

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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**Minutes of Meeting, Monday 10 June 2013, 7.30pm**

**Venue: Alva Baptist Church**

**Community Councillors Present:**

<b>Lynn Cameron, Acting Chairperson</b> Convener – Alva Games. Environment. Sub Groups – Logo. Events.	<b>Mary Dalrymple, Secretary</b> Convener – Joint Community Council Forum Sub Groups – IT. Events.
<b>Russ Fenton, Treasurer</b>	<b>Sandra Rees, Minute Secretary</b> Convener – Parks.
<b>Margaret McArthur</b> Sub Group – ACC / Ochil Leisure Centre Joint Working	<b>Philip Ward</b> Convener – IT/Website. Data Protection. Sub Groups – IT. Logo.
<b>Gemma Waghorn</b> Convener – Education. School Council / PTA Convener – Alva Glen Sub Groups – IT. Events.	<b>Kirsty Wilson</b> Convener – Alva Health Centre Patient Group Convener – Public Partnership Health Forum
<b>Anne Spruce</b>	

**In Attendance:**

Members of Public (MOP) x 6

Cllr Donald Balsillie (DB), Cllr Archie Drummond (AD) PC Elaine Wond

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies</b>  Lynn Cameron opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.  Apologies from:  <b>Ian Cameron</b> Convener – Planning. Licencing Applications <b>Linda Grieg</b> Convener – Alva Glen Sub Groups - Ochil Leisure Centre Joint Working. Events	
<b>2</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b>  Proposed by Mary Dalrymple, seconded by Russ Fenton	
<b>3</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b>  None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Police Update by PC Elaine Wond on behalf of PC Chris Smith</b>  See appendix	
<b>5</b>	<b>Office Bearer and Convener Reports</b>	
<b>5.1</b>	<b>Acting Chairperson Report</b>	

	<p>Acting Chairperson, Lynn Cameron eventually heard back from Craig Dunbar, Alva Games Committee who clarified that members of the Games Committee organise the shop window competition. Last year two (now former) members of Alva Community Council (ACC) assisted with this. ACC assistance is not required this year but Craig confirmed the Games Committee will be keen to work with us in future.</p>	
5.2	<p><b>Secretary Report</b></p> <p>Mary Dalrymple confirmed that this is ACC's last meeting in Alva Baptist Church. <b>Monthly meetings will resume after Summer on 09/09/13 in Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC) meeting room.</b></p> <p>This will be confirmed in "local notices in Alva Post Office, Alva CAP files and Higglety Pigglety.</p>	
5.3	<p><b>Treasurer Report</b></p> <p>Russ Fenton reported that there is no Manager at RBS Alva branch, which is due for closure. However, he has been assured by phone that the new signatories are on the ACC accounts and that statements are now issued quarterly, not monthly. Following discussion Russ agreed to advise the bank that monthly paper statements are required. These will be needed when applying for Grants, etc.</p> <p>Russ has statements of two accounts i.e. business and events that were addressed to the former Treasurer who passed them to Clackmannanshire Council who in turn sent them to him.</p>	RF
5.4	<p><b>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum</b></p> <p>Mary Dalrymple, Margaret McArthur and Gemma Waghorn attended the JCCF meeting on 13 June in Clackmannan Town Hall and will provide a report at the September meeting.</p>	MD
5.5	<p><b>Convener Reports - Parks</b></p> <p>Sandra Rees asked elected members for the name of the person within Clackmannanshire Council responsible for Alva Parks. Cllr Donald Balsillie provided the contact and Sandra Rees obtained the following report from Kathy Knox, Senior Land Services Officer.</p> <p><b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b></p> <p><i>Some information about parks in Alva will be contained in the Councils Local Plan/ Open Space Strategy which is provisionally due to go to Council in August, there after this document will be released for community consultation possibly in September.</i></p> <p><i>In the meantime I attach for your information a list of Parks/Play areas in Alva.</i></p> <p><i>There is also other open spaces in Alva that are not listed here. The former BMX site at the old station is not considered a park.</i></p> <p><i>There are ongoing improvements being carried out in Alva through "The Ochils Landscape Partnership" at Woodland Park, Alva Glen,</i></p>	

*Silver Glen.*

*Full details can be found on their Web site :- ochils.org.*

<b>Name</b>	<b>Location</b>
<b>Parks</b>	
Cochrane Park	
Johnstone Park	
Woodland Park	
Alva Glen	
<b>Play Areas</b>	
Woodland Park	
Rhodders Grove	Rhodders Grove
West Haugh Travelling People's Site	
The Wynd	The Wynd
Greenhead	Greenhead
Alva Primary School	Brook Street
Johnstone Park	Stirling St
Cochrane Park	Stirling St
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**5.6**

**Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications**

On behalf of husband Ian Cameron, Lynn Cameron confirmed that there were no planning applications to discuss as very little correspondence is coming through from Clackmannanshire Council. However, ACC is aware of the proposed development at the former Alva Academy site that will be discussed later at Counsellors Reports.

**5.7**

**Conveners Report - Public Partnership Health Forum and Alva Health Centre Patient Group**

**Alva Health Centre Patient Group** - Kirsty Wilson reported that there will be some changes at Alva Health Centre, more community nurses will be introduced so that patients can be discharged from hospital sooner. Patient demand has increased and some have inflated expectations e.g. visiting a GP or Nurse with symptoms that could be treated with paracetamol or a plaster. Patients are getting better at cancelling unwanted appointments. Dr Hay is arranging an Alva Health Centre cycle ride. Three estimates are being considered for the works to be done at Tullibody Health Centre.

There will be sessions for those newly diagnosed with Type 2 diabetes.

H1 and H2 buses to Forth Valley Royal Hospital - Local Authorities and Health Board are in consultation about the proposed removal of the hospital buses from Hillfoots towns.

Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed that the buses are going to be cut. Cllr Donald Balsillie announced that a cycle route is planned between Alva and Tillicoultry. Clackmannanshire Council have funding of £100,000 to match funding from Sustrans\* project. Design is underway and discussions have commenced regarding land acquisition. The route will run parallel to the A91 Alva to Tillicoultry road.

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	<p>*Sustrans is a charity that works with communities, policy-makers &amp; partner organisations so that people can choose healthier, cleaner and cheaper journeys and enjoy better, safer spaces to live in.</p> <p>Kirsty Wilson will attend a PPHF meeting on 11 June.</p> <p><b>POST MEETING NOTE:</b></p> <p>RESHAPING CARE FOR OLDER PEOPLE - 10 YR PLAN. The number of people over 65 years will increase at least 100% over the next 20 years. Correspondingly diseases such as Coronary Heart disease, Diabetes, Strokes/TIA's &amp; Dementia will increase. Methods of delivering care will have to change in order for elderly people to stay in their own home and to remain socially and physically active as long as possible.</p> <p>"Re-enabling" is the buzz word! Maintaining and encouraging independence with the help of a support network (GP's, Nurses, Carers and Family). More 'out of hours' support e.g. Telehealth and Telecare'. Re-shaping of Care Homes to accommodate Respite Care and Rehabilitation - better liaison with hospitals, Social Work and other relevant health care teams.</p> <p>When being discharged from hospital - giving patients the confidence to be independent with support from all agencies. Perhaps also offering short respite care as a transition to being at home. Easier access to equipment required e.g. grip handles, showers, kitchen trolleys, etc.</p> <p>Patients would not automatically be admitted to hospital if a brief stay in a care home would suffice as a safe alternative.</p> <p>The council wishes to hear from the public with ideas and suggestions as to how this may be achieved.</p> <p>SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT. BETTER SERVICES - BETTER OPPORTUNITIES - BETTER COMMUNITIES. To be focussed on Prevention and Early Intervention - this was mainly a reiteration of the first report. It would be up to GP's and Health Centres to notify the other services of people at risk "Integrated and Intelligent" approach centred around people and communities for them to solve the problems with support. It all sounded very idealistic, but I don't know who's going to make it all happen and where the money will come from as all the strategies would need to be in place before the new arrangements could be started.</p>	
<p><b>5.8</b></p>	<p><b>Convener Report - IT/Website/Data Protection</b></p> <p>Philip Ward asked that Community Councillors contribute items that he can put on the website calendar. These can be sent to him at <a href="mailto:webmaster@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">webmaster@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>6</b></p>	<p><b>Councillors Reports</b></p> <p><b>Alva Glen Hotel</b> - Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed that Clackmannanshire Council have commenced proceedings to acquire the former Alva Glen Hotel by Compulsory Purchase Order (<i>as documented in Post Meeting Note in minutes of 13/05/13</i>).</p> <p><b>Housing Developments/Community Hub</b> - Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed that 48 socially rented homes are to be built on the site of the former Alva Academy, Queen Street/Erskine Street site, after</p>	

the Council agreed to sell the land to developers.

The interested developer Tigh Grian Limited has now managed to secure available Scottish Government grant-funding of £2,267,616 for the project through the Greener Home Innovation Scheme.

The Council agreed to sell the land for £1 which in the long term will create both the economic development and regeneration of the town.

Tigh Grian Limited are keen to roll-out the environmentally innovative technology and construction methods in delivering a larger affordable social housing project in partnership with a Housing Association in Alva perhaps, but not definitely, Housing Association. Link

The Council agreed to sell the land to the developers with the condition that the Council is granted full nomination rights.

The bid is based on delivering a range of one bedroom four-in-a block cottage flats and two bedroom semi-detached houses. Developers are working to finalise plans for the site as there also demand for 3 & 4 bedroom properties.

Initial meetings have been held to explore the scope to relocate the existing Alva Medical Centre to the other former Alva Academy site adjacent to Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC) at Queen Street. Further discussions involving the GP partners, NHS representatives, Council representatives and community representatives are being arranged to explore the possibilities further. Cllr Balsillie confirmed that Alva Community Council and OLC could be involved in those discussions with a view to extending the footprint of OLC and include a Community Hub i.e. a meeting place for community groups.

A MOP asked Cllr Balsillie why our hard-up Council have sold the land for £1. He explained the Council are currently spending money putting homeless people up in B&B's due to the shortage of social housing and as the Council will have full nomination rights for the housing at Queen Street they will save money long-term. Following discussion Cllr Archie Drummond clarified that the houses will be allocated from the Council's housing waiting list\* and in accordance with their allocations policy is likely to include one or two homeless people to comply with legislation.

\*Clackmannanshire Council, Ochilview Housing Association and Paragon Housing Association currently operate a Common Housing Register. Applicants complete just one form to be added to the waiting list for properties of all three organisations.

A Community Councillor asked for reassurance that the new houses would be allocated to people who would look after them and keep the gardens tidy, etc. Discussion followed and Cllr Archie Drummond clarified that the houses would be allocated to those who demonstrate a need for the type and size of accommodation available. Unfair and unlawful discrimination will be avoided.

A Community Councillor asked the method used by Clackmannanshire Council to choose the developer Tigh Grian. Cllr Donald Balsillie clarified that Scottish Government ran a competition.

A MOP asked if the strip of Johnston Park land that had been incorporated into the former Alva Academy had been returned to

	the park. Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed that it had.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Sub Groups</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Sub Group - Events (Lynn Cameron, Linda Grieg, Gemma Waghorn &amp; Mary Dalrymple)</b></p> <p>Lynn Cameron has a 'Guess the Dolly's Birthday' in her Higglety Pigglety shop on Alva's main street, 50p per guess. All proceeds to Alva Community Council Fundraising for Christmas Lights.</p> <p>Gemma Waghorn reported that after talking to younger kids she has arranged a dance night on 1 July for primary aged children who will demonstrate and teach each other various types of dance. Alva Academy Senior Dance Group will assist and help the younger ones. The event will take place at Ochil Leisure Centre. Ann Spruce agreed to distribute information about the event at Alva Primary School. Details are also on Gemma's Facebook page</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond encouraged ACC to pursue grant finding from EDF Windfarm . Mary Dalrymple and Linda Grieg have already applied for a funding from them and still awaiting an outcome. Cllr Drummond will speak to someone at Tillicoultry Community Council for further information and pass to ACC. There could be sharing of community assets e.g. trestle tables for events.</p>	AS
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Sub Group - IT (Philip Ward, Mary Dalrymple and Gemma Waghorn)</b></p> <p>Philip reminded ACC that he and MOP's, David Fraser and Darren White will put items on website that will automatically go to Facebook and Twitter and encouraged Councillors and MOP's to forward suggestions. <a href="http://www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> is ACC's website and ideas should be sent to <a href="mailto:webmaster@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">webmaster@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a>.</p> <p>Philip said that 114 people are following ACC on Facebook.</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Sub Group - Logo (Philip Ward and Lynn Cameron)</b></p> <p>Lynn and Phil will liaise about the logo.</p>	
<b>7.4</b>	<p><b>Sub Group - Ochil Leisure Centre / ACC Joint Working</b></p> <p>Linda Greig was absent from the meeting but sent an email update confirming that Ochil Leisure Enterprises are applying for funding for a consultant to advise the best way to conduct a survey to clarify requirements in regards to extending OLC/ Community Hub. However, this will be on hold until after Summer as many community groups are closed.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Prices at Hospital Shop</b> - On behalf of a MOP who was unable to attend the meeting a Community Councillor asked elected members what, if anything, Clackmannanshire Council could do to influence the prices being charged by Marks and Spencer at Forth Valley Royal Hospital. The MOP had paid £1.78 for a 500ml bottle of Oasis juice for a relative in the hospital and the same juice is available at Morrisons for £0.75 (2 for £1.50). Cllr Balsillie advised the Council could not do anything about this. A MOP suggested visitors to the hospital could use the WRVS shop and if a meal is required for visitors they can use the restaurant where prices are reasonable.</p> <p><b>Old Cinema</b> - On behalf of a MOP who was unable to attend the</p>	

	<p>meeting a Community Councillor asked elected members what Clackmannanshire Council could do about the state of the old cinema, now being used for meat production, on Alva main street as it is badly in need of external redecoration. MOP's at the meeting expressed concern about staff from the establishment coming out to visit shops, etc, wearing their protective clothing. Cllr Balsillie said he'd met with the owner on several occasions and he recognises the need for redecoration but hasn't actually done anything about it yet. Cllr Drummond, who previously worked with Food Standards Agency, said he would speak to Clackmannanshire Council, Environmental Health Manager for an update on recent inspections as although he has not been in the factory he has concerns about the windows and while there is nothing wrong with staff coming out of the factory wearing their protective clothing they should not be re-entering it to continue work wearing the same items. Cllr Balsillie added that if Alva had a Traders Organisation they could apply for an Environmental Improvement Grant which could be used for external upgrade of shops, etc.</p> <p>Acting Chairperson, Lynn Cameron who with her husband Ian have a shop on Alva main street said she would look into the possibility of setting up a Traders Organisation.</p> <p><b>Orange Residue</b> - A MOP expressed concern that orange residue covered windows and cars recently, this happened last year as well and she mentioned it at a ACC meeting. Kirsty Wilson could recall this and advised that it had travelled from the sahara with the wind.</p>	
<p><b>9</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> Monday 9 September 2013 at Ochil Leisure Centre:</p> <p>7.00pm Annual General Meeting - Community Councillors and Members of Public</p> <p>There is also an Interim Meeting on Monday 8 July - venue to be confirmed - to discuss the housing at former Alva Academy sites.</p>	

Appendix

**ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING – 10/06/2013 :-**

**POLICE REPORT**

**CRIME**

Since our last meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> of May 2013 there have been 30 recorded crimes. Of these 11 relate to minor road traffic offences.

**10 detected crimes relate to:**

- Drugs (possession) x2
- Drugs (production)
- Drugs (concerned in the supply)
- Breach of the peace x4

Assault (minor) x2

**9 crimes remain undetected which include:**

Vandalism x 3

Theft x 5

House Breaking With Intent

Assault (minor)

Of all the undetected crimes reported, none of them appear to be linked in anyway. There are also positive lines of enquiry that will lead to several of these being detected.

**OTHER ISSUES**

**Pact priorities for May and June 2013:**

To reduce the impact of youth disorder during the evenings at the weekend in and around the Cochrane and Johnstone Parks, including the swimming pool at Park Street, Alva.

Over the last 4-6 weeks complaints have been received by police from local residents that large groups of youths are congregating in this area and consuming alcohol. Due to our activity in the area a reduction in the number of anti social behaviour related calls has been observed. Overall, there has been a reduction in the number of anti social behaviour related calls across Alva compared to the same period last year (down from 44 to 29).

PC Smith and Armitage, along with the community warden team have been providing a high visibility presence to address the concerns raised over this matter.

We are also keen to ascertain where the youths are obtaining their alcohol from. Test purchasing plans have been used previously and will be used again, however if any local resident has any information as to who is selling/supplying underage persons then please contact police to help us alleviate this issue.

**INCIDENTS OF NOTE:**

On the 4<sup>th</sup> June, 2013, large quantities of drugs were recovered from a vehicle in Alva. Due to this 3 persons have been reported to the procurator fiscal for various misuse of drugs offences. This was a long term police operation which is not directly linked to Alva or residents.

PC Smith and PC Armitage are always keen to hear from the community in relation to drug misuse in the village. All information passed will be used in the strictest of confidence. Your assistance in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Thanks

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