

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting (after AGM)

Monday 12th September 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 - CAPlan 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 Sub Committee – Events Sub Committee - CAPlan	GW	Community Councillors in attendance – Lynn, Phil, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Kirsty, Gemma, Iain & Gemma Minutes - Sandra	

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

Elected Councillors - Cllr Drummond & Cllr McGill & Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Apologies from Ian Cameron	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest. None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting proposed by Iain & seconded by Anne	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes. None	
6	Police Report PC James Millar was in attendance & gave the local police report which is attached.	
7	Office Bearers Reports	
7.1	Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron The AGM took place just before this meeting – refer to those minutes.	
7.2	Secretary Report – Linda Greig ACC & CHAIRPERSONS DETAILS - These were passed to PC James Miller as requested & also details of ACC's first point of contact. Linda will send any updated details when necessary.	LG

ONLINE ACCESS TO PLANNING APPLICATIONS - Cllr Archie Drummond enquired about the problem with on line access to the full documentation of planning applications mentioned at our last meeting. The reply was that there was a recent problem with the portal, which meant that users were unable to access planning application files. It is understood that interested parties may have contacted the local Community Access Point, although the Council are not aware of any direct communication from that office.

The following advice should hopefully answer the questions that were raised.

1. The matter is now resolved. Planning applications can be viewed on line using the various search tools available.
2. The letter Clackmannanshire Council issue to notifiable neighbours advises that the application can be viewed on line, or by visiting the Council offices at Kilncraigs any time between 9.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday. We also advise that if they want to discuss the application with the case officer, they can do so, but should firstly make an appointment. These arrangements also apply to anyone else with an interest in an application for planning permission.
3. Clacks Council do not adjust the deadlines for making comments on an application. However, on a purely informal basis, we will accept representations after the deadline has expired if this does not interfere with decision making arrangements. This is not publicised for obvious reasons. As it happens, the original publicity period for neighbour notification was 14 days, but this was later extended to 21 days, thereby affording additional time to make a submission.

STATEMENT ON BANDEATH STRAY DOG SHELTER - At ACC's June meeting a member of the community asked for an update on the Bandeath stray dog shelter, at the time we were told that the shelter were still accepting dogs from the Police. ACC have since received a statement from Chief Superintendent Stephen McAllister, Divisional Commander for Forth Valley, he said:

"In line with all public services, Police Scotland has to deliver a sustainable operating model within our budget.

"In this context and to ensure we are able to provide the highest quality frontline service to the public in Forth Valley, we have notified partners that our funding contribution to the Bandeath Stray Dog Shelter will conclude from 31st Dec 2016.

"This is not a decision that has been taken lightly, however we have had to make difficult choices to allow us to respond to the many demands on our service.

"While police have powers to seize stray dogs, the legislative responsibility for their care rests with the relevant local authority.

"We understand and acknowledge the community's concerns in relation to our decision and the division fully endorses the ongoing Friends of Bandeath campaign, which looks to secure continued financial support from the public.

Consultation to put customer's first Drop-in sessions and Public Meetings - Putting Customers First consultation - Clackmannanshire Council wishes to carry out a community consultation on the development of more responsive, effective and accessible local services which put the customer first.

You can find out more information at www.clacksweb.org.uk

Drop in sessions - <http://www.clacksweb.org.uk/community/events/?event=1995>
On-line survey - <https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/communications-department/local-service-provision-1st-august-2016>

Wind farm - ACC received an invitation to the upcoming Community Liaison Group meetings planned for the Burnfoot East Wind Farm proposal. The meeting will be held at Devonvale Hall, Moss Rd, Tillicoultry FK13 6NS on Tuesday 27th September at 6pm. We would also like to make you aware that as part of the annual Doors Open Day event organised by the Scottish Civic Trust, we are

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	<p>opening Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm to the public on Saturday 24th September. In case this is of interest, more details, including how to book a place on one of our tours, can be found online here. http://www.doorsopendays.org.uk/.</p> <p>Land for Sale at Queen Street / Former Alva Academy – Referring to the pledge by Clackmannanshire Council to return to the community the area of the park given for the purposes of the former Alva Academy. Linda asked Cllr Balsillie when and how the area of park will be returned. Cllr Balsillie said the area is already pegged out at the site of the former school (but not in the tarmacked car park area) and is a strip of land approx. 5m wide running north to south from Beauclerc Street to Park Street so will include an area of the car park of the former Ochil Leisure Centre. A MOP considers that a larger area of the park should be reinstated as more than 5m of the park was used for the old school. Cllr Balsillie referred to a legal assessment in 2006. Linda confirmed that ACC liaised with Legal Services at Clackmannanshire Council and then in February 2016 made the findings public however nobody from the community has since asked for this to be taken further.</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurers Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>Anne had just given her annual report prior to this meeting – copies of annual accounts attached to these minutes. These were proposed by Iain Craig and Seconded by Phil Ward.</p>	
8	<p>Convener Reports</p>	
8.1	<p>Environment incl Parks & Alva Glen – Linda</p> <p>Football Goals at Johnstone Park - A member of the community has asked why there are now only one set of goals in Johnston park and what happened to the other goals. Linda contacted Land Services & have been informed that the goal posts were vandalized recently & the pitch itself was damaged by the recent funfair that visited the park. The Grounds Maintenance Team are aware of these issues and are working to reinstate the pitch, however this will take time.</p> <p>One Stop Shop - ACC were asked to inform the one stop shop that their cages for their rubbish are unsightly & to ask if they could build a structure to store them in so they could not be seen. However the shop seems to be closed at the present time so no contact can be made.</p> <p>Grow Wild Project - The wild flowers at the cycle path were really lovely this year however they proved to be a nuisance to drivers as they blocked the sight line for drivers using the Woodland Park entrance, unfortunately they were all cut down; some had still to flower. The Council has apologized for cutting them all down & Linda hopes to talk to them soon about perhaps re planting this area with different variety of flowers.</p> <p>Garden at front of Baptist Church – Rev David Fraser asked why the roses were removed and replaced with less attractive plants. Following discussion Rev Fraser agreed to liaise with Graham Cunningham at Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>Mess in Park – Phil advised there had been a comment on ACC’s Facebook page about mess left in the park following an adult football game. Cllr McGill will investigate.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>Cllr McGill</p>
8.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)- Gemma</p> <p>Gemma advised that insurance for Community Councils in Clackmannanshire has been agreed by JCCF; Tillicoultry CC will be co-ordinating this.</p> <p>Representatives of Police Scotland and Fire & Rescue attended the last JCCF meeting.</p> <p>The next JCCF meeting will be on 20th October 2016.</p>	

<p>8.3</p>	<p>Planning / Licensing Applications – Sandra</p> <p>02/09/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing major – drains at an address in Dumyat Road. An extension at Greenhead, <p>26/08/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing major – illuminated fascia sign at 70 Stirling Street, • Scout Hall – Removal of existing and formation of new entrance area <p>19/08/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing major – extension at Rhodders Grove, <p>12/08/16</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nothing <p>Naming Streets in Eco House development, Erskine Street/ Queen Street Following discussion at ACC’s June meeting Cllr Drummond asked Clacks Council to ensure that Alva Community Council are consulted when street names are being considered for the new houses at Erskine Street / Queen Street / Duke Street in the event that there is to be change from those street names. The Planning Convener suggested that names should reflect the history of the area. The ‘Midgibee School’ was in the vicinity of Cobden Street, just down from Courthill and the Heatherybell Inn was nearby. She suggested Midgibee Lane and Heatherybell Way.</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel - On 16/06/16 the Planning Convener wrote to Gean Developments; owners of the land at the former Alva Glen Hotel expressing concern that the land remains undeveloped two years after they purchased it while there was an ongoing Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) application by Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>A letter of response dated 19/06/16 was received from Douglas McIntyre of Gean Developments Ltd and it appears that they were under the mistaken impression that the site carried with it Grant Support of £782.000 based on provision of approx. 17 units of low cost housing which Gean believed was perfectly achievable. Gean are aware that it's a prominent site and a solution has to be found but said without grant aid it is not possible to make the site viable with 17 units hence the submission in December 2015 for 24 units which Alva Community Council (and others) objected to and was subsequently withdrawn. Gean are looking at a reduced development which in time will be lodged with the Council.</p> <p>Planning Convener sent a reply to Gean Developments on 06/08/16 saying that the Scottish Government grant support was for public sector housing and not private sector housing. There had been well documented communications around the CPO, culminating in an open Hearing on 13/05/14 between the Scottish Reporter and involved parties.</p> <p>A further response of 27/08/16 was received from Mr McIntyre of Gean Developments saying that they knew the grant was for public sector housing and that is what they wanted to do. Moving on Mr McIntyre hopes to arrange a further meeting with their Architect and consult with planners before submitting plans. In response to the request that meanwhile they arrange for the site to be tidied up and perhaps remove some of the security fencing to allow parking, Gean have stated that no monies are due to be spent on the site until a solution is found. Mr McIntyre offered assurance that Gean will try to bring this to an amicable agreement as early as possible.</p>	
<p>8.4</p>	<p>Health Convener – Kirsty</p> <p>Alva Medical Practice & Patient Meeting 15/08/16</p> <p>Dr Abel is retiring in October after many years’ service to the community.</p> <p>Two new GP’s will be starting; one of them will be part-time. 10/10/16 is Flu Vaccine Day. Please phone to make your appointment. Alternative arrangements can be made if you can’t make it on the day.</p>	

	<p>Mr Bob McQueen will be having more 'Diabetic Advice' days around Clackmannanshire.</p> <p>Most of the other discussions were mainly concerning Tullibody and changes being made there. The doctors feel that progress is being made with the Health and Social Care amalgamation.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) – Public Partnership Forum at Sauchie Hall 15/06/16</p> <p>Mrs Irene Warnock, Head of Community Nursing, began by saying how successful the new Health and Social Care arrangements are and they are improving all the time, resulting in a reduction in hospital admissions of elderly people. Carers are getting more support and further improvement in the system is expected. Links between all Health Professionals are getting much better, making referrals and help much easier and faster. The Community Team consists of:</p> <p>1 x Advance Nurse Practitioner 6 x Staff Nurses Physio & Occupational Therapists 1 x Community Psychiatrist Night Nurses Additional Carers</p> <p>From December 2016 5 Doctors will link with this team and support to all GP Clinics will be available – they can directly refer people to the Rapid Access Frailty Clinic / Unit at Forth Valley Royal Hospital (FVRH), Larbert.</p> <p>Help is also available by contacting the round-the-clock Advice Line For You (ALFY) on 01324 567 247 the advice line will direct you to the proper assistance & equipment if required. ALFY is situated on the 1st floor, Room 3, Corporate Offices, Forth Valley Royal Hospital, Stirling Road, Larbert, FK5 4WR.</p> <p>Carers also have a right to information and help on such things as Dementia, Power of Attorney, Challenging Behaviour, Short Breaks, Welfare Benefits, etc. Carers should also be included and involved in decisions, activities, hospital and community care. A Carers Card will be available possibly in Nov /Dec as a trial – so that they might be recognised for the care they give. If anyone wishes to make a care plan there are forms available for patient or carer.</p>	
8.5	<p>IT/Website / Data Protection – Philip</p> <p>Phil reported that there are now 500 people 'liking' and therefore following ACC's Facebook page.</p> <p>Following introduction of 3-weekly uplifts for green bins and the potential for confusion, Phil created a google calendar that anyone in Alva can use to receive notifications on their mobile phone the night before their green or blue bin is due for emptying. Instructions on www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	
8.6	<p>Education – Gemma</p> <p>Schools have been off for the Summer so Gemma didn't have a report.</p> <p>Sheona Craig, Parent Council, Alva Academy, advised that EDF are working with pupils and there is potential for Work Experience for senior pupils. It is hoped that more companies will be able to offer work experience as well.</p>	
9	<p>Sub Committee Reports</p>	
9.1	<p>Events – Alva Community Council Christmas Fayre will be on 26th November 2016 and will incorporate the Christmas tree lights switch-on.</p>	

9.2	<p>Community Action plan (CAPlan) – Sandra</p> <p>An Annual CAPlan Report was given at the AGM prior to this meeting. Items since the last ACC meeting in June '16 meeting are;</p> <p>Tesco 'Bags of Help' grant fund - applications for £8k, £10k or £12k The CAPlan Group submitted an application for £8k for Outdoor Gym equipment in June 2016. This was unsuccessful.</p> <p>Clydesdale Bank 'Spirit of the Community Award' This was also unsuccessful</p> <p>Co-operative Rear Car Park & Access to Town Centre Sandra has not yet contacted owners at 50 – 62 Stirling Street regarding the lane between their properties and the Co-op.</p>	SR
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Robert McGill</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Hubs – Cllr McGill confirmed that Alva Community Access Point would not be closing or moving to the Primary School as planned by the previous SNP administration. Clackmannanshire Council are looking for more people / groups to use the CAP facilities. • Consultation to put customer's first Drop-in sessions and Public Meetings - Putting Customers First consultation – see 7.2 • City Deals - Stirling and Clackmannanshire Councils have joined forces to back the City Deal bid that could re-energise the area's economy. Clackmannanshire Council are currently discussing what projects to request funding for. • Buddies of Bandeath – see 7.2. Cllr McGill said the dog shelter is looking for solutions to keep costs to a minimum. • Fun Day – referring to issues faced by ACC when requesting administrative assistance from Clacks Council for the fun day Cllr McGill advised this has been discussed and there should be more assistance next year. • Cllr Drummond – Cllr McGill advised that Cllr Drummond is no longer an Independent Cllr; he is now an SNP Cllr. <p>Cllr Archie Drummond – Cllr Drummond confirmed he has re-joined SNP after 4 years being Independent.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultation to put customer's first Drop-in sessions and Public Meetings - Putting Customers First consultation – see 7.2 – Cllr Balsillie encourage people of Alva to get involved in consultations about services that will be provided in communities. For example; CAP not big enough for many group meetings as proposed by Labour administration. Money still earmarked for Alva Glen and Town Centre streetscape. 	
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Bins –A MOP requested bins at the clock bus stop & also at the former Glen Hotel.</p> <p>Drains – A MOP asked that certain drains are cleared as appear to be blocked. Cllr Balsillie advised drain maintenance is now 3-yearly instead of annually. However, anyone can report a blocked drain using 'Report It' on clacksweb as well as by other methods.</p> <p>Mess at side of Post Office – A MOP mentioned the unsightly mess in the lane at the side of the Post Office. She was advised in the first instance to report it to Clackmannanshire Council and that this can be done using 'Report It' on clacksweb as well as other methods.</p>	LG
12	Date of Next Meeting – Monday 10 th October 2016 Alva Baptist Church 7.30pm	



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
12/09/16

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 Brentt Chambers. You can contact me by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

There have been 5 detected crimes and 7 undetected crimes recorded by police over the last month. Call numbers are unavailable this month due to technical issues with our call handling system.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 7 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, they are as follows;

- On 16th August 2016 at Craighorn Road, Alva, a domestic disturbance occurred within a residential dwelling which resulted in a male being apprehended for several offences.
- On 25th August 2016 at Alva Academy, Alva, a female pupil was reported as acting in a threatening manner towards another pupil. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this.
- On 26th August 2016 at The Nebit, Alva, a male was reported as making threats and was subsequently apprehended by police.
- On 29th August 2016 at Greenhead, Alva, a female was reported to acting in a threatening and abusive manner. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are ongoing to trace her.
- On 30th August 2016 at Craighorn Road, Alva, a male was apprehended for failing to comply with bail conditions and being in possession of controlled drugs.
- On 1st September 2016 at Burnbrae Gardens, Alva, a local male was reported to be acting in a threatening and abusive manner. He was traced by police and issued a recorded police warning.
- Between 14th August 2016 and 2nd September 2016 at The Wynd, Alva, a male has reportedly been stalking a local female. This domestic incident is still being investigated by police.

VANDALISM

There were 0 reported incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month.



VIOLENCE

There have been 2 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- On 15th August 2016, a serious violent disturbance occurred at The Nebit, Alva during which a local male was stabbed. Another local male was apprehended by police and is currently on remand pending trial.
- Between 1st September 2016 and 3rd September 2016 at The Wynd, Alva, insecure items were stolen from a balcony at a residential dwelling. Enquiries are ongoing to identify a suspect.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There have been 1 recorded incident of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area, it is as follows;

- On 16th August 2016 at The Nebit, Alva, a Post Office Card was stolen from a male who had been subject to a violent attack. The card was then used fraudulently to withdraw cash from the Post Office, Stirling Street, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to trace the persons or persons responsible.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There has been 2 road traffic offences for the area which are as follows;

- On 30th August 2016 at St Serfs Road, Alva, a vehicle was found by police to be causing an obstruction to a driveway of a residential dwelling. The vehicle was uplifted and the driver will be charged when traced.
- On 4th September 2016 at The Nebit, Alva, a vehicle was damaged as a result of a road traffic collision. The driver of the offending vehicle failed to stop or report the matter and is currently being sought by police.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

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.



ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community police officers have continued in their efforts to address local issues such as anti- social behaviour, parking issues and underage drinking. Please continue to report any concerns to police on 101 or directly to myself.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via one of the Community Sergeants, who are PS Catherine Sharkey 089 and PC 653 Graham Cadden. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING