

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 13 April 2015, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present: Community Councillors Not Present:

Lynn Cameron - Chairperson Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Philip Ward - Vice Chairperson Convener - Data Protection / IT / Website	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Secretary - Linda Greig Convener - Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Convener - Planning Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Anne Spruce - Treasurer Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sandra Rees - Minute Secretary Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Margaret McArthur Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan Sub Committee - Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Ian Cameron Sub Committee - Planning	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Kirsty Wilson Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	
Gemma Waghorn Convener - Education inc School Council & PTA Convener - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Iain Craig Sub Committee - Events Sub Committee - Community Action Plan	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Lisa Williams	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 9

PC Lauren McPherson

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Cllr Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Linda Grieg & Philip Ward. Lisa Williams has not attended a meeting since Sept '14, apologies received for Oct, Nov & Jan but not Dec, Feb, Mar or Apr. POST MEETING NOTE: Under the provisions of the Scheme of Establishment and the Constitution a vote should be taken regarding whether Lisa should continue as a Community Councillor, this will be done at the May meeting.	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 09/03/15 Proposed by Iain Craig Seconded by Ian Cameron	
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None	
6	Police Report	

	<p>PC Lauren McPherson attended and gave a report – attached.</p> <p>A MOP expressed concern about the reduced level of Community Wardens, unmanned CCTV cameras in the town centre and lack of Police Officers with knowledge of the Alva area. Cllr Drummond is Chairperson of the Clackmannanshire Council Resources and Audit Committee and has some serious issues with Police Scotland e.g. Commander Davie Flynn was removed without consultation. Cllr Drummond intimated there is a meeting of the sub-committee in 2 weeks time. Following discussion it was agreed that ACC would write to the sub-committee raising concerns.</p>	Linda
7	Office Bearers Reports	
7.1	<p>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</p> <p>Alva Memory Seat - Lynn asked Cllr Balsillie for an update. Cllr Balsillie met with the Primary School and also Clackmannanshire Council officers responsible for the refurbishment of Alva park. The proposal is to create an area for an ‘Alva Memory Seat’ which would include trees and a plaque in remembrance of Scott but others could be added in future e.g. in memory of those no longer with us. This would be in the vicinity of the Queens Auboretum overlooking the playpark. The metal seat with ‘memory seat’ lettering will cost £1500 and donations are being sought from the Alva community. Lynn agreed to make the community aware via ACC’s website and Facebook page.</p>	Lynn
7.2	<p>Secretary Report - Linda Grieg</p> <p>Linda was absent but Lynn read her report:</p> <p>Very little correspondence due to Easter Holidays</p> <p>There has been an increase in Library charges a list of which can be found at on Clack Web and at the Library.</p> <p>ACC received a Letter from Clacks Council CEO Elaine Macperson re Budget Consultation.</p> <p>In the letter it confirms that the Alva CAP will have a modest reduction in its opening hours of 7.5 hours per week to bring them closer in line with declining demand.</p> <p>Other points covered in the letter can be read at the next meeting.</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce</p> <p>Anne attended a ‘How to Apply for Funding’ course on 31/03/15.</p> <p>Anne confirmed that bank account balances are:</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u></p> <p>Balance to date is same as last month i.e. £3389.17 of which £1960 is ringfenced for CAPLan therefore disposable amount is £1429.17.</p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u></p> <p>Expenditure since last month: £25.99 Ink. £10.92 Ring Binder</p> <p>Balance £1882.87.</p>	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	<p>Convener Report - Environment including Parks and Alva Glen - Linda</p> <p>Linda was absent but Lynn read her report.</p>	

	<p>Recycling bins at the Community Access Point update. Information from Team Leader, Environment Services <i>'All the banks are emptied on a weekly basis however the can bank is rarely used. A work line has been issued to have the can bank removed. The glass banks are used and are about quarter to half full each week, therefore I am keen to have these bank remain on site. The reason for wanting the glass banks left is that if they are removed then the glass will more than likely end up in green bins. As you know green bin waste is sent to landfill and the cost of this is very expensive and then there is landfill tax on top of that. Landfill tax at the moment stands at £82.60 per tonne so I need to try and avoid materials going to landfill if at all possible. The team leader will be more than happy to discuss this with us further if required'</i></p> <p>If anyone has ideas for a future site for the glass bins please let ACC know so we can look into perhaps having them relocated.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire in Bloom competition is now open. The garden, community garden, and commercial garden competition, Clackmannanshire in Bloom 2015, is now open. There is information and an on-line application form on facebook or Twitter and on Clacksweb</p> <p>Grow Wild Project update. There was a successful day at the Glen on Easter Sunday and on Wed 8th April the local youth group planted seeds at the Tillicoultry end of the cycle path. Planting at the Alva end of the path was cancelled on Sunday the 12th. Hopefully this will be rescheduled soon.</p>	
8.2	<p>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Gemma</p> <p>Gemma confirmed she will attend the next JCCF meeting in May when the topic will be 'Stengthening of Local Democracy' lead by Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services for Clackmannanshire Council.</p>	
8.3	<p>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda (inc' Sub Committee - Planning and Environment - Linda , Margaret, Ian)</p> <p>Linda was absent but Lynn read her report i.e. Nothing to report.</p>	
8.4	<p>Convener Report - Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</p> <p>Kirsty confirmed she will attend the Alva Health Centre Patient Group meeting next week.</p> <p>Type 2 Diabetes is on the increase and takes up a lot of practice time. More information can be found at www.diabetes.org.uk or locally from volunteer bobmcqueen@diabetes.org.uk . Lynn said she would ask Phil to put these contacts on ACC website.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Those requiring travel vaccinations should get them 6 -8 weeks before travel. Cllr Drummond commented malaria vaccinations are free but tablets are £85. • Dr Hay, Alva Medical Practice is doing a charity cycle run for Water Aid. • The Minor Injuries Unit at Stirling Community Hospital is open 9am to 9pm. • Major injuries and children under 2 should always be taken directly to Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert. 	Lynn
8.5	<p>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</p> <p>Phil was absent but Lynn read his report: We are at 354 FB likes and 56 twitter followers. Our local Conservative candidate has been retweeting everything we post over the last few weeks.</p> <p>Regarding the CAPlan, there have been some rumblings regarding using citizen space to host the survey. Some people are concerned about our survey data being managed by a</p>	

	<p>third party. I have installed "Survey Builder" on our website which we can use instead of Citizen Space if we so choose. I think that Craig Baird has put a lot of work into creating a survey on Citizen Space. If it is decided that we should use our own server rather than Citizen space then I am willing to put in the work to convert the survey. (see item 9.2).</p> <p>A Community Councillor noted that on the Community Council page on www.clacksweb.org.uk there is an 'External Links' section where 6 other community councils have links to their own webpages. It was agreed to ask Phil to investigate a link to www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	Phil
8.6	<p>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Gemma reported S6 have only 5 days of normal school life left as heading into exam season. P7 will move up to S1 mid June.</p>	
9	Sub Committee Reports	
9.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra & Iain</p> <p>Community Week / Bunting /Fun Day 16 to 23 May 2015</p> <p>Community Week - Lynn explained that during the week there will be things that everyone can participate in to try something new. There will be a diary of the weeks events on the Community Council website and posters in shop windows. Groups wishing to be included should let Lynn know.</p> <p>Bunting - Lynn has received lots of penants from individuals and groups which will be strung together to make bunting to hang between lampposts to decorate the town for Community Week. Some groups have their name on the penants e.g. B R O W N I E S. The bunting will stay up perhaps to the end of July. Iain Craig will do a Risk Assessment for hanging the bunting. Anyone with completed penants can hand them into Lynn at Higglety Pigglety.</p> <p>Fun Day - 12 noon to 4pm, Saturday 23 May in Cochrane Park at rear of the Cochrane Hall. There will be an Assault Course, Bouncy Castles, Tartan Juggler, Face Painting, Competitions for children and adults, Side Stalls, Refreshment Tent and Fire Engine (if available). An article for the local press has been prepared. Posters for the events will be put up around the town. Applications for Competitions & Side Stalls are on ACC website and also in library 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 as a contingency plan for inclement weather. Toilets will be available in the hall. Red Cross Event First Aid are booked to attend. An application for an Entertainment Licence will be submitted to Clackmannanshire Council and a Risk Assessment completed. Side Stalls are £15 for space for one table. Volunteers to help at the Fun Day are required.</p> <p>Queens Baton Relay Commemorative Plaque Cllr Donald Balsillie said he will arrange for a couple of Community Councillors to meet someone from Clackmannanshire Council at Cochrane Hall to agree a location in the entrance foyer for the marble plaque and perhaps a photocall. Mossman Memorials have already been paid for fitting.</p> <p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund EDF have advised they are unlikely to award funding for the 3 projects ACC have applied for (£2k each) so Sandra has confirmed the order of priority to them i.e. Fun Day, Planters, Christmas Lights.</p>	Iain Anne Linda
9.2	<p>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Sandra, Margaret, Anne, Lynn, Linda, Gemma & Iain</p> <p>Sandra reported: The CAPlan Steering Group met on 18 March, 1 April '15 and are meeting again on 14 April. The group includes 8 members of the public as well as 7 community councillors.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A sample of the draft survey was available to view. • Quotes for printing 3000 copies are being obtained. • We aim to have the survey live online at Citizen Space from 27 April. A link to the survey will be put on www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk • A paper copy of the survey will be delivered to all Alva households week 	

	<p>commencing 11 May when extra copies will also be available from Alva Community Access Point (CAP) – as each citizen could potentially complete their own survey – not limited to one per household.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There are 10 locations in Alva where completed surveys can be returned, these are listed on the survey. • A generic poster about the forthcoming survey will be distributed around Alva week commencing 27 April. • An article about the survey will be put into local press for Wed 29 April and Wed 6 May. • We will raise awareness via social media, Clackmannanshire Council, etc and contact Alva Primary & Academy to inform pupils that they could complete their own survey to express their views which may be different from their parents. • Phil has created a new email address for members of the public who have questions about the survey or want further info. This email address is on the survey caplaninfo@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk People will also be able to hand in questions to the library and put in the Alva Community Council (ACC) zip folder. ACC Secretary, Linda, will collect them. • Surveys are to be returned by 1 June. • The draw for the £50 prize will take place at Alva Games on Sat 11 July. • We are considering possible sources of funding for an analysis consultant. • There is a ring-binder containing notes of all CAPlan meetings in the Community Access Point on the bookshelf next to Alva Community Council’s public file. <p>POST MEETING NOTE: The online survey is now scheduled to be live from 11 May i.e. same date delivery of the paper copies will commence. Posters/press articles will go out a bit later than stated above. Some concerns about the use of Citizen Space have been resolved and this will be the platform used for the online survey.</p>	
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>Local Development Plan - This has been approved by the Scottish Government including approx. 430 houses at Alva West although the usual planning procedures will apply. A Community Councillor asked if a more detailed study had been completed Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to address concerns about drainage. Cllr Balsillie said drainage issues will be addressed.</p> <p>Land at Berryfield (a.k.a. site of former Hodgsons mill, East Stirling St). Cllr Balsillie confirmed that Alva Investments Ltd paid £2m for this site which has planning permission for housing. Current owners are trying to sell it. In due course this land could be subject to the provisions of the new Community Land Act.</p> <p>Land at Former Alva Academy - Cllr Balsille explained work on the eco-housing at Erskine Street/Queen Street is scheduled to commence soon.</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel Site - No planning application received yet.</p> <p>ACC letters to landowners - Following discussion it was agreed that ACC will write to the owners of the land at the former Alva Glen Hotel site and also the land at Berryfield to ask what they intend doing with the land.</p> <p>Leisure Centre (OLC) - Cllr Balsille confirmed tenders are out for demolition and work should commence June/July.</p> <p>Pigeons - Cllr Balsillie explained the traps on the roof of Ochil Leisure Centre were not very successful; they caught less than 100 birds. The traps have been moved. There are apparently still people feeding the pigeons and there is nothing to prevent them from doing so but this encourages the pigeons to remain where there is a source of food. A Community Councillor reported that a pigeon had entered a shop and food valued at £80 had to be destroyed.</p> <p>Buses to Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Larbert - From today First Bus have the contract for buses to the hospital to 2018. Buses (H1 and H2) don’t operate on Sundays.</p> <p>Alva Academy - Cllr Balsillie reported that the new set of performance measures introduced by Scottish Government only counts S5 and S6 so figures will not reflect reality as S4 isn’t included.</p> <p>Fracking - Clackmannanshire Council (CC) have invited Cluff Natural Resources Ltd to give a presentation on the underground coal gasification process to a Members Briefing on 29 April. CC are taking advice on potential health and ethical issues. A MOP expressed concern that CC have extended this invitation to Cluff as considers such companies move on when they are finished leaving communities to deal with the consequences.</p>	Linda

	<p>CLlr Archie Drummond - attended and spoke briefly on the following topics. The full report is attached to these minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development of former Alva Academy Site. • Falkirk Pension Fund Investment. • Home Energy Efficiency Programme • Greenfield House, Alloa. • Former Co-op site, Primrose Street, Alloa • Former Claremont Primary Site 	
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12.1	Hustings (Political Campaign Speeches to the Electorate) - Rev David Fraser confirmed Hustings will take place in Alva Baptist Church on Thursday 16 April 7.30 to 9pm. Members of the public should submit questions before hand. Andrew Witty from Destiny Church, Stirling will conduct proceedings.	
12.2	Toilets in Park - MOP's asked why the toilets in the park in Alva and also Gartmorn Dam in Sauchie remained closed during the Easter holidays when there was lots of people using the facilities during the good weather. Cllr Donald Balsillie agreed to look into it.	
12.3	<p>Cochrane Hall</p> <p>Cleaning after Dog Shows - On behalf of a MOP Lynn asked Cllr Balsillie to find out what cleaning arrangements are in place for the floor of the Cochrane Hall after dog shows as the MOP considers the floor is not being cleaned properly. Cllr Balsillie agreed to investigate but added this is the first complaint regarding cleanliness of the Cochrane Hall.</p> <p>Badminton Court - A MOP mentioned that Clackmannanshire Older Adults Forum use the Cochrane Hall to play badminton but lines of the court have been removed; they were told to use a Menstrie facility. Cllr Balsillie will investigate.</p>	
12.4	Former Cinema - Following discussion Lynn and Ian agreed to visit the owner of the premises regarding the condition of the outside of the building.	Lynn Ian
13	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 11 May 2015 at Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	

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Report to Alva Community Council - 13 April 2015

The past month has been relatively quiet perhaps something to do with the school holidays.

However there have been two meetings where matters of interest have been addressed.

The Housing, Health and Social Care Committee met on 2 April and the following Alva related issues were on the agenda.

Development of former Alva Academy Site.

The grant offer to the developer and Link Housing Association has been finalised and all legalities almost concluded. It is expected that work will start on site shortly and, once underway will provide 48 'greener homes'.

The delay arises from the non traditional model of building the houses off site which requires finance "up front" and this is not the government norm.

Falkirk Pension Fund Investment.

As the council's representative on the Falkirk Pension Fund I am pleased to report that the fund has become the first to invest a small part of its £1.5 billion portfolio in social housing and, by way of bonus, here in Central Scotland.

The Scottish Government has added to this investment and Clackmannanshire's initial share will be some 35 homes to be developed with Castle Rock Edinvar Housing Association.

The site identified for the pension units is currently Sauchie West. It may be preferable to choose another site which can be delivered more quickly, so it is possible that these units will move to an alternative site listed in the programme/shadow programme.

Alva West is one of seven sites in the shadow programme which records, Alva West: This large site (12.61ha) is identified in the local plan as a longer term development area. It will be developed, if required, once significant progress has been made in the development of the brownfield sites. Developer contributions are likely to include affordable housing provision."

Home Energy Efficiency Programme

Properties in Alva at 34 - 59 The Nebit; 12 - 68 Craighorn Road and 49 - 55 St Serfs Walk are included in the 2015/16 funding bid for external wall and top-up loft insulation. These 52 properties are non traditional timber houses, 52 Properties (34 Owner Occupiers and 18 Council Tenants.

A special council meeting was held on 26 March to consider and determine three property transactions and, while none of these is in Alva, I think two of them will be of local interest.

Greenfield House, Alloa.

The recently vacated council office was advertised for sale and attracted a number of offers. The council selected the offer from a private sector company who will develop the house into a number of flats providing supported/sheltered accommodation.

This will also provide up to 25 new jobs and was considered to be the option most appropriate for an iconic building set in the public park.

Former Co-op site, Primrose Street, Alloa

The council decided to purchase this site with the support of a substantial grant from Scottish government. A development brief is to be worked up and the aim is to provide social housing with ground floor retail space.

Former Claremont Primary Site

Probably of less local interest, the council accepted an unconditional offer from Barrat Ltd who are currently nearing completion of the development of the adjacent site of the former Alloa Academy.

Regards

Archie

Police Service of Scotland
Community Council meeting

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Community

ALVA COMMUNITY COUCIL 13/04/2015



INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 473 Lauren Macpherson; one of four Community Police Officers who covers Alva, Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton.

There are two Community Policing Sergeants (Graeme Cadden & Kevin Chase) and we are all stationed at Alloa Police Office. If you require to make contact direct please contact with the Community Sergeant on telephone: 101 or by email at kevin.chase@scotland.pnn.police.uk or graham.cadden@scotland.pnn.police.uk or lauren.macpherson@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Since your last meeting on 09/02/2015 we have recorded 30 crimes and offences that occurred in Alva as follows;

13 Undetected Crimes

14 Detected Crimes

2 V-RECS

Detected

For the last few months a large number of crime reports have been recorded regarding Housebreakings, Thefts and Theft OLP in the Alva area. The Community Investigation Unit were able to identify a suspect from CCTV who was subsequently reported to the Procurator Fiscal for 11 crimes using the Howden Principle as a result of the similar MO.

A search warrant was craved by Police for an address in Caroline Crescent where a male and female have now been reported for Concerned in the Supply of a Class B drug.

A female was arrested and charged with a Vandalism. Threatening and

A male and female were reported to the Procurator Fiscal for possession of Class A and B drugs found within an address at The Nebit.

Three assaults to injury at Greenhead and a male and female were arrested and charged.

As a result of proactive patrols in the Alva area Police traced a male within the Cochrane Park in possession on a Class B drug.

Threatening and abusive behaviour (Domestic) at Strude Mill, male arrested for offence.

Domestic Assault at Brook Street where one male was arrested for offence.

Theft by Shoplifting at the Coop where a male has been identified and will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

One male reported for numerous road traffic offences including no licence, insurance and MOT.

Undetected

Theft

Theft by Housebreaking at an address in Torry Drive where two bikes were stolen from an insecure garage. Enquiry is ongoing at this time to identify suspect.

Theft of money from an address in Johnstone Street and a female has been spoken to regarding same however further enquiry is to be carried out by officers dealing.

Theft of purse from an address in Craighorn Road. Complainer has identified the male responsible who is yet to be traced and spoken to by Police.

Sneak in Theft from an address in Johnstone Street where access has been gained to an insecure door to the property and a mobile phone, bike and car keys have been stolen. Further enquiry ongoing as theft may be related to the series of housebreakings in the area.

Theft of purse from the Crown Inn licensed premises. Suspect is a female who is yet to be identified from CCTV.

Taxi damaged in Stirling Street where the driver believed an air rifle was fired at the car causing damage – enquiry ongoing with CCTV

Window smashed at The Wynd. A group of youths are suspected to be responsible and one male youth has been named and yet to be interviewed regarding damage.

Car damaged in Queen Street where the roof and bonnet was scratched by a sharp implement.

Assault

Male assaulted by two unknown males near to Viewfield Drive – enquiry ongoing to identify suspects

Male seriously assaulted by another male at a party within an address in Minto Garden. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the male responsible.

Other crimes of note:

Taxi fraud, where a male has failed to pay his fare once taken to Dalmore Drive. Enquiry ongoing to identify the male responsible from CCTV.

STORM CALLS

Over 133 calls allocated to Alva. Allocated through 101 and Bilston control room.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Other Incidents of
note:

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Total Crime
Reports:

<u>Total number of crimes - 27</u>

% of Overall
Detection Rate:

51%

Feedback from
meeting:

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