

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 14 March 2016, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson Sub Committee- Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	LC	Philip Ward – Vice Chairperson Convener – Data Protection / IT / Website	PW
Secretary – Linda Greig Convener – Environment inc Parks & Alva Glen Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - Licensing & Planning	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	AS
Sandra Rees Convener - Planning Community Action Plan Coordinator Sub Committee - Events	SR	Kirsty Wilson Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group	KW
Ian Cameron- Sub Committee - Licensing & Planning	ICa	Iain Craig Sub Committee – CAPlan Sub Committee - Events	ICr
Gemma Waghorn Convener – Education inc School Council & PTA Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	GW	Community Councillors in attendance – Lynn, Philip, Anne, Kirsty, Gemma & Ian. Minutes - Philip	

In Attendance:

Members of Public x 10.

Elected Councillors Cllrs Donald Balsillie, Bobby McGill & Archie Drummond

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Apologies from Sandra Rees, Linda Greig & Iain Craig	
3	Declaration of Conflict of Interest None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting on 08/02/2016 Proposed by Ian Cameron, seconded by Gemma Waghorn.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes None	
6	Police Report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PC James Millar attended and gave a report. Attached. 	
7	Presentation from Police Scotland Youth Volunteers PSYV members Tom and Charlene gave a presentation on the activities of PSYV while fellow member Ben was there to observe. Aside from the presentation we heard how there is a lot of demand for new groups to be founded across the	

	country, especially since group size is limited to 24 young people.	
8	Office Bearers Reports	
8.1	<p>Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ALFY – Lynn mentioned the ALFY cards advertising the NHS Forth Valley advice line for the elderly that were made available at the meeting and encouraged anyone interested to help themselves. • Planters – A road traffic collision took out one of our • EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund - On 27 January Lynn will attend a meeting at EDF. Currently the EDF panel consider applications twice per year in April and October from groups in the 4 Hillfoots towns, any group may only submit one application each time. The EDF panel are reviewing this criteria. 	
8.2	<p>Secretary Report – Linda Greig (Read by Philip Ward)</p> <p>Clacks Community Councils were given the option to purchase a personalised domain name (alva.scot). the charge quoted was £25 with a renewal charge of £110 + VAT per year. ACC has declined.</p> <p>ACC are invited to attend Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface Annual General Meeting on Thursday 24th March, 11am-3pm at Hawkhill Community Centre. No community councillor was able to volunteer at the meeting to attend.</p> <p>ACC are working on a system to enable us to administer micro grants from EDF. We have received £1500 from which we are to give grants of up to £250 to groups / projects which benefit the community.</p> <p>Planning guidance for community councils has been added to the Community Councils website. You can find it under Consultation on Planning at http://www.communitycouncils.scot/what-is-a-community-council.html</p> <p>ACC have provided Leslie Baillie with our events dates for this year and have asked her for any update on insurance for CCs as ours expires in April.</p> <p>Our container is being transferred from the primary school to Cobden Street on Thursday April 7th at 10am. ACC have passed on their thanks to Mr. Marshall for supporting us with this.</p>	
8.3	<p>Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u></p> <p>£1500 received from EDF for micro grants.</p> <p>Balance on the account is £9928.44 of which £3617.80 is ring-fenced for action plan and £1664.30 for Christmas lights leaving £3143.34.</p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u></p> <p>Balance £2047.81</p>	
9	Convener Reports	
9.1	<p>Environment including Parks and Alva Glen – Linda (read by Philip)</p> <p>The 2016 Community Paths Grant Scheme has been opened and details are on</p>	

	<p>our website at http://www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk/paths-for-all/</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Review of Special Landscape Areas; the council are now in receipt of a finalised report from the consultants engaged to carry out the review of the Special Landscape Area within Clackmannanshire.</p> <p>This report will help to inform any changes proposed to the Special Landscape Areas as part of the review of the Local Development Plan and will be published as a background paper to the review. There is currently no date programmed for this review to commence, although it is likely to be no later than May 2018.</p> <p>Sustrans' Greener Greenways project & Clackmannanshire Council are managing walking and cycling routes in the area. Volunteers are wanted to help. There is information available on our website regarding work days in this area. The work days are from 10:30am to 3:30pm.</p> <p>A request has been made that the Council provide and service a new litter bin in the vicinity of the Alva Glen access road to Alva Golf Club and Car park area which serves as an additional access point to both the Glen and Ochil hills. The response to this request is as follows. "There are three litter bins in the vicinity of the access road, one at the foot bridge and two at the north end of the car park. The three litter bins are considered to be sufficient to service the area under Council control, although a period of close monitoring will be undertaken to assess their use and value. Council serviced litter bins would not normally be placed on private land as it would be expected that the land owner should take responsibility for maintaining their land to an acceptable litter free condition. Unfortunately the Code of Practice on Litter and Refuse does not extend to private land and private land owners, with exception of some statutory undertakings such as railways, are not obliged to maintain their land to the same standard that applies to local authorities."</p>	
<p>9.2</p>	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) – Gemma</p> <p>There has been no meeting since January. Volunteers are sought to attend the meeting on 21st April. A young gentleman by the name of Lewis McDermot appears to be interested in Community Council activities. Gemma will approach him to see if he is interested in joining us and possibly attending JCCF meetings.</p>	<p>GW</p>
<p>9.3</p>	<p>Planning / Licensing Applications – Sandra</p> <p>No Report.</p>	
<p>9.4</p>	<p>Health Convener – Kirsty</p> <p>Kirsty gave the following report. Clackmannanshire has now had 10 years of the Community health and Public Partnership Organisation. Continuous improvements have led to new initiatives and improved staffing levels. All designed to improve the community's health and hopefully avoid hospital admissions. Better understanding of the causes of poor health, by introducing walking groups, exercise groups / classes and local initiatives such as the people of Tullibody organising the "Fruit Barra".</p> <p>There is now more support available for the 2000 unpaid carers in Clackmannanshire giving 50 hours of care per week, better long term management of diseases e.g. Diabetes and Asthma, more rehabilitation programmes and more support for mental health sufferers. We now have more specialist trained nurses with more clinical skills who can see patients without them having to see a Doctor. Our pharmacists can also deal with minor ailments and give advice on minor problems.</p> <p>There is more understanding of Alzheimer's and dementia and we are lucky to have a Dementia Day Centre here in Alva ad "The Bungalow". Drug and alcohol abuse patients have also better access to help as more staff</p>	

	<p>are available now.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Population has gone down but the number of over 75 year olds has increased and will continue to do so over the next 20 years.</p> <p>Attendance at A&E in Larbert has gone up considerably but the Community Hospital in Stirling provides services for minor injuries with limited X-Ray.</p>	
9.5	<p>IT/Website / Data Protection – Philip</p> <p>459 facebook likes and 85 twitter followers. Re-stated that the alva.scot domain is not a good deal considering that our existing alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk domain costs around £7 per year.</p>	
9.6	<p>Education – Gemma</p> <p>This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the building of Alva Primary School</p>	
10	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p>	
10.1	<p>Events - Lynn, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Gemma & Iain.</p> <p>The Events group last met on 29th February to start arranging the Fun Day. The fun day is confirmed to be on 11th June with the theme "A Right Royal Affair"</p>	
10.2	<p>CAPlan – Sandra</p> <p>No report.</p>	
9	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <p>Donald reported on the availability of the Computer simulation of the council's budget that anyone can access to see how they would go about allocating the budget.</p> <p>In the budget it is intended to protect Education and Social services, but the council need to lose around 300 staff. It is intended that this will be accomplished by not re-filling roles that become vacant through retirement or resignation.</p> <p>The council have agreed to a council tax freeze.</p> <p>A major development is the proposal to create Community Hubs as part of local schools. This hub model is agreed in principle by the council. The council are looking to integrate this as part of the community action plan, and any details and issues are to be worked out in due course.</p> <p>There was some objection from the members of the public and from Lynn Cameron regarding this plan especially as there has been no public consultation on the matter.</p>	
10	<p>AOCB</p>	
11	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 11th April 2016 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm pre-meeting for ACC Councillors.</p> <p>7.30pm Public Meeting</p>	



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
14/03/2016

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 247 James Miller, one of the Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other being PC 933 Brent Chambers. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e.mail at **James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk**

Since your last meeting on 8th February 2016 we have recorded 16 undetected crimes and 12 detected crimes. There have been 119 calls recorded for Alva on our STORM system, since your last meeting.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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

- On 12th February 2016 at East Stirling Street, Alva, 2 males acted in a threatening and abusive manner. Both were issued with recorded police warnings.
- On the same day, a male was arrested for breaching his bail conditions in Stirling Street, Alva.
- On 2nd March 2016, a complaint was received from an Alva resident that her phone contained indecent images after it had been returned from being repaired. Enquiries are ongoing to establish the circumstances.
- On 5th March 2016, a male was arrested by police at The Nethergate, Alva for a domestic disorder and drugs offences.
- On 7th March 2016, a male was arrested at The Nebit, Alva for making threats.
- On 8th March 2016, a domestic disturbance was reported at Stirling Street, Alva. The male responsible was subsequently arrested by police.

VANDALISM

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

- During the morning on 10 February 2016, a car window was smashed in Brook Street, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to identify and trace the suspect.
- In the early hours of 13th February 2016, several windows were smashed at a residential dwelling in Cobblecrook Place, Alva. No suspects were identified despite extensive efforts by police.



- During the morning of 16th February 2016, a car and wall were damaged in Queen Street, Alva. CCTV has been recovered and the suspects will be identified for this.
- Sometime between 4th and 7th March 2016, the door a residential dwelling in Dalmore Drive, Alva was cracked. Enquiries are ongoing to identify a suspect.

VIOLENCE

Since the last meeting, there have been 5 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- On 20th February 2016, a minor assault occurred within The Cairn licensed premises. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the person responsible.
- On 21st February 2016, a minor assault occurred at Minto Gardens, Alva. The male responsible was arrested and a report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. A counter complaint was made and the other party was also charged and reported.
- On 7th March 2016, a domestic assault occurred within a residential dwelling in The Nebit, Alva. The suspect is currently being sought by police.
- Overnight on 12th March 2016, a domestic assault and theft occurred at Craighorn Road, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the suspect.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

Since the last meeting, there have been 7 recorded incident of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area since the last meeting. They are as follows;

- On the afternoon of 10th February 2016, a theft occurred from a house at East Stirling Street, Alva. Entry was gained through a first floor insecure window. Police await the forensic examination results.
- On the same day and shortly after in Myretoungate, Alva, the rear door of a residential dwelling was forced and entry gained. Fortunately no property was stolen and enquiries are ongoing to trace the person/s responsible.
- Over the weekend of 12th to 15th February 2016, a cash card was removed from a purse by a trusted person and monies were withdrawn. Efforts are ongoing to trace the suspect.
- Between the 20th and 27th February 2016, entry was forced at 2 properties in Cleuch Drive, Alva and a quantity of jewellery was stolen. Enquires including forensic examination are being progressed.
- Over the weekend of 26th to 28th February 2016, a door was forced at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva and a fire extinguisher was stolen and dumped in Cochrane Park.
- On 13th March 2016, a car was reported stolen by means of the true key from Queen Street, Alva. It was found abandoned near to Dollar. Enquiries are ongoing.

ROAD TRAFFIC



To date we have 6 road traffic offences for the area with the relevant ticket issued or report submitted.

- On 14th February 2016, a vehicle was traced at Greenhead, Alva with defective parts. The driver was allowed to deal with this through the Vehicle Defect Rectification Scheme.
- About 0900 hours on 25th February 2016 a road traffic collision occurred at James Street, Alva and the offending driver failed to stop and provide details or report the incident to police.
- On 26th February 2016, two youths were responsible for numerous road traffic offences and were charged and reported accordingly.
- On 28th February 2016, a motorist was caught by police in Stirling Street, Alva for failing to comply with a red lights and has been reported for the offence.
- On 11th March 2016, a driver was issued a fixed penalty for failing to comply with a red light.
- On 12th March 2016, a motorist made off from police at St Serf's Road, Alva and has been reported for several offences.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

Several drugs warrants have been executed across the county over the last month with significant quantities of controlled drugs and money being recovered by police. Any information regarding drug dealing or other criminality can be reported to police or Crimestoppers and can be done so anonymously.

Efforts are continuing to deal with parking problems in Alva by means of enforcement and communication with Clackmannanshire Council. Several complaints have been received by police by concerned residents particularly in relation to Queen Street and Stirling Street.

The ward officers have also been attending at Alva Primary School on an ad-hoc basis to encourage good driving practice and parking by parents. Following on from this, police have contacted many of the primary schools in the county with a view to purchasing school warning signs to remind drivers of the importance of child safety. The signs were trialled by schools out with Clackmannanshire and received positive feedback.

The cost of the signs is approximately £180 per school depending on the quantity of signs purchased and are being funded in different ways.

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.

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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 or calling into Alloa Police Office.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

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