochil Leisure Enterprise group following the closure of Ochil Leisure Centre (a.k.a. Alva Swimming Pool) and thought it appropriate to use it for an outdoor gym

	<p>project. A further grant of £2000 was received from EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund and meant that we could enlarge the size of the project.</p> <p>Saturday 14 April was the official opening of the gym in the town's Cochrane Park by Alva's own Kenny Cook.</p> <p>We have received further EDF funding for CCTV for the Outdoor Gym location to deter anti-social behaviour in the vicinity. We have an agreement with Clacks Council to install a certain type of camera and we hope to do in the foreseeable future.</p> <p><b>Alva Community Access Point (CAP/Library) – Relocation to Alva Primary School</b></p> <p>Work commenced at beginning of July at the Primary School. Following ongoing inspection the handover of the facilities will be slightly delayed from the original programme and the fit out of the library will not be completed to mid November.</p> <p>ACC meetings will be in the meeting space in the new library in due course.</p> <p>May I take this opportunity to thank Alva Baptist Church for the use of their hall for the last few years and thanks especially to Rev David Fraser. Our November meeting will be in the church hall but we hope to move to the new venue for our December meeting.</p> <p><b>Village and Small Town Initiative (VSTI) – Alva Streetscape Improvements</b></p> <p>Members of the CAPLan Group met with Stuart Crickmar, Clacks Council on Wed 25 July, 15 August and 12 September regarding the plans to upgrade Alva Town Centre in 2018/19 using £650,000 Clacks Council have budgeted for this.</p> <p>Alva's upgrade has moved forward to 2018/19 as there has been a delay with Tillicoultry. Alva was originally before Tillicoultry so we have simply regained our original position. However, this means that the clock is ticking as agreement will need to be reached on what is to be done with the £650,000 and work allocated to contractors by 31/03/19.</p> <p>Copy of the notes from the September meeting are available to read tonight.</p>	
6	<p><b>Secretary Annual Report – Linda Greig</b></p> <p><b>Alva CC Outstanding Action Points are</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Benches on Alva to Tilly leisure route</li> <li>• Street signs for Craiglieth Terrace</li> </ul> <p>We are waiting for responses from the two departments at Clacks Council.</p> <p><b>Planters &amp; Flowers</b></p> <p>We have had positive feedback from the community via social media on the flower planters at either end of town, our</p>	

	<p>baskets and the wild flowers.</p> <p>Linda suggested that ACC discuss a management plan for the future maintenance of the baskets and containers. This will be discussed at a future meeting.</p> <p><b>Micro Grants</b></p> <p>In the last year we have given an EDF micro grant of £250 to four different community projects. We still have two report forms to get back. I will chase them up.</p> <p><b>Thanks</b></p> <p>On behalf of ACC I would like to express our appreciation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All members of the community who keep us up to date with local issues and share information, also those who volunteer their time to support our activities especially the Fun day as this event would not work without volunteers.</li> <li>• The local Police &amp; elected members for giving their monthly reports on local issues.</li> <li>• The Baptist Church where we hold our meetings especially David for giving his time each month.</li> <li>• No 5 Inn who support our event meetings</li> <li>• The Alva CAP staff who are always willing to support Alva Community Council.</li> </ul>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LG</p>
<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>Treasurer Annual Report – Anne Spruce</b></p> <p>Once again we would like to thank Eileen Armstrong for checking the accounts. Copy of 2018 annual report attached to these minutes. The accounts were approved by all ACC members present at the meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Office Bearers Vacated Their Seats</b></p> <p>Independent Chairperson, Donald Balsillie took the Chair for the election process. Councillor Balsillie congratulated Alva CC on the work they have done over the last year.</p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>Election of Office Bearers</b></p> <p><b>Chairperson</b>  Nominee: Lynn Cameron  Proposer: Sandra Reese  Seconded: Graham Burt  Nominee: Sandra Reese  Proposer: Linda Greig  Sandra declined  Lynn accepted the position of Chair Person</p> <p><b>Vice Chair</b>  Nominee: Sandra Reese  Proposer: Graham Burt  Seconded: Linda Greig  Sandra accepted the position of Vice Chair</p> <p><b>Treasure</b>  Nominee: Anne Spruce  Proposer: Sandra</p>	

	<p>Seconded: Iain  Nominee: Mary Dalrymle  Proposer Mary Dalrymple  Seconded: None  Anne accepted the position of Treasure</p> <p><b>Secretary</b>  Nominee: Linda Greig  Proposer: Graham Burt  Seconded: Sandra Reese  Linda accepted the post of secretary</p> <p><b>Minute Secretary</b>  Nominees Linda Greig and Kathrine Graham  Proposer: Sandra Reese  Seconded: Graham Burt  Linda and Kathrine accepted to share the position of minute secretary.</p> <p>It was agreed that Linda as Secretary will be the 'Single Point of Contact' for Clackmannanshire Council to send correspondence to Alva Community Councillors</p>	
	<b>Chairperson Lynn Cameron took the Chair</b>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Nomination of Conveners and Representatives</b>  Education – Gemma  Environment – Linda  Data Protection – Linda  IT – Graham  Health -Kathrine- Alva Health Centre Patient Group  Planning (incorporating Licensing Applications) – Iain  Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) – Lynn  Public Partnership Health Forum (PPHF) - Mary</p>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Nomination of Sub Committees</b>  <b>Community Action Plan</b> – Sandra (co-ordinator), Lynn, Linda, Anne, Iain, Graham and Kathrine  <b>Events</b> - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Iain, Graham, Kathrine  <b>Planning</b> – Iain, Mary, Anne  <b>Micro Grants</b> –Linda, Anne &amp; Iain</p>	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Adoption of Co opting procedure for ACC</b>  Sandra produced the documents for the co-opting procedure for ACC, for all to vote for the adoption of this co-opting procedure. Everyone had read and understood the documents prior to the meeting.  Anne Proposed and Mary Seconded.</p>	
	<b>END of AGM</b>	

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