

Alva Community Action Plan (CAPLan)

Alva Community Access Point

Notes of meeting on Monday 24 November 2014

In Attendance:

Alva Community Council Sub Committee for CAPLan:

Sandra Rees, Margaret McArthur, Anne Spruce, Lynn Cameron

Representatives of Groups from:

Alva Baptist Church, Ochil Leisure Centre.

Members of Public: 15

Sandra Rees introduced the above members of Alva Community Council and thanked others in attendance for coming along to the second public meeting to discuss the Alva Community Action Plan (CAPLan).

Notes of CAPLan meetings and other documents are available at

www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk.

For those who hadn't attended the first meeting a resume was given;

- Alva Community Council (ACC), like all community councils, has responsibility to ascertain and articulate the views of the community to the Local Authority and other statutory bodies.
- ACC are leading an exercise to involve residents in developing a Community Action Plan (CAPLan) and have appointed an Alva Community Council Sub Committee (ACC-SC)
- The CAPLan will be an analysis of community views and will be presented to Clackmannanshire Council to inform planning processes.

The CAPLan will also provide a mandate for community based action and could assist in applications for funding and support for projects and facilities.

- The CAPLan will help us respond to relevant consultations, and generally help us act in the best interests of our own community. It gives us a mandate to carry out community-based action and evidence of the need for this action which will help us apply for funding.
- To help us do this ACC-SC hope to create a CAPLan Steering Group to propose an approach to the plan and set it in motion. We've already got a few people committed to that and hope to encourage more to join.
- The aim is to be inclusive - to engage with those attending this meeting and as many different sectors of the Alva community i.e. members of grass-roots

organisations /youth /older people / health organisations, schools, church groups, etc.

- Representatives of the above groups, and any we've not mentioned, are encouraged to join the Steering Group as well as individuals from the community. Members of the public who don't want to be officially part of the Steering Group will still be able to attend public CAPLan meetings and contribute.
- Copies of Community Action Plans and questionnaires used by other towns in Clackmannanshire were available to look at including Tullibody, Cambus & Glenochil, Sauchie & Fishcross, Dollar and Muchart. The plans vary in style and size i.e. from a few to 58 pages but each contains a statement of priorities of the community.

Since the first CAPLan meeting on 24 October:

Funding - ACC-SC have made an application to Clackmannanshire Council for £2000 for materials and resources. The funds will be paid into ACC's bank account and ring-fenced for the CAPLan. Copies of the breakdown submitted for the grant were available for perusal.

Timescale - We hope to have the CAPLan completed by January 2016.

Tonights meeting was advertised in Alloa Advertiser, Stirling Observer, ACC website and Facebook page. There were posters in local shops inc Post Office, Pharmacy, Higglety Pigglety, Nicols Opticians and also in Parklands, Scout Hall and Churches. Information about the meeting was emailed to Ochil Leisure Centre, Wee County Crafters, Toddlers Group, Bowling Club (s) and the Golf Club.

Interactive Brainstorming Session:

Those attending split into groups to discuss and make a list of areas in Alva that they would like to see improved or facilities created, etc. A spokesperson was appointed from each group and the contents of the lists collated onto a flipchart. Each person was given five coloured dots and invited to place on the flipchart next to the topics most important to them. The number of dots is indicated after each entry as follows;

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Modern Community Centre / Hub on site of Ochil Leisure Centre (18);

Multi-purpose, café, rooms for hire, business, toilets, changing facilities for hill climbers/mountain bikers, tourist information, skill sharing.

Leisure centre / swimming pool (1)

Skatepark (4)

Music venue in park (1)

More support for sports - coaches, etc

Cycle route 76 (sustrans) off road route to Alloa (4)

TOWN CENTRE

Visual enhancement of main street - themed painting e.g. like tobermory (14)

Town centre more vibrant (10)

Whole town centre strategy

Parking both sides of street
Bicycle and motorcycle parking bays
Themed town e.g. craft town, book town, etc (5)
Improved car parking – on and off street (7)
Seating on main street (1)
Permission for businesses to have outside tables & chairs during opening hours (1)
Planting small trees on north side of main street (1)
Sort clock above Co-op
Enhanced lighting
Toilets (1)
Improved signage (1)
Planters

TOURISM

Hydro scheme, visitor centre at Alva Glen (15)
Improvements to Alva Glen at entrance (5)

PARKS

Improvements to Johnstone and Cochrane Parks (5)
Lighting, Benches, Snack shack, Crazy golf, Outdoor gym – parcourt running

HOUSING

Create planning pressure regarding housing at Hodgsons (Berryfield) & Glen sites (5)
This would help sustain school rolls

COHESION

All groups working together

This exercise was a brainstorming session for generating ideas and solutions, not for analysis or decision making.

Several more people agreed to join the CAPLan Steering Group bringing the total to 8. A group email address will be created for communicating with each other between meetings.

In mid January the Steering Group will meet informally to discuss the format for the next public meeting – date and venue of informal meeting to be confirmed.

The next CAPLan public meeting will be on Tuesday 27 January – venue to be confirmed.