

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Community Councillors Present:  Community Councillors Not Present:

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

### In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 11  
PC Brad Chambers

Cllr Donald Balsillie

Cllr Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn welcomed members of the public (MOP) to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Kirsty Wilson and Iain Craig	
<b>3</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting 11/1/2016</b> Proposed by Linda Greig Secoded by Ian Cameron	
<b>4</b>	<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b> - None	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> Archie stated that the Head of Education is being recruited and not has been recruited. This was amended	SR
<b>6</b>	<b>Police Report</b> PC Chambers attended and gave a report - attached On behalf of a member of the community we asked if anything could be done about drivers speeding whilst entering and leaving Alva at Glenwinnel Road. PC Chambers informed us that the Police are preparing to introduce speed boards which will alternate between both ends of Alva over a period of time. These will tell drivers	

	what speed they are doing. The Police will also be monitoring the speed drivers are doing by using hand held speed guns.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</b></p> <p>Following the recent EDF meeting, all things are now in place for the microgrants. Grants of up to £250 can be applied for by individuals and unconstituted groups.. Applications can be sent to the CC. An application template is being prepared. Posters will be put up to advertise the grants. Each CC will initially have £1500 to administer.</p> <p>The panel decided that each CC will have £2500 for events within the town (not necessarily CC events) There will also be 2 sittings each year to apply for grants of up to £2000</p> <p>The Alva Action Plan showed a lack of input from young people. The 3 other towns agreed that younger ideas were needed in all areas. EDF is to put £6000 towards a young people's research project for the Hillfoots. The panel are advertising for someone to take this forward and names will be put forward at the next meeting.</p> <p>A MOP asked if this money could be linked with the chaurette which could then be match funded.</p>	ALL
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Secretary Report - Linda Grieg</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Proposed changes to Alva PO</b>..At the Jan meeting we discussed our views on the proposed changes to the Alva PO. Our views have been sent to Keith Browns office.</li> <li>• <b>PSYV</b> are willing to come to March meeting to give a presentation. Everyone agreed they could arrive at 7pm to settle in. We will confirm.</li> <li>-</li> <li>• <b>Clock at Burn Shops</b> ..... Has now been fixed see Cllr Donald Balsillies report.</li> <li>• <b>Scottish attainment challenge in Clackmannanshire.</b></li> </ul> <p>Email from attainment Challenge coordinator ...Clackmannanshire is one of 7 Local Authorities taking forward the Scottish Attainment Challenge. This is a Scottish Government Funded initiative which seeks to raise attainment and close the equity gap. An Attainment Challenge team has been appointed and would be pleased to provide ACC with an overview presentation of the Attainment Challenge in Clackmannanshire. (This initiative fits in with the context of Curriculum for Excellence which aims to ensure that all children and young people in Scotland develop the attributes, knowledge and skills they will need to flourish in life, learning and work.)</p> <p>ACC Agreed to pass this on to other community groups.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Land for sale....</b>At the January meeting ACC agreed to have a meeting to discuss the way forward with regard to public opposition to the sale of the land at Johnstone Park/Queen Street Alva. This extra ordinary meeting was on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. I drafted a letter to the Legal services team leader at Clacks Council the meeting was to discussed the wording and content of the letter.</li> </ul> <p>The letter was sent on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2106. We received a reply from the legal services team leader on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2016.</p> <p>Andrew Wise believes that he has explained previously &amp; certainly in correspondence to Cllr Balsillie on our behalf that the Town Council in 1962 sold part of the park to the County Council of the County of Clackmannan as Education Authority in connection with the improvement and expansion of the Alva Academy.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>LG</p> <p>LG</p>

	<p>Linda agreed to email copies of the letter to all who were interested. It was agreed to put the letters on the website and on facebook to gather more responses.</p> <p>Linda asked that the minutes of the extra ordinary meeting be amended (item 4) as she felt members of the community may wish to ask their questions themselves. This was agreed.</p> <p>ACC councilors are not keen on the tone of the letter received from Andrew Wise.</p>	<p>PW</p> <p>AS</p>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Treasurer Report - Anne Spruce</b></p> <p>Ordinary Account - £200 donation has been sent to Alva Baptist Church for use of the room from September 15 to January 16. This has been reimbursed by Clacks Council. Balance remains at £2047-81</p> <p>Special Events Account - 3 x £50 deposits have been paid for 2016 Fun Day, 2016 Christmas Fayre and 2017 Fun Day £22.95 expenses fayre and EDF form completion Balance £8428.44 of which £3617.80 is ring fenced for the action plan and £1664.30 for the lights leaving £3146.34</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Environment including Parks and Alva Glen - Linda</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Access to coop...</b>No access from Main Street to Coop car park but will make further enquiries. Sandra suggested speaking to the people at the Co-op.</li> <li>• <b>Wild flower meadows at Alva end of cycle path...</b>Linda has asked sustrans to help manage the wild flower meadows planted as part of the Grow Wild projects. This would involve cutting the meadows twice a year. We are awaiting a reply.</li> </ul> <p>I have also informed Lenka from Sustrans of the annual weed killing that is done along the cycle path as this destroyed a lot of the flowers last year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Email from Micheal Nicoll re Proposed Changes to Play area at Cochrane park</b></li> <li>• Removal of the Slide and Spinning net for safety reasons as these are both at the end of their life and are beyond economic repair.</li> <li>• Removal of the woodchip surfacing, importing and spreading topsoil and grass seeding or turfing beneath the items to be retained.</li> <li>• Laying a rubber grass mat play surface underneath the remaining items of equipment</li> </ul> <p>One of the actions in the Open Space Strategy is to phase out this play area therefore there are no plans to replace any of the play equipment removed. These works will be carried out when resources and weather conditions allow.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Report it</b> ACC reported street lights on Brook St not working &amp; Sign leaning over at Cobden Street on 15 January no reply as yet.</li> <li>• Rubbish from old bank lying out in car park Queen Street is this acceptable... who do we contact. We will make enquiries.</li> <li>• Building materials outside the former Hio-Tech shop Queen Street.</li> </ul>	<p>SR</p> <p>LG</p> <p>ClrAD</p>
<b>8.2</b>	<b>Convener Report - Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - Gemma</b>	

	<p>Gemma attended the JCCF meeting.  CC elections will be held in the middle of this year  CC Insurance. JCCF are looking for a rep to cover this. Lesley Baillie is dealing with it at the moment No need to change anything at the moment.  Menstrie CC feel we are “treading on their toes” because the date of our Fun Day clashes with their Gala. Gemma has explained how the availability of the Cochran Hall resulted in ACC having there Funday in June instead of May as in previous years.</p>	
<b>8.3</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Planning / Licencing Applications- Sandra</b>  (including Sub Committee - Planning and Environment - Linda &amp; Ian)</p> <p><u>Planning</u></p> <p>The application for 24 Flats at the former Alva Glen Hotel was withdrawn on 05/02/16.  Nothing for Alva in any of the other weekly bulletins other than a dormer extension.</p> <p><u>Licencing</u></p> <p>The Crown Inn, 77 Stirling Street, Alva has submitted an application, operating plan and layout plan for a non-minor variation. The applicant is seeking to amend the premises licence to allow, off-sales from premises, change of activities in Operating Plan, amend terms and conditions of Young Persons access, amend times when Young Persons are permitted entry to the premises, allow Children access to the premises, changes to the layout of the premises ladies and gents toilets. Any Objections/representation must be lodged with the Clerk of the Licensing Board no later than 22 February 2016.</p>	
<b>8.4</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Public Partnership Forum (PPF) and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Kirsty Wilson.</b></p> <p>Kirsty was absent. Nothing to report.</p>	
<b>8.5</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - IT/Website / Data Protection - Philip</b></p> <p>Phil intimated that on the day we posted about the closure to the Back Road there were 186 hits so we are definitely reaching the public.</p>	
<b>8.6</b>	<p><b>Convener Report - Education - Gemma Waghorn</b></p> <p>Gemma reported that she is waiting to hear from the Head of Alva Academy about younger people being more involved in CC's.</p> <p><b>Alva Primary School - Sheona Craig</b>  The Primary School celebrate their 40<sup>th</sup> birthday this year.  They are working on literacy and numeracy to improve attainment.  They have received funding from Awards for All and the Cochrane Foundation.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Sub Committee Reports</b></p>	
<b>9.1</b>	<p><b>Sub Committee - Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Margaret, Gemma, Sandra &amp; Iain</b>  The Events Group met on 25<sup>th</sup> January.  The Fun day will be on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> 2016. Cochrane Hall and Park booked for the event. Some activities will be linked with the Queen's birthday celebrations.  There will be competitions for both children and adults. Marquees will be borrowed from TCDS CC. PSYV have agreed to help and the Rotary will be asked to assist with parking.  Suggested activities include pony rides, face painting, falcons, police, fire, mountain rescue, wee county crafters, inflatables, tartan juggler, Arbroath Smokies, music.</p>	

<p>9.2</p>	<p><b>Sub Committee - Community Action Plan (CAPLan)</b> Sandra, Anne, Lynn, Linda, Gemma &amp; Iain</p> <p>The CAPLan Steering Group met on 18/01/16</p> <p><b>1. Possible Partnership Working with Alloa Town Centre BID (Business Improvement District)</b></p> <p>Alloa Town Centre BID Manager, Andrew Mitchell was invited to the meeting but he was unable to attend. We will invite him to the next meeting.</p> <p><b>2. Local Community Plan £2000 Grant from Clackmannanshire Council (CC).</b> The money has been received and is for the Community Council to allocate to one or more community projects which demonstrate delivery on Alva Community Action Plan. The balance of the CAPLan fund is £3617.80, (includes the £2000).</p> <p><b>3.</b> There was an under representation of younger people in the CAPLan so the group thought the money may be spent on 'targeted engagement of younger people' as the report recommends outreach to younger people to establish their views.</p> <p>However, Lynn attended a meeting at EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund on 27 Jan. They agreed to put up £6000 to fund a project that will work with young people across the 4 Hillfoots towns. Plans for a young people's survey will be taken forward at the next EDF meeting at end of Feb.</p> <p>Therefore the Steering Group will have to discuss what else we could do with the £2000.</p> <p><b>4. The group discussed the two failed bids for funds for works in the town centre</b></p> <p><b>Scottish Government Town Centre Communities Capital Fund.</b> We learned why our bid for £25,000 for shop front enhancement had been unsuccessful. The Scottish Government were looking for applications for new initiatives e.g. Wi-Fi. Alva was unsuccessful but Alloa got £26,000 for development of town centre Wi-Fi.</p> <p><b>Charettes Programme</b> The application to Scottish Government for £3000 to draw out a streetscape for the town centre failed because the funding related more to the town development plan rather than the stage we are at now.</p> <p><b>5. The Way Forward</b></p> <p>We discussed how we could address the top responses in the CAPLan.</p> <p>However, we can't do much without funding. It was agreed that Lynn will speak to Rachael from Foundation Scotland and invite her to the next CAPLan meeting. However, Rachael declined the invitation.</p> <p>We discussed the Tesco Local Community Fund. This is funds from sale of carrier bags and will be used to fund environmental improvement projects across the UK e.g. community gardens &amp; sports facilities. Individual projects will range from £8,000 to £12,000.</p> <p>The date of the next meeting is to be arranged.</p>	<p>SR</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Donald Balsillie</b></p> <p>1) Clock at cross has been repaired by owner.</p> <p>2) Alva Glen Hotel Planning application for 24 Flats has been withdrawn by applicant's agent Bracwell Stirling and Council planners awaiting resubmission.</p> <p>3) Former Hodgson site Alva- Planning Service consider original planning consent has expired and awaiting new application from applicant or agent.</p> <p>4) Former Stephen Clark site planning consent for housing not expired but limited interest given economic downturn to develop from applicants "Model Range".</p> <p>5) Eco Homes -Queen Street (East) Planning Service have still not received "notice of intent to start" however all involved say site start is imminent some time in February!</p> <p>6) £95k contract for demolition of Alva Pool is likely to be issued at end of this week. It is anticipated that a site start will be in three weeks towards end of February and finished by end of April. An environmental impact statement was carried out for</p>	

	<p>wildlife impact and mitigation.  <i>ACC councillors expressed their disappointment that its costing £95K to demolish the former Ochil Lesuire Centre. It was felt this money could have contributed to preventing the closure of a valuable community service.</i></p> <p>7) The Councils property unit is still awaiting an external structural engineers report on the Johnstone Park retaining wall.</p> <p>8) Council Solicitors have provided their views on their ownership rights in relation to the Former Alva Academy land. I have requested solicitor attends Community Council meeting to explain Councils position and provide evidence of same.  <i>It was felt that a soliciter would be better addressing members of the community at a public meeting.</i></p> <p>9) Finally I am pleased that after many years of pressing the Council for the re cladding of 64 non- trad construction homes in Alva that some of these will be done with the agreement of owners and tenants. The Council has secured energy grants for The Swedish timber homes in Craighorn Road. This will involve the Council issuing a recladding insulation contract for Council properties and private owners who wish to take up the vastly subsidised offer.  Two demonstration pilot homes will be completed first once building warrant is secured.</p> <p><b>Cllr Archie Drummond</b>  The Twinning Association has purchased a generator and commercial sized griddles etc which can be hired out.</p>	
<b>11</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>11.1</b>	<b>Alva Baptist Church</b> -Will be open every Wednesday up to Easter between 10 and 12 for prayer. Prayer guides are available. Coffee and biscuits.	
<b>11.2</b>	<b>Litter at Alva Glen</b> -A MOP asked if a litter bin could be put near the Alva Golf Club car park where litter is particularly disgusting.	CllrAD
<b>11.3</b>	<b>NHS ALFY (Advice Line For You)</b> A member of the community brought to our attention a new service provided by NHS Forth Valley ALFY. This is a new nurse led telephone advice service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week on 01324 567247. Trained nursing staff will take your call & make sure you receive the right help & support. This new service ALFY does not replace existing services. You should still contact 999 in an emergency or NHS24 on 111 if you need to see a GP when your surgery is closed. However ALFY can give advice or re-direct you to the service or help that you need. Leaflets on ALFY & other new Forth Valley services can be picked up at your local surgery & Community Access Point.	
<b>12</b>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> - Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Alva Baptist Church  7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	

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**ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**08/02/2016**

**INTRODUCTION**

I am Police Constable 933 Brentt Chambers, one of the Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other being PC James Miller 247. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e.mail at [brentt.chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:brentt.chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk)

Since your last meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 we have recorded 8 undetected crimes and 12 detected crimes and 2 recorded police warnings for the Alva area, along with 1 Road Traffic Fixed penalty issued.

**CALLS**

There have been 85 calls recorded on our STORM system, since your last meeting. Very few of these call had any community element to them. The relevant are recorded as follows;

- 1 call in relation to Youth Disorder in the Alva area. These were dealt with at the time of the incident.
- 7 calls in relation to various Road Traffic issues, parking issues, speeding, accidents, etc.
- 10 calls in relation to noise complaints of varying degrees, noisy neighbours, parties, etc.

**PRIORITIES**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were 6 incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area since the last meeting, they are as follows;

- 13<sup>th</sup> January, a breach of the peace and police assault at The Wynd, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 13<sup>th</sup> January, breach of the peace, vandalism and other acts of disorder at a property in Croftshaw Road, for which a female youth was charged and will be dealt with by way of the Children's Reporter.
- 17<sup>th</sup> January, wasting police time at The Nebit, for which a female was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January, drunk and incapable, for which a male was issued with a Fixed Penalty Notice.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January, a breach of the peace at The Nebit, for which a male was arrested and given a recorded Police warning.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January, a breach of the peace at a retail premises on Stirling Street, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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### VANDALISM

There were 4 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area since the last Community Council meeting, they are as follows;

- 13<sup>th</sup> January, breach of the peace, vandalism and other acts of disorder at a property in Croftshaw Road, for which a female youth was charged and will be dealt with by way of the Children's Reporter.
- 27<sup>th</sup> January, a motor vehicle was damaged by unknown means causing a dent, at East Stirling Street. This is undetected with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 30<sup>th</sup> January, a window was smashed in Brook Street, this is undetected with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.
- 4<sup>th</sup> February, a garden bench was damaged within a property in Norton Street. This is undetected with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.

### VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, there have been 6 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- 12<sup>th</sup> January, a domestic assault at The Nethergate, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 16<sup>th</sup> January, an assault at The Nebit, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 19<sup>th</sup> January, a domestic assault at Stirling Street, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 19<sup>th</sup> January, a domestic assault at The Wynd, for which a male was arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 19<sup>th</sup> January, an assault between juveniles at Alva Academy, this is undetected however being progressed by the School's officer.
- 24<sup>th</sup> January, an assault at West James Street, which is undetected at this time with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.

### ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Since the last meeting, there have been 1 recorded incident of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area since the last meeting. They are as follows;

- 29<sup>th</sup> January, a theft from a motor vehicle in Cochrane Crescent. This is currently undetected with the reporting officer continuing their enquiries.

### ROAD TRAFFIC





To date we have 3 road traffic offences for the area with the relevant ticket issued or report submitted.

- 17<sup>th</sup> January, a fixed penalty notice was issued to a driver on East Stirling Street for failing to display "L" plates.
- 5<sup>th</sup> February, a S178 Road Traffic Act 1998 (Take & Drive away without consent) of a motor vehicle from Norton Street. This is undetected with the reporting officer continuing their lines of enquiry.
- 7<sup>th</sup> February, a Vehicle Defect Rectification Form issued to a driver on West Stirling Street.

### **OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

There were 3 pro-active incidents relating to drugs in the area since the last meeting, they are as follows;

- 21<sup>st</sup> January, possession of a Class B drug (Cannabis) on a male in Carnaughton Place, for which he is being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 22<sup>nd</sup> January, possession of a Class B drug (Cannabis) on a male in Stirling Street, for which he is being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> February, possession of a Class B drug (Cannabis) on a male in The Nebit, for which he is being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### **ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via Community Sergeant, who is PS Catherine Sharkey 089, and is based at Alloa Police Office.

Your dedicated ward officer for the Alva and Tillicoultry area will be PC James Miller C0247, who will be based from Alloa Police Office and can be contacted via phoning 101, emailing [James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or calling into Alloa Police Office.

### **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING**