

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 8 June 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	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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"/>

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 6
PC David Armitage

Clr Donald Balsillie

Clr Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed members of the public (MOP) to the meeting. Jessie Seath, former Community Councillor has sadly passed away. The funeral is on Monday 18 June.	
2	Apologies Iain Craig	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting 11/05/15 Proposed by Linda Greig Seconded by Philip Ward	
4	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - None	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None	
6	Police Report PC David Armitage attended with a colleague, David gave a report - attached	
7	Office Bearers Reports	

<p>7.1</p>	<p>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</p> <p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund</p> <p>EDF Micro Grants - Lynn and Margaret attended an EDF meeting last month and on behalf of ACC accepted responsibility for allocation of Micro Grants, the funds will be paid into ACC's bank account and ringfenced. Micro Grants of up to £250 will be available to non-constituted groups who can demonstrate that they benefit the community. EDF are going to provide application forms and posters to advertise the grants. Applications will be considered at ACC meetings and decisions minuted. Following discussion Lynn agreed to take responsibility for this project.</p> <p>EDF Grants - As before grants of up to £2000 are available to constituted groups who can demonstrate they benefit the community. Currently the EDF panel consider applications twice per year in April and October and any group may only submit one application each time. The EDF panel will review this criteria at their next review meeting on 30 Sept '15.</p>	<p>Lynn</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Secretary Report - Linda Grieg</p> <p>Meeting place and dates for next years ACC meetings - Following discussion about other venues the current meeting place, Alva Baptist Church hall, is the popular choice and it was agreed ACC would like to continue meeting there for as long as the Church is able to welcome us as guests. Linda will clarify with Rev David Fraser.</p> <p>Date for AGM - Monday 14 September 2015, 7pm, Alva Baptist Church hall.</p> <p>Lisa Williams - On behalf of ACC Linda has written to Lisa Williams to confirm her services as a Community Councillor are no longer required as a result of not attending meetings and failing to give apologies.</p> <p>Site of Ochil Leisure Centre (OLC) - On behalf of ACC Linda has written to CEO of Clackmannanshire Council requesting confirmation that the OLC site will not be sold till after the Alva CAPLan has been completed (see item 9.2). No reply as yet.</p> <p>Site of Former Alva Glen Hotel - On behalf of ACC Linda has written to owner, Mr Mulraney, requesting confirmation of his plans and timescale for the site. Linda received an email inviting her to phone Mr Mulraney to discuss this. However Mr Malraney was unavailable when she phoned and she has asked for a reply in writing. No reply as yet.</p> <p>Police update - Stephen Sneddon, Police Area Commander, Clackmannanshire, attended the ACC May meeting and has since been in touch to thank ACC for the opportunity to attend and update us on local police matters.</p> <p>We have had a further update with regards to concerns raised within the May meeting regarding youths / alcohol. Commander Sneddon asked his Community team to visit all off-sale premises in the local area highlighting local concern of adults buying alcohol on behalf of youths. Kevin Chase, Community Sergeant, Alloa has given a further update confirming he visited all off sales licensed premises and reminded them of their responsibilities as licensees. He can confirm that all premises have a Challenge 25 policy and also a refusal book. The visits he had were positive and well received. He will be carrying out further visits in due course. ACC have passed on their thanks to Stephen Sneddon for his prompt response and updates.</p> <p>Electric Charging Infrastructure in Clackmannanshire</p> <p>Introduction</p> <p>Transport Scotland has granted Clackmannanshire Council £78,000 for the</p>	<p>Linda</p>

supply and installation of electric vehicle charging infrastructure within the Council area. This is 100% Government grant funded and the works require to be complete by the 30th June 2015. Funding for electric charging infrastructure has been given to all 32 Local Authorities, with a total of £1,730,000 being spent throughout Scotland. The overall aim of this project is to provide a network of charging posts to encourage the uptake of electric vehicles within Scotland, in line with the Scottish Government's commitment to promoting renewable technologies.

The Government funding is for five additional dual charging posts with the capability to charge 10 vehicles, one being a rapid charging point. These will supplement the existing four charging posts currently in operation in Greenside Street and Kilncraigs car parks. A further charging post is proposed at the Council's Kelliebank depot.

Within the Council there are four electric vehicles and there are a number of Clackmannanshire residents that own electric vehicles and use the existing charging facilities in Alloa.

Locations

The locations of the charging posts must take cognisance of the ability of electric vehicles to travel not just within Clackmannanshire, but throughout Scotland. Transport Scotland stipulate that the charging posts should be made available throughout the County, in particular the Hillfoots Villages. Two of these charging points must be in association with operational public buildings.

The following locations have been selected:

Greenside Car Park, Alloa - Rapid Charger
Dumyat Centre, Menstrie
Murray Square, Tillicoultry
Dollar CAP, Dollar
Tron Court, Tullibody

Car Parking

On site observations have been undertaken at each of the locations and the final location of the electric vehicle spaces within each car park have been determined based on the adjacent electrical infrastructure. Existing electric equipment such as street lighting columns cannot be within reach of the electric vehicles for safety reasons.

All the charging posts must be fully accessible by those with a disability. Therefore a standard electric charging bay has the same overall dimensions as a disabled parking space. The exception to this will be Tron Court, Tullibody as the parking spaces have a block paving surface.

Transport Scotland has stated that these spaces should be marked and signed for the use of electric vehicles being charged. Where the provision of two electric charging bays can be shown to have a detrimental impact on the use of the associated parking, it is proposed that a single electrical charging bay will be marked out with blue surfacing, with signage showing that the space may be used by an electric vehicle or a Blue Badge holder. At the Dumyat Centre the existing disabled space is sub-standard and will be removed and returned to general parking. The electrical charging bay will be a shared Blue Badge / Electric Vehicle space.

Correspondence from Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Adviser Clackmannanshire Council

There has been a suggestion from Alloa Community Council that all Community Councils share a section in the local paper to place information. The paper has agreed and Alloa CC were thinking of starting this in August. Clackmannan CC support the idea. Sauchie & Fishcross CC see August being a problem as most CC's don't meet in August. Following discussion it was agreed that Alva

	Friends of Ochil Community Garden now have a facebook page.	
8.2	<p>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Gemma</p> <p>Gemma attended the JCCF meeting in May when the topic was 'Stengthening of Local Democracy' lead by Stuart Crickmar, Head of Strategy and Customer Services for Clackmannanshire Council. Discussion included how each Community Council could liaise with Police as not all Community Councils have PC's attending their meetings regularly. However ACC has a PC attending most meetings so not an issue for us. There had also been a suggestion that Community Councillors should have ID Badges and these would cost £6 each. Following discussion it was agreed that ACC doesn't require these.</p>	
8.3	<p>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications - Linda (including Sub Committee - Planning and Environment - Linda , Margaret, Ian)</p> <p>Linda received a note at the last meeting regarding full planning permission being granted for 5 holiday homes within the Alva House site in the Woodland Park. This is renewal of consent granted around 10 years ago. The site is currently for sale and can be viewed on the Bell Ingram website.</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 2 meetings in June and report at the October meeting.</p>	
8.5	<p>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</p> <p>Alva Community Council has 367 Facebook 'likes' and 64 twitter followers.</p> <p>Phil has sent up an automatic rejection message when members of the public try to email councillors@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk as this is for Councillors only to communicate with each other. Members of the public should email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p> <p>Phil advised that there has been intermittent problems with the server but he is monitoring the situation and will take actions as appropriate.</p>	
8.6	<p>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Gemma reported that a cheque for £26,430 was recently handed over to McMillan Cancer Support by the head boy and girl of Alva Academy.</p> <p>P7 will move up to S1 mid June.</p> <p>Times of the school day have changed recently with the morning session starting at 08.30 some days and 08.35 other days. The afternoon session ends 15.05 somedays, 15.30 other days and 14.40 on Fridays.</p>	
9	Sub Committee Reports	
9.1	<p>Sub Committee - Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra & Iain</p> <p>Alva Memory Seat - Linda explained that with all her other ACC responsibilities she doesn't have time to give it the effort required. Cllr Balsillie said he is happy to take it forward if he has a liaison person from ACC over the summer. Gemma volunteered to do this. A 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> <p>Fun Day - Sandra reported the weather had been excellent and a turn out of</p>	Gemma Lynn

	<p>600 - 700 people to the Fun Day on Sat 23 May. Alloa Advertiser had a two page spread with photos of the event and there was also coverage in the Stirling Observer. On behalf of ACC Linda thanked all the volunteers that turned up on the day to help us set up and those who supported us throughout the day. Thanks also to Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton & Devonside Community Council for the loan of the marquee's.</p> <p>Bunting - Lynn thanked all the groups and individuals who made penants, these were strung together as bunting and were hung between lampposts on 20 May in time for the Fun Day. It had been planned to leave the bunting up perhaps to the end of July but unfortunately it had to be taken down on 2 June due to damage caused by inclement weather. The bunting will be repaired, put on stronger cord and used again next summer.</p> <p>Queens Baton Relay Commemorative Plaque - Linda expressed concern that there are too many people from Clackmannanshire Council involved in organising and placing the ACC plaque. Cllr Balsillie said he would look into this and liaise with Linda. Anne will try to contact those who had been baton bearers to get a photo with the plaque in due course.</p> <p>Events Press Releases - Linda confirmed that Sandra has this responsibility.</p> <p>Alva Games Childrens Races, Saturday 11 July - ACC provide the medals for the childrens races and this year Lynn, Gemma and Sandra will attend the Games to present medals to winners (1st, 2nd and 3rd) in 8 categories. Also at the Games the CAPLan survey prize draw winner will be drawn - see item 9.2.</p>	Linda Anne
9.2	<p>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPLan) Sandra, Margaret, Anne, Lynn, Linda, Gemma & Iain</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On behalf of ACC and the Steering Group Sandra thanked the people of Alva for engaging with the process by completing their Community Action Plan surveys. • The CAPLan Steering Group comprises 7 Community Councillors and 5 members of the public (MOP'S). • The Steering Group have consulted with all Alva residents who have been encouraged to complete and return a survey that was available online from 11 May via a link on the ACC website and a paper copy was delivered to each Alva household week commencing 18 May (a week late due to problems at the printers). Consultation was extended to 8 June to compensate for this. • An article promoting the survey and reminding people to complete it was in the Alloa Advertiser on 13th, 20th, 27th May & 4 June and was also submitted to Stirling Observer. The Survey was also promoted on ACC's website and FB page and also FB pages of other groups & individuals. • Today, 8 June, was the last day of the consultation period so all completed paper copies of the survey should have been returned to any one of 10 collection boxes in shops, library, health centre, schools and Alva Parklands Centre. • Participants who chose to enter into a £50 prize draw will learn on Saturday 11 July if they have won when the draw is made at Alva Games. • The Steering Group are meeting on 9 June to choose an independent analyst. • The results from the survey will go forward into a Community Action Plan that will help respond to consultations and generally help the group act in the best interests of the Alva community. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The analysis of community views will give a mandate to carry out community-based action by providing evidence of the need for action which will assist in applications for funding and support for projects and facilities. One of the recipients of Alva Community Action Plan will be Clackmannanshire Council, who have supported the Steering Group, and will use the plan to decide priorities when Alva town centre is upgraded as part of the 'Village and Small Town Centre Initiative' that has recently seen upgrades in Sauchie and Tullibody. <p>Phil created a new email address for members of the public who had questions about the survey or wanted further information. The list is open to new subscribers who wish to be kept informed. Please send a blank email to caplanprogress-join@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk and follow the instructions on the reply you receive from our mailing list system. If you decide you no longer wish to be subscribed then send a blank email to caplanprogress-leave@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk.</p> <p>£1000 Donation - Cllr Balsillie confirmed that Mr J Marshall of Marshall Construction has offered £1000 towards the Community Action Plan. Sandra will write to Mr Marshall on behalf of ACC / CAPlan Steering Group to accept and thank him for this generous contribution.</p>	Sandra
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond</p> <p>Recycling Facilities - Cllr Drummond confirmed the 3 large communal recycling bins have now been relocated to the carpark at Glentanna.</p> <p>Street Lights out on Ochil Road - Cllr Drummond considers that Scottish Power should pay compensation if they fail to supply lights. He will pursue this matter and try to get a resolution before winter. A MOP stated there have been problems with these lights since 07/10/13.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>Tullibody Consultations - Cllr Balsillie reported that Clackmannanshire Council are currently consulting with residents of Tullibody regarding the three proposed options for a new school in Tullibody, one of the options is for three existing primary schools to share a new joint campus with associated community facilities that will take forward the principles of Making Clackmannanshire Better.</p> <p>Fire Rescue Service - Cllr Balsillie advised the fire service are preparing a strategy and will consider what they can do for communities. He has suggested they should start by consulting Community Councils.</p> <p>Play Equipment at Alva Primary School - Cllr Balsillie explained the Parent Council paid to move play equipment into the playground but 3 children have fallen and hurt themselves so the area is currently fenced off to await fitting of a safety softer surface.</p> <p>Cycle Route - Cllr Balsillie said some areas of the cycle path have been cleared for wild flower planting and Sustrans need volunteers. He will email Linda with details.</p> <p>Pigeons - Linda asked when pigeon mess in the town centre will be cleaned as it's disgusting. Cllr Balsillie explained that currently 326 pigeons have 'been dispatched' and traps have been moved to hopefully remove more before the deep clean commences. Linda considers that there should be daily street cleaning and consideration given to power washing of shop roofs. Cllr Balsillie said the green machine - electric street sweeper - is used in Alva alternate days.</p> <p>Land at Former Alva Academy - Cllr Balsillie explained work on the eco-housing at Erskine Street/Queen Street is scheduled to commence soon.</p>	Linda

	<p>Alterations to Greenhead Playpark - Lynn asked why Clackmannanshire Council altered this park without consultation as 50% of the play area has been removed and work commenced during the first week of the Easter holidays i.e. when children were more likely to use the facility. She also asked why work is till ongoing 2 months later. Cllr Balsillie will investigate but added that there had been opportunity to participate in Clackmannanshire Council's Open Space Strategy.</p> <p>Former Cinema - Lynn and Ian Cameron have not managed to visit the owner of the premises regarding the condition of the outside of the building. Following discussion Cllr Balsillie agreed to write to the owner.</p>	
11	AOCB	
11.1	Documents - Linda asked all Community Councillors for copies of any letters / documents they may have regarding offers / acceptance of grants, etc. She wants to collate them in the ACC folder in Alva Community Access Point (CAP).	
11.2	Wheelchair Swing - Linda asked if consideration could be give for a wheelchair swing to be installed in Alva park, it is likely to cost £700 - £800. A MOP suggested we liaise with Enable Scotland. Cllr Balsillie will speak to colleagues at Clackmannanshire Council.	
11.3	Pavement - Alva to Collylands - A MOP asked when this pavement will be upgraded as it's in very poor condition, Linda agreed. Cllr Balsillie clarified that there are no plans to upgrade it as the main priority is the proposed cycle route from Alva to Fishcross.	
11.4	Johnstone Street - A MOP asked when this street is going to be resurfaced. Cllr Balsillie will look into this.	
12	Date of Next Meeting - AGM Monday 14 September 2015 at Alva Baptist Church 7.00pm Public Meeting	

NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED



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ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
08/06/15

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 703 David Armitage, one of community constables with the responsibility for Ward 2 - Clackmannanshire North and I am stationed at Alloa Police Office.

There are two Community Policing Sergeants (Graham Cadden & Catherine Sharkey) and they are stationed at Alloa Police Office. If you require to make contact direct catherine.sharkey@scotland.pnn.police.uk or graham.cadden@scotland.pnn.police.uk

Since your last meeting in May 2015 we have recorded 7 undetected crimes and 7 detected crimes for the Alva area.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Since the last meeting, we have 3 recorded crimes linked with anti-social behaviour as detailed below. These incidents have been detected.

On 13th May 2015, at Stirling Street, Alva a male was acting in a threatening and abusive manner towards people in the street. The male who is local male was arrested for his conduct.

On 14th May 2015, at Ochil Road, Alva, a female was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour. This was a domestic incident and not linked to any other issues.

On 23rd May 2015, at an address in Cochrane Crescent, Alva a male was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour and vandalism. Again this was not linked to any other incident.

VANDALISM

Since the last meeting, we have 2 recorded crimes relating to vandalism and are as follows:-

Between 09th May 2015 – 16th May 2015 at an address in Craighorn Road, Alva a window was damaged after a stone was thrown at it. There are no suspects in relation to this and no further enquiry to be completed.

Between 18th May 2015 – 19th May 2015 a vandalism occurred at an address in East Stirling Street, Alva whereby a car bonnet was dented. Having reviewed the record there are no suspects and no lines of enquiry to be completed.

VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, we have 2 recorded crimes relating to violence and are as follows:-

On 12th May 2015 an assault and threatening and abusive behaviour incident occurred at an address in Greenhead, Alva. This involved two locals who are known to the Police. There were no injuries as a result of this and the two individuals have been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 7th June 2015 an assault occurred at an address in Dalmore Drive, Alva. This involved known persons and was minor in nature resulting in no injury. The accused has been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to this.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

We have 5 undetected crimes relating to theft which are as follows:-

Between 21st May 2015 to 22nd May 2015 a theft occurred at an address in Coblecrook Gardens, Alva whereby a quantity of potatoes were stolen from the rear garden. The enquiry is complete in relation to this and no suspects have been identified.

Between 26th May 2015 – 27th May 2015, at an address in West Johnstone Street, Alva an unattended pedal cycle was stolen, having been left unsecured in the garden. There are no lines of enquiry to be carried out and no suspects outstanding at present.

Between 26th May 2015 – 28th May 2015, a charity tin believed to be containing £15 was stolen from Hanover Housing, Brook Street, Alva. All of the available enquiry has been completed with regards to this and no suspects have been identified.

On 28th May 2015, during the early hours of the morning, a theft by opening a lockfast motor car occurred where the vehicle was entered, rummaged through and property stolen. This occurred at a commercial property at Brook Street, Alva. CCTV has captured the persons responsible and enquiries are still ongoing.

On 07th June 2015 a Housebreaking with intent to steal occurred at a public house in Stirling Street, Alva. Nothing has been stolen from the property and the enquiry is still on going at this time.

ROAD TRAFFIC

To date we have 1 detected road traffic offence. This relates to a driver opening a door recklessly into oncoming traffic.

Between 29th May – 7th June 2015 Police Scotland initiated a Summer Drink Drive campaign in the Forth Valley area. This included the council ward covering Alva and the surrounding areas.

Numerous motorists in the Clackmannanshire area have been stopped and breath tests carried out.

I would again like to encourage anyone with any information regarding persons who drink and drive or use drugs and drive to contact us on 101. The information will be dealt with in the strictest of confidence and will assist in making your community and roads safer.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING





