

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 10th June 2019

Venue: Alva Library

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Sandra Rees – Vice Chairperson	SR
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer	AS
Iain Craig	IC	Katherine Graham	KG
Graham Burt	GB		
Community Councillors in attendance – SR, IC, AS, KG			
Minutes – KG			

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) x 8

Elected Councillors – Cllr D Clark at the end of the meeting

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Sandra welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	Apologies Lynn Cameron, Linda Greig and Graham Burt	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed IC Seconded AS	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Linda Greig was to get in touch with Alan Murray from the Council with regards to the bench locations along the Alva to Tillicoultry activity route. It is stated that “Lynn asked Community Councillors to vote on whether Mary should be removed as an Alva Community Councillor and that all Community Councillors agreed”. The proposal should have been to vote on whether Mary should be “indefinitely suspended” for habitually acting in breach of the Code of Conduct. (Standing Order 13.2) There was a show of hands for indefinite suspension. 4 members present said yes and 2 members by text said yes.	LG
6	Police Report – Report attached.	
7	Office Bearer reports	

7.1	<p>Chairperson report – Lynn Cameron</p> <p>At the May Meeting it was agreed ACC would co-opt 2 more Community Councillors. (We co-opted 3 in September 2018 but 2 have left). Anyone interested should speak to Lynn or Linda or email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk and it will also be publicised over the summer.</p> <p>It was agreed to have the AGM in October to allow new co-opted Community Councillors the opportunity to meet us at the September meeting before having a vote on office bearers etc in October</p> <p>The term of office for all existing Community Councillors in all towns in Clackmannanshire including Alva, ends approx. October 2020.</p>	
7.2	<p>Secretary’s Report – Linda Greig - None</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>Ordinary Account Travel expenses £5.40 IT wordfence licence £78.41 Laminator £26.50 Ink/ drawing pins £42.98 BALANCE £1846.01</p> <p>Special Events Account Income Fun Day £998.02</p> <p>Expenses Microgrants £500.00 Fun Day Expenses £2017.63 Consultation Expenses £29.55 BALANCE £18771.34</p> <p>Ring fenced Action Plan £1746.56 Lights £5984.97 Microgrants £1520.00</p>	
8	<p>Convenor Reports</p>	
8.1	<p>Planning & Licensing Applications – Iain Craig</p>	

	<p>All local planning applications can be seen by visiting Clackmannanshire Council Website</p> <p>https://www.clacks.gov.uk/</p> <p>Ian confirmed that there was nothing major that would require the attention of the Community Council.</p>	
8.2	<p>Information Technology – Graham Burt</p> <p>As has been the trend for some time now, our website has seen very little activity.</p> <p>Our main communication with the public is of course Facebook and it was no surprise that the Fun Day created the most engagement. Despite the bad weather it was a very successful day and there is a collection of 59 photos published. A special mention to John Spruce for his marvellous array of photos, thank you John and too all who contributed their photos.</p> <p>Our likes and followers have risen again. To date we have 1116 followers up 28 from 1088 and we have now reached 1038 likes, an increase of 27 from 1011.</p>	
8.3	<p>Education – Update from Sheona Craig rep for Clacks National Parent Forum Scotland.</p> <p>Norovirus – has affected a great many activities within the schools in Clackmannanshire.</p> <p>Nearly 300 children on reward trip to Blackpool</p> <p>SQA exams finished and choices in progress with new timetable started. Blazers now for everyone, braiding for senior years.</p> <p>Alva Academy submitted a poster detailing some of the good work and experiences on offer and it was displayed at NPFS (National Parent Forum of Scotland) parliament reception for their 10th Birthday.</p> <p>Duke of Edinburgh awards ongoing and successful expeditions completed.</p>	
8.4	<p>Health – Katherine Graham - None</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</p> <p>Alva Community Fun Day, Saturday 25th May 2019</p> <p>The streets of Alva were an array of colour as an invasion of Comic and Cartoon Characters gathered for the parade along the town centre to the Cochrane Park for the start of the 6th annual Fun Day on Saturday 25th May 2019.</p> <p>Cat in the Hat and Bizzy Bee were accompanied by friends including Homer Simpson, Beryl the Pearl, Anna, Princess Jasmine, Ladybug, Bat Woman, Peter Rabbit, Scooby-Doo & Spiderman. The colourful musical parade along the main street led by Classic Cars, The Background Sound Band, Motorbikes and the Tartan Juggler.</p> <p>Town centre bollards had been transformed into cartoon characters and community-made bunting enhanced the appearance of the town. Enthusiasm, laughter and excitement increased as the parade reached the Cochrane Park for the start of the Fun Day.</p> <p>The afternoon was full of fun activities for all the family to enjoy including Bouncy Castles, Slide, Roller Coaster Simulator, Kick Darts, Kids Rides, Face Painters, Owl Magic, Tombola, Refreshments, Motorbikes, Mountain Rescue and of course various stalls and local food outlets – there was something for everyone at the Fun Day. Alva Scouts braved wet sponges at “Splat the Scout”. Kick Darts winner, with the highest score of the day, was Josh who took home the prize football.</p> <p>There was the opportunity for teams or individuals to dress up a town centre bollard in a Cartoon theme with a £50 prize for the winner. There were 2 very impressive entries and judges had a difficult time choosing a winner but this year the Bollard Competition Shield and £50 prize was won by Jessica McIvor for her creation of Dennis the Menace. Thanks to Alva Toddler Group for the other entry.</p> <p>The camaraderie was amazing and we want to send a huge thanks to the many families who were present as well as the volunteers who helped on the day, their participation was greatly appreciated and made the event a massive success. Thanks also to Police Scotland for help with the parade.</p> <p>Alva Community Council was successful in an application for a grant from EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund and the activities at the Fun Day were made possible due to the award.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed that for next year we need to get clear guidelines and procedures from the Police regarding the traffic on the A91 Stirling Road during the parade for the Fun Day.</p> <p>An additional Gazebo required for the Kick Darts for the next Fun Day.</p>	<p>Events</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>Community Action Plan – Sandra Rees</p> <p>Following a very successful 3 day public consultation 21 to 23 Feb 2019 there was another 1 day drop-in on Saturday 18th May, 10am to 3pm to give feedback to the public. This took place in the former fruit shop adjacent to Flowers by Arrangement in the town centre.</p> <p>Members of the CAPlan group and officers from Traffic & Transportation and Planning Departments of Clackmannanshire Council were in attendance to answer any questions. Approx 100 people called so not nearly as busy as the consultation where approx 650 people called in over the 3 days.</p>	

	<p>Relating documents are available on Clacks Council consultation pages at; https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/roads-transportation/first-stage-alva</p> <p>Documents include;</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Main Issues Report – summary of over 300 comments and 66 completed Place Standard questionnaires from over 600 people who attended the 3 day consultation.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Place Standard Results in full – a summary of comments From the 66 completed Place Standard questionnaires.</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Place Standard Diagram – showing the Mean (average) and Median (middle) results.</p> <p>Note: Works on Brook Street are scheduled to commence on the 17th July during the school holidays; this includes a speed table with a pedestrian crossing near Hanover’s Burnside Court sheltered housing, Speed table at Henry Street/James Street junction and another at George Street as well as road narrowing outside the Primary School. Although part of the overall project, this work will be funded separately by Clackmannanshire Council and Sustrans and will not use the funds earmarked for Stirling Street and the east and west ends of Alva.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Report – Briefing Note submitted by Cllr D Clark</p> <p>Been investigating the Alva Glen Site again. It has a new owner (Developer) who has been in dialogue with the Kingdom Housing Association and a planning application for 8 terraced houses is imminent. I also phoned up Kingdom Housing Association and invited them for lunch to discuss that site and others in Alva, at first they accepted then later declined my offer.</p> <p>New appointments of Integrated Joint Board, Place and Social Work about to commence.</p> <p>New Council Leader Ellen Forson, I and Bill Mason continue regular dialogue. Discussion about having a Poverty week in October.</p> <p>Visited Housing for Homeless families throughout Clackmannanshire – a bit Spartan but clean and smell free.</p> <p>Meeting with other Labour Leaders at Scottish Parliament to discuss Financing of Local Government on Monday 10th June.</p> <p>Met with leader of Foodbank and both of us agreed it was shame on Clackmannanshire that we needed it.</p> <p>Attended COSLA Labour Group. Some discussion of localised Budgets which will impact heavily on Community Councils. Also noted European Social Funding has been suspended.</p> <p>Garden Waste Collection arrangements not yet concluded.</p> <p>Attended Integrated Joint Board Finance Committee. They are proposing a “Deficit Budget”. If they do so it could mean we have to stump up another £1M at the year end when our budgets are struggling.</p>	

<p>12</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Member of the public who lives opposite Alva Motor Company (Stirling Street) brought to our attention the difficulties he and his neighbours have had with the operators of Alva Motor Company who continually park vehicles dangerously and with no consideration for the residents. Parking on pavements, ignoring double yellow lines etc seem to be the norm. The resident has called 101 over 25 times and nothing appears to have been done. He has also contacted the Council and our Community Policeman and again doesn't appear to have received a satisfactory response. Was also a bit concerned that this situation has never been mention in the report to the ACC by Community Policeman considering the number of calls regarding this. The pavement concerned is supposed to be on the "Safe route to School" and there has already been a near miss which could have resulted in a child being knocked down due to reduced vision with cars parked on the pavement adjacent to driveways.</p> <p>Advised to try VOSA for some assistance in the matter.</p> <p>Cllr D Clark will write to the Police and the Owners of Alva Motor Company.</p> <p>Complaint was also raised about a caravan that has been parked on Johnstone street just round the corner from the Chemist and we will check with the Police if caravans can be parked on the street for long periods of time.</p>	<p>Cllr Clark</p>
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Next Ordinary Meeting – Monday 9th September 7.30 pm

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10/06/2019

INTRODUCTION

The community police officer for Alva are PC James Miller 247 and PC Dawn Grant 1046, who are both stationed at Alloa police office. You can contact them by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk or Dawn.Grant@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Police Scotland have recorded 12 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 4 are detected and 8 are currently undetected, some of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, as follows;

- On 3rd June 2019, a man was within his own address and in possession of an air rifle, without having a firearms license. The weapon was seized and the man has been reported for the offence.
- On 26th May 2019, a fire was set at Glentana Mill, West Stirling Street, Alva. Fire service attended, and have confirmed that the fire was set deliberately inside the mill. Enquiries are ongoing, however two youths who were present at the time have already been identified.
- On 19th May 2019, police were on patrol at Alva Glen, when they smelled cannabis coming from a parked car. Police searched the car and found a small amount of cannabis. One man in the car was charged with possession of controlled drugs, and received a recorded police warning.

VANDALISM

There was 1 recorded incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, as follows;

- Between 11th and 13th May 2019, at The Nebit, Alva, a parked van had 2 tyres slashed. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the person responsible for this.

VIOLENCE

There were 3 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

- On 15th May 2019, a member of the public called police to report a child who was in possession of a knife. A 12 year old boy was traced by police soon after, and was still in possession of a small knife. The youth was returned home and issued with a police warning in the presence of his parents.

- On 13th May 2019, at The Nethergate, Alva, a man vandalised a car, and then assaulted the owner of the car by grabbing her to the throat and pushing her to the ground. Efforts are ongoing to trace and arrest the suspect.
- On 19th May 2019, at an address in The Nebit, Alva, a woman was assaulted by another woman who punched her repeatedly to the face, causing slight injury. Efforts are ongoing to trace and arrest the suspect.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There was 1 recorded incident of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, as follows;

- On 30th May 2019, at Alva Glen, a woman left her bicycle within bushes, while she walked up the glen. On returning, she discovered the bike had been stolen. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the suspect responsible.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There was 1 recorded incident of road traffic offences in the area over the last month, as follows;

- On 28th May 2019, at Viewfield Drive, Alva, a parked car was damaged, consistent with another car striking it. Efforts are ongoing to trace the driver of the other car, as they failed to leave details or report the crash to police.

It should be noted that other traffic offences are routinely detected and dealt with by police without the need for them to be recorded.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

The Clackmannanshire Community Team will continue to target local drug dealers utilising intelligence received from the community. This intelligence is essential to enable officers to act against those involved and we encourage any information to be passed to the police or via Crimestoppers.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community officers will continue to address parking and driving issues in Alva including Alva Primary School and Nursery, and Stirling Street. Numerous tickets and warnings have been issued and will continue to be issued where appropriate.

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 089 Cathy Sharkey. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.