

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting, Monday 14 April 2014, 7.30pm

Venue: Ochil Leisure Centre, Alva

Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron - Chairperson Sub Committee - Events	Philip Ward - Vice Chairperson Convener - Data Protection / IT / Website
Anne Spruce - Treasurer Sub Committee - Events	Sandra Rees - Minute Secretary Sub Committee - Events
Linda Greig Convener - Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Planning	Gemma Waghorn Convener - Education inc School Council & PTA Sub Committee - Events
Kirsty Wilson Convener - Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	Ian Cameron Sub Committee - Planning
Jim Lyle Convener - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) Sub Committee - Planning	

In Attendance:

Cllr Archie Drummond (Ind)
PC David Armitage

Cllr Donald Balsillie (SNP) from item 6.3
Members of Public (MOP) x 6

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Margaret McArthur & Lisa Williams	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 10/03/14 Minutes proposed by Anne Spruce. Seconded by Lynn Cameron.	
4	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes Following discussion Jim agreed to recirculate draft minutes of the Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) of 20/02/14 and asked that ACC members read them before the next meeting in May. Jim asked for clarification of the purpose of Post Meeting Notes and for reassurance that items missed out or not produced for discussion at an ACC meeting are not included in the minutes but included on the agenda for the next meeting. Lynn explained that Post Meeting Notes are added by Sandra when writing minutes for information only. For Example; POST MEETING NOTE: These are widely accepted in modern day minutes and are for information only, should attract no discussion and certainly no decisions. Risk Assessing - Jim considers that any person required to do a risk assessment should be authorised at a constituted ACC meeting and not at any sub-committee or working group meeting and that Clackmannanshire Council should offer assistance. Linda explained that she'd attended a training course arranged by Clack's Council for Community Groups about Risk Assessments but agreed that other members should approve the one for the fun day.	JL
5	Police Report	

	<p>PC's David Armitage attended and gave a report - attached.</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond expressed concern about the recent road traffic exercise that amounted to stop and search and will attend a meeting with Police Scotland about cars being pulled over needlessly.</p>	
6	Office Bearers Reports	
6.1	<p>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</p> <p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund - Lynn and Margaret met with a representative from the fund on 27 March and learned that Alva, Tillicoultry and Dollar Community Councils are being given a sum of money annually to distribute to community groups, £250 max per group. They are attending the EDF Panel meeting on 12 May as ACC have applied for just under £2k for planters and hanging baskets for the town.</p> <p>Community Chest - A MOP asked if an application had been made to Community Chest. Linda advised that a report will be given at the June meeting. POST MEETING NOTE: This is a fund to help local groups finance activities which would not otherwise be possible. The maximum grant is £500. It has been established through the generosity of local companies and is administered by Clackmannanshire Council.</p>	LC MMcA
6.2	<p>Secretary Report - Margaret McArthur</p> <p>Margaret was absent but sent the following report:</p> <p>Stationery - Clackmannanshire Council are moving many services from Greenfield and Lime Tree House to Kilncraigs and there is a surplus of some stationery items e.g. lever arch files that are being given away to community groups on a first-come-first-served basis.</p> <p>Quick straw poll by email: overlap in the roles of community groups and community councils within the same area - Lesley Baillie, Clackmannanshire Council's Community Planning Adviser, has been asked by various people/groups to explain the difference between Community Councils and other community groups in the area. These enquiries have been a bit more formal than a casual enquiry and there is a hint that if the roles of the groups aren't demarcated in some way, it could lead to diluted or duplication of effort. Lesley asked if this is an issue which needs to be addressed in Alva or if the diversity of groups reinforces the effort rather than dilute it.</p> <p>To let her know if she should take this further she issued the following questions to all Community Councils in Clackmannanshire:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) how many consider it would help if Community Councils could be seen as much more clearly distinct from other community groups? 2) of those who do, how many consider this should be formalised in writing in governing documents to help Services change their approach? 3) how many consider that within boundaries community group/s and the Community Council harmonising and co-ordinating their roles would be more effective than formally demarcating community group roles and how the Council responds to them? <p>Lesley will circulate the results of this straw poll if replies are received by noon on the 9th May. Depending on responses, this might be a matter for the agenda of JCCF (Joint Community Council Forum).</p> <p>As JCCF Convener for ACC Jim advised he had contacted Lesley to give his view i.e. this should certainly be a matter for JCCF as it affects all Community Councils who have statutory functions so are different from other community groups. After a discussion on Lesley's e-mail Jim asked other councillors if they would like him to proceed. Lynn added that she would be glad for him to add Alva's comments. There were no objections. Jim accepted that he would contact Lesley and raise it at the next JCCF meeting. Jim considers that there are too many governance documents for</p>	

	<p>Community Councils e.g. Constitutions are constrained as they must comply with the Scheme of Establishment. Cllr Archie Drummond clarified that Clackmannanshire Council have a statutory duty to ensure there are elections for Community Councils and that their constitutions will be within a framework but there is scope for customising. Jim disagreed as the previous ACC submitted a constitution which was refused by Clackmannanshire Council. He is concerned that there was a proposal to constitute JCCF so Clackmannanshire Council would end up consulting that forum only and miss out individual Community Councils.</p> <p>Jim suggested that Alva Community Action Group is an example of 'other community groups', the group was apparently formed when the former ACC collapsed.</p> <p>Old Cinema - referring to the report given at the March meeting Sandra concluded that despite the best efforts of Ian Doctor at Clackmannanshire Council he cannot insist that the owner improves the appearance of the building. Following discussion ACC members asked Cllr Archie Drummond to speak to the owner and encourage him to apply for an Environmental Improvement Grant. Archie agreed to revisit.</p>	
6.3	<p>Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce</p> <p>Anne confirmed that bank charges backdated to 2007 have been refunded i.e. £52.44 plus £200 compensation for wrongly applying charges to the Treasurers account.</p> <p>There is £1,681.87 in the main account. There is £4,034.99 in the events account.</p> <p>Anne proposed that ACC's financial year should end in July so that accounts can be prepared and audited for the AGM in September. Following discussion this was agreed.</p> <p>Lynn confirmed that Anne recently nominated ACC to take part in Bank of Scotland's Community Fund which will benefit 200 good causes and an application will be submitted by 9 May for additional Christmas lights. BoS assess applications then agree on a shortlist which goes to a public vote in Sept/Oct to decide which good causes will receive awards.</p> <p>Anne has purchased 20 collection boxes that will be placed in Alva shops to raise money for additional Christmas lights. Phil agreed to make labels for the boxes.</p>	AS PW
7	Convener Reports	
7.1	<p>Convener Report-Environment Inc Parks & Alva Glen - Linda Grieg</p> <p>Shrub Beds at rear of Glentana - Linda received an email from Kenny Inglis at Clackmannanshire Council Land Services confirming that the herbaceous and shrub beds to the rear of the Glentana Building will not be replaced with turf as proposed. He also confirmed that the area near the scout hall will be improved.</p>	
7.2	<p>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Jim Lyle</p> <p>Jim asked ACC Councillors to read the minutes of the December JCCF meeting which are attached to ACC's March minutes and also to read the draft minutes of JCCF's February minutes which he agreed to distribute.</p>	JL
7.3	<p>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda Grieg Sub-Committee - Planning - Linda, Margaret, Jim & Ian</p> <p>Alva Glen Hotel - Linda asked elected Cllrs for an update. Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed that Clackmannanshire Council (CC) received an application for demolition of the hotel from Gean Developments Ltd. CC are considering the application and have asked for clarification including;</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Traffic management arrangements as the site is at a busy road junction. • Vermin control arrangement during the demolition project. • Arrangements for protection of party wall at neighbouring property. <p>A MOP asked if the hotel had been sold recently. Cllr Balsillie advised that the hotel was sold for £56,000 in February to an arms-length company acting on behalf of a local developer. He said Clackmannanshire Council are still pursuing the Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) and there is a hearing scheduled for 30 April to consider a formal report regarding the one objection, a decision will be made mid-May.</p>	
7.4	<p>Convener Report - Public Partnership Health Forum (PPHF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</p> <p>Kirsty advised she was unable to attend the last PPHF meeting. She reminded that there are copies of healthy eating recipes in Higglety Pigglety.</p>	
7.5	<p>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Phil Ward</p> <p>Phil advised that there had been 231 'hits' on the Fun Day information on ACC's website and there are 1,839 'likes' on the Facebook page.</p> <p>Data Protection - Phil said he will do some research and report at the next meeting.</p>	PW
7.6	<p>Convener Report - Education - Gemma</p> <p>Gemma advised that senior pupils are currently doing exams and some have work placements.</p> <p>Lynn clarified that only people with children at school can be a member of the PTA therefore Gemma is not a member. However, the PTA contact Gemma if there is anything they wish to inform her about.</p>	
8	<p>Sub Committees</p>	
8.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events -Lynn, Linda, Gemma, Anne & Sandra</p> <p>Alva Community Fun Day, Ceilidh and Pompom Fest Sunday 18 to Saturday 24 May 2014</p> <p>Pompom Fest - Lynn reported that lots of people are making pompoms that can be handed into Higglety Pigglety or brought along to 'the hanging' on Sunday 18 May - meeting at 2pm outside the Cochrane Hall.</p> <p>During the week there will be things that everyone can participate in to try something new, including t-shirt painting, flower arranging, etc. There will be a diary of the weeks events on the Community Council website and posters in shop windows.</p> <p>Fun Day - 12 noon to 4pm, Saturday 24 May in Cochrane Park at rear of Cochrane Hall. There will be a Climbing Wall, Assault Course, Bouncy Castle, Tartan Juggler, Mascots, Face Painting, Balloon Modelling, Baking / Decorating Competitions for children and adults, Side Stalls, Refreshment Tent and Fire Engine. An article for the local press has been prepared. Posters for the events are now up around the town. Applications for Competitions and for Side Stalls are on ACC website and also in library, Ochil Leisure Centre and in Higglety Pigglety - where there is also a post box for completed applications. There will be no charge for entry to the fun day but there will be reasonable charges for the various attractions. The Cochrane Hall has been booked from 11am as a contingency plan for inclement weather but it is hoped to remain outdoors. Toilets will be available in the hall. Red Cross Event First Aid are booked to attend. An application for an Entertainment Licence has been submitted to</p>	LC

	<p>Clackmannanshire Council and a Risk Assessment completed.</p> <p>Ceilidh - 7.30 to 10.30 pm, Saturday 24 May in Cochrane Hall. Freereelin Folk Ceilidh Band have been booked. Tickets are now available from Higglety Pigglety and are: Adult £8. Child £4. Family £20 (2 adults and up to 3 children) Local businesses will be used if possible. Bar by Oakwood, Sauchie. Ticket price includes a hot 'Scottish Fayre' buffet by No' 5 Inn, Alva.</p> <p>Commonwealth Baton Relay 25 June - Anne confirmed there will be an event in the park around 'tea time', more accurate timing details will be available in due course. £400 has been received from Clackmannanshire Council towards the event. Clackmannanshire Council are applying for further funding for all towns participating. Alva Academy will entertain with a samba band and dancers. Alva Primary will sing songs from the Caribbean and Africa as Clackmannanshire is linked to St Kitts and Nevis and Lesotho.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE: Anne confirmed that she contacted insurers about extra insurance and has applications ready to send for an entertainments licence and risk assessments when the venue is decided. Forth Valley Scout marquee is being hired but help is needed to erect it on June 25th. Staging and an amplifying system has been organised. Some shops are willing to display Primary School art work in the week before the baton. Flags of the Commonwealth will be put up between lamp posts. OLE will arrange relay races. The following have confirmed that they would like tables in the Commonwealth village showcasing the Taste of the Commonwealth: Scouts, Guides, OLE, Alva Academy, Primary School, Baptist Church, Chums (Alva Parish Church), Aid 4 Aids, Alva Games Committee.</p> <p>Linda advised she has spoken to Nicola Leek at Clackmannanshire Council Road Services who has confirmed that planning permission is not needed to place 24 half barrel planters along main street. They will be in place for the baton relay on 25 June.</p> <p>Jim advised there is a meeting regarding the baton relay at Lornshill on 15 April. Due to the short notice nobody was able to attend.</p> <p>Alva Games Saturday 12 July Lynn confirmed that ACC will purchase 24 medals for the children's races. Anne agreed to arrange this.</p>	AS
9	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond</p> <p>Bins in the Park - at the March meeting a MOP asked Archie why there are only dog bins in the park, others have been removed. He made enquiries and advised that there were 26 bins in a combination of dog waste and litter bins between both parks. The total number of bins is being rationalised to incorporate dual purpose litter and dog waste bins and will result in there being 18 as opposed to the 26 bins previously. Six of the old wooden basket style litter bins have been removed as they were no longer fit for purpose and most will be replaced with free standing covered litter bins. Some dog waste and litter bins were next to, or very close to each other. These will be replaced with dual purpose free standing covered litter bins. Because some of the bins were installed with ground anchors these require machinery to dig them out and install new fixings.</p> <p>Windfarm - Archie advised that Clackmannanshire Council (CC) refused EDF permission to extend the windfarm at Burnfoot Hill. EDF appealed to Scottish Government who approved the application. EDF originally said they would make another 26k available for community benefits but this may not now be forthcoming as CC initially refused planning permission. Archie considers that EDF have a moral commitment to Alva, Tillicoultry and Dollar.</p> <p>Hillfoots Music for Youth - have recently been losing tutors as they are</p>	

	<p>on temporary contracts. Archie met with the head of education regarding permanent staff contracts to secure continuity for the group who meet at Alva Primary School.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>Community Action Plan - Donald encouraged ACC to consider engaging in this to provide a vision of Alva in 10 years time. He suggested ACC could look at special initiatives e.g. shop front improvement grants of approx. £2000. He said CC are committed to town centre improvements and Alva is in the upper quarter of the list, however, CC doesn't own many of the properties in the town centre so must instead liaise with shopkeepers, traders, etc.</p> <p>Buses to Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert- Donald confirmed that Clackmannanshire Council are now working with FVHB to discuss priorities. H1 and H2 hospital buses have been given a reprieve to December '14 to allow further negotiations.</p> <p>Alva to Tillicoultry Cycle Track - Donald advised this is nearly complete. He reassured a MOP that Clackmannanshire Council have no plans for children from other towns to cycle to Alva Academy. He said school buses would continue.</p>	
<p>10</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Venue for Community Council Meetings - Linda expressed concern about noise levels in the OLC meeting room from the adjacent swimming pool and sports hall. Apparently some MOP's have said they won't return to meetings as they can't hear what it being discussed. While keen to support OLC some other members of ACC agreed and suggested that the group returns to the former venue in Alva Baptist Church hall. However, following discussion it was agreed to remain at OLC for the May and June meetings using a PA system. There will be further consideration of this matter to agree a venue for September onwards.</p> <p>Former RBS Building - A MOP suggested by email that ACC purchase this building. Following discussion a vote was taken and it was unanimously decided not to pursue this matter.</p> <p>Community Partners Development Day - Thursday 1 May, Gean House, 10am to 2pm. DID ANYONE SAY THEY WERE GOING?</p> <p>Wee County Walkers - Phil agreed to put this group on ACC website.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 12 May 2014 at Ochil Leisure Centre</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting.</p>	



Police Service of Scotland

Community Council meeting

Name of Community Council: Alva Community Council

Date of Meeting: 07/04/2014

Crime Reports Detected:

Since the last meeting on 10th March 2014. We have:

3 Crimes detected, not including minor road traffic offences.

These offences relate to incidents including assault x2 and a theft.

All incidents were isolated and are not connected. The assaults were minor in nature and did not have any impact on the community.

Crime Reports Undetected:

10 Crimes are undetected. They are as follows:

8 of these crimes relate to thefts.

3 x Theft of diesel from Ace Recycling who are based at Balquharn Farm Industrial premises. This is an ongoing issue whereby several motor vehicles have had large quantities of diesel siphoned from the fuel tanks. Investigations are ongoing with possible positive lines of enquiry being identified.

3 x Theft by shoplifting from the Co-op Store. CCTV footage has been viewed of the culprits and images will be circulated in relation to having those responsible identified.

1 Theft relates to the theft of car keys. The suspect to this is known and has still to be traced.

1 Theft relates to the theft of a mobile phone from a local public house. Enquiries are continuing with a positive line of enquiry available.

Total Crime Reports: 13 Crimes

Road Traffic Offences: 6 cases have been dealt with in relation to road traffic offences.

% of Overall Detection Rate: 46 % (including road traffic offences)



Police Service of Scotland Community Council meeting

PACT :

Pact priorities for March and April 2014:

Our PACT priority for this period relates to drug misuse in the Alva and Menstrie areas.

Drug misuse has a detrimental effect on the communities in which we live and work. Chris and I are interested in obtaining information relating to drugs misuse and drug dealing. We will then use this information to obtain drugs warrants and target the dealers blighting the community. We can be contacted in confidence via the non emergency telephone number of 101.

Feedback from
meeting: