

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 9 September 2013, 7.00pm

Venue: Ochil Leisure Centre

Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron, Acting Chairperson	Mary Dalrymple, Secretary
Sandra Rees, Minute Secretary	Gemma Waghorn
Margaret McArthur	Philip Ward
Anne Spruce	Linda Greig
Ian Cameron	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

Cllr Donald Balsillie (DB), Cllr Archie Drummond (AD) Cllr Robert McGill

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Apologies Lynn Cameron opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
2	Apologies Russ Fenton and Kirsty Wilson.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting Minutes of the 2012 AGM could not be approved as only one member of the previous committee was present. Minutes of the meeting on 10/06/13 were proposed by Mary Dalrymple and seconded by Margaret McArthur.	
4	Acting Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron "After the resignation of many of last years Councillors, we began early in the year with 10 newly elected councillors with the first meeting attended in March 2013. Since then 2 have resigned and we have gone forward with 8 new and 3 existing councillors. There has been a settling in period, especially for the new Councillors getting to know each other and also getting to know the running of the Community Council and its MANY parts and jobs. We have discussed many things that we would like to see happening in Alva, and have spent a lot of time going to different meetings trying to get to grips with all aspects of what is already going on here, and with the Clacks Councils plans. We have had problems with changes to signatories for banking but with a lot of phone calls and man/woman hours we hope they have things sorted out....just in time to change them all again!!! A lot of time has been spent trying to secure funding to give the community things to look forward to, and enjoy being part of....you will hear more about this from Mary. However, the doll is here tonight and you	

	<p>can have a go at guessing her birthday. This will be drawn and the winner announced at the October CC meeting.</p> <p>What we have all agreed to and have begun to look towards is to work together alongside other groups in the town in order to help, promote and support others and pool our resources....hopefully making a bigger and brighter Alva community and a town that we can all be proud of".</p>	
5	<p>Secretary Report</p> <p>Mary Dalrymple announced that Alva Community Council have been successful in their application for funding from Awards For All for two specific projects i.e. a Family Fun Day next summer and Christmas lights for the town. The nine lamp posts on Stirling Street between Queen Street and Brook Street will each adorn an illuminated decoration and there will be lights on the tree in the park near Glentana Mill.</p> <p>Police reports can be accessed in the ACC folder at the library in the same folder as the minutes.</p> <p>Mary stated she would be stepping down as Secretary and is not seeking re-election to an office bearer post although she will continue as a Councillor.</p>	
6	<p>Treasurer Report</p> <p>In the absence of Treasurer Russ Fenton, Mary Dalrymple confirmed that there are two accounts with over £9,000 between them. Much of this is the funding from Awards For All mentioned at item 4.</p> <p>Mary expressed thanks to previous Treasurer, Doreen Harvey for over 20 years of hard work and service to Alva Community Council.</p>	
	<p>Office Bearers vacated their seats. Cllr Donald Balsillie agreed to be Independent Chairperson for the election process.</p>	
7	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie confirmed he had a letter from absent Community Councillor, Kirsty Wilson with her nominations for some posts.</p> <p>Chairperson: Kirsty Wilson nominated Margaret McArthur but she does not wish to be considered for this position.</p> <p>Anne Spruce nominated Lynn Cameron, seconded by Linda Grieg. Lynn Cameron accepted this position.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson: Kirsty Wilson nominated Gemma Waghorn. Seconded by Mary Dalrymple. Sandra Rees nominated Philip Ward. Seconded by Lynn Cameron. A secret ballot was taken. Gemma 4 votes. Philip 5 votes. Philip Ward accepted this position.</p> <p>Secretary: Mary Dalrymple nominated Sandra Rees but she does not wish to be considered for this position.</p> <p>Lynn Cameron nominated Margaret McArthur. Seconded by Linda Grieg. Margaret McArthur accepted this position.</p> <p>Treasurer: Kirsty Wilson nominated Lynn Cameron but she does not wish to be considered for this position.</p> <p>Philip Ward nominated Anne Spruce. Seconded by Margaret McArthur.</p>	

	<p>Anne Spruce accepted this position.</p> <p>Minute Secretary: Gemma Waghorn nominated Mary Dalrymple. Not seconded. Lynn Cameron nominated Sandra Rees. Seconded by Anne Spruce. Sandra Rees accepted this position.</p>	
	Lynn Cameron returned to the Chair	
8	<p>Nomination of Conveners</p> <p>Education (incorporating School Council & PTA) – Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Environment (incorporating Parks & Alva Glen) – Linda Grieg</p> <p>Data Protection (incorporating IT & Website) – Philip Ward</p> <p>Health (including Alva Health Centre Patient Group) – Kirsty Wilson</p> <p>Planning (incorporating Licencing Applications) – to be decided at October meeting.</p>	
9	<p>Co-option of Community Councillors</p> <p>Lynn Cameron explained there currently 11 Community Councillors, there are 2 vacancies and invited members of the public to declare an interest. Lisa Williams and Jim Lyle wish to be considered and will make the necessary application to Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>Discussion followed about whether there can be 13 or 14 Community Councillors. Cllr Donald Balsillie will check and write formally to Lynn Cameron.</p>	
10	<p>Date of Next Meeting Monday 14 October 2013 at Ochil Leisure Centre: 6.30 pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors. 7.00pm Public Meeting.</p>	
	Lynn Cameron extended an invitation to everyone at the meeting to join Councillors for live music by Philip Ward and refreshments courtesy of the Community Council.	

	Police Scotland were unable to send a representative to the meeting but their report is attached.	
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ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING - September 2013 :-

POLICE REPORT

CRIME

Since the beginning of September 2013 there have been 5 recorded crimes.

2 detected crimes relate to:

Drugs (possession and production)
Assault (serious)

3 crimes remain undetected which include:

Theft x 2
Assault (minor)

Of the undetected crimes reported none of them appear to be linked in anyway. The minor assault has been investigated fully however there is insufficient evidence to charge the suspect. The thefts relate to a bike that was stolen from an insecure shed and theft of money from an ATM situated at the Co-op. Both crimes are at an early stage of enquiry at the time of writing.

OTHER ISSUES

Pact priorities for September and October 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 few weeks complaints have been received by police from local residents that large groups of youths are congregating in this area and consuming alcohol, causing noise, littering and urinating.

PC Smith and Armitage, along with the community warden team will be 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:

In relation to the theft at the Co-op ATM it appears that the machine has been tampered with allowing for details to be obtained from the user's card. Only one call to police has been received in relation to this matter however I would like to take this opportunity to warn local residents to check the ATM prior to use. Check in and around the card slot and keyboard areas and if users are unsure of anything use another machine. Anyone who sees anything suspicious at a cash machine is asked if they could contact police to report it.

A residential address in Alva was searched by police and a cultivation of cannabis plants was discovered. One person has been reported to the procurator fiscal as a result for various misuse of drug offences.

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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