

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting, Monday 11th November 2013, 7.30pm

Venue: Ochil Leisure Centre, Park Street, Alva

Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron - Chairperson	Margaret McArthur - Secretary
Anne Spruce, Treasurer	
Kirsty Wilson Convener – Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	Mary Dalrymple
Gemma Waghorn Convener – Education inc School Council & PTA	Linda Greig Convener – Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen
Ian Cameron	Jim Lyle

In Attendance:

Cllr Archie Drummond

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Guest speaker: Alan Faulds, Fire Scotland

PC Roy Mitchell

Members of Public (MOP) X3

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions	
2	Apologies Phil Ward, Sandra Rees, Lisa Williams, Ian Cameron	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting of 14.10.13 - agreed after amendments noted Proposed by Mary Dalrymple, seconded by Gemma Waghorn	
4	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim wished his disagreement with the decision taken earlier by Clacks Council staff re the numbers which can be co-opted to ACC only allowing a total of 13 instead of 14 to be noted. • Up-date on ‘cinema building’ - Cllr Balsillie has been in touch with the owner by letter on a number of occasions as well as in person. He also put the owner in touch with Business Advisors in the Council some time ago. DB will be in touch again with the Business Advisors as there has been no visible sign of action being taken to improve the exterior of the building. Requesting Environmental Health to be involved could be a way ahead if the above does not lead to improvement for the community. • Data protection – Phil will be asked for up-date at the next meeting 	
5	Visiting Speakers	
5.1	PC Roy Mitchell	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Given that there has been some tampering with ATMs, we were reminded to use machines which have CCTV cover when possible, shielding PIN number when doing so. Police will be maintaining a higher visibility presence in the run up to Christmas. There will be e-safety seminars in Alloa Town Hall on 20th November, 12.00-2.30 and again at 6.00-8.30 and all are welcome. <p>PC Mitchell responded to questions :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Parking on double yellow lines, particularly on Queen Street - given that there will no longer be traffic wardens from 31/12, responsibility falls to the police service. Cars not displaying correct ID parked in spaces allocated for disabled drivers - police will be checking and issuing fixed penalty notices. (It was noted that disabled spaces outside the parish church were being used by patrons of the chip shop.) Speeding in the town and possible use of camera van - agreed that it could be deployed here. Request to be taken back to PC David Armitage and PC Chris Smith. Issue of parking near the Primary School particularly very close to corners - this is an on-going issue for the police. Concerns raised will be taken back to PC David Armitage and PC Chris Smith. 	
<p>5.2</p>	<p>Alan Faulds, Fire Service</p> <p>The number one priority of the Service is safety and prevention (before resolution). Preventative education is seen as the way to reduce calls. An example of this was the targeting of P7/Sec1 pupils i.e. the age group likely to have bonfires and educating them regarding wilful fire raising and possible outcomes. There was a 25% reduction in calls during the first week of November.</p> <p>Home Fire Safety Visits, which are free, can be requested by any member of the public and arranged at a time that suits. Where sockets are overloaded, strip adapters can be given; free smoke detectors can be fitted. Google 'Scottish Fire Service' or phone the local fire station to make the necessary contact. 0800 0731 999 to request a Home Fire Safety Visit or Text 'check' to 61611. He stressed throughout that we should use the service and encourages others to do so too. NB New smoke detectors are battery free - they have cells which last 10 years.</p> <p>Partnership Working is being strongly encouraged by the Chief of Service. Emergency services are working with agencies which work with the public e.g. community wardens, police etc.</p> <p>Education from young to old is seen as key. 'Safe drive, stay alive' is an education programme used with young people while giving advice and practical help to us all, will keep fires from starting in the home. Being proactive rather than reactive is the emphasis.</p> <p>Facts leaflets are available.</p> <p>Fire safety visits are also available for businesses</p>	
<p>6</p>	<p>OFFICE BEARERS REPORTS</p>	
<p>6.1</p>	<p>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</p> <p>We are getting things in place for Christmas</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joint PTA/ACC Fayre is taking place on 30th November in OLC. Donations of home baking and prizes for the tombola stall are welcome. • On Thursday 5th December, Christmas lights will be switched on at the Cochrane Park at 6pm. There will be carol singers from the Primary School, Katy Arthur's dancers at OLC, and carol singers outside Burnside Court. • Margaret requested to contact Russ Fenton as he has not attended the last 3 meetings which raises issue of continuing as member of ACC. 	
6.2	Secretary Report - Margaret McArthur Correspondence following from previous meeting attended to.	
6.3	Treasurer Report Rationalisation of accounts has taken place. We now have two accounts with balances of £840.54 and £9,474.29 respectively.	
7	CONVENER REPORTS	
7.1	Convener Reports - Environment (incorporating Parks & Alva Glen) Linda Greig advised there are no immediate issues. She is happy to be contacted if any ACC member hear of an issue which needs following up.	
7.2	Convener Report - Planning (incorporating Licencing Applications) Margaret to request weekly bulletin and pass on to Planning Convener. Linda stated that she is willing to be the Convener.	
7.3	Conveners Report - Health - Public Partnership Health Forum and Alva Health Centre Patient Group Kirsty had attended a CTSI meeting in Alloa Town Hall, along with reps from various groups. The message she took away is that there is a push for everyone to work together under a common hub i.e. all Third Sector groups working together	
7.4	Convener Report - Data Protection (incorporating IT & Website) No report.	
7.5	Convener Reports - Education (incorporating PTA & School Council) Gemma said that £25,185.23 had been raised for McMillan by Alva Academy. Academy – speaking about representation of Queen's Baton. Plans are on-going for blog.	
8	Representative Reports	
8.1	Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF). No report as there has not been a JCCF meeting in the last month.	
9	CLACKMANNANSHIRE COUNCILLORS REPORTS Cllr Donald Balsillie reminded us that the Local Development Plan is out for consultation for 8 weeks. He suggested that we invite Julie Hamilton to the December meeting to discuss proposals for Alva. He indicated that various sites have been zoned for housing, including green belt land to the west of Alva. We need to find out what the	

	<p>local community might get out of this e.g. what social infrastructures might be requested by the community?</p> <p>The location of the cycle route between Alva and Tillicoultry has been agreed. It will be along the north of the A91.</p> <p>£8.1 million of savings need to be made and consultation on that begins next week. There is on-going discussion re staff as well consideration as to how social services and health services might come together.</p> <p>Alva Glen Hotel CPO: closing date for objections was Friday. If there are no objections, a decision will be made within 3 months as to future; if objections, a legal enquiry will follow.</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond said that there are concerns about the housing plan for Alva. The site at Hodgsons, owned by Alva Investments is a vacant brown-field site which could be used before a green-field one but doesn't compare for ease of build. Tenant satisfaction survey indicates the level of satisfaction; is considerably lower in Alva than elsewhere in Clacks. Reason?</p>	
10	SUB Committees	
10.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events</p> <p>Mary Dalrymple advised that she has invoices now ready to be paid - £3,240 for the 9 lights to be sited between Brook St and Queen St. as well as lights on tree near Cochrane Hall and £1,282.18 for installation/sockets. (There may be some money back as part rewiring needed). Lights should be up by the end of the month. Lights will come on with lamp post lights.</p> <p>Request has been made that on 5th Dec the lights on the tree will be switched on at 6pm.</p> <p>Anne volunteered to give information leaflets to school children.</p> <p>Joint Fayre with PTA: Linda said that volunteers are needed on the day to help with e.g. tea/coffee. Prizes needed for Tombola stall and adverts need to be placed in local newspapers. Balloon modelling has just been arranged.</p> <p>OLE trying to get 12 small Christmas trees in the hall, each sponsored by a local business.</p> <p>Shopkeepers/businesses have been asked to be open till 9pm.</p> <p>Danny Williamson suggested as possible Santa.</p>	
11	<p>AOCB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sign for new bollards raised – suggested that we contact Charlie Norman using the 'Report it' facility on the Clacks web site. • Member of the public requested consideration of pedestrian cross at Queen St – refer to planners. • Request for separate meeting to discuss planning proposals with suggestion of Wed 8th January (given that comments on LDP to be in 10th January. Parklands suggested as possible 	

	venue. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion re skate park held over. • Question from member of public indicating concern re: Stopping buses to Forth Valley Hospital by end of March - Cllr Drummond checking. • Meeting closed at 9.45pm 	
12	Date of Next Meeting Monday 9 th December 2013 7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors. 7.30pm for public	