

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Meeting

Monday 9 January 2017, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

<b>Lynn Cameron – Chairperson</b> Convener – Joint Community Council Forum Convener – EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund Sub Group – Events Sub Group – CAPLan	<b>LC</b>	<b>Robbie Russell – Vice Chairperson</b> Convener – Planning & Licencing Sub Group – Events Sub Group – CAPLan	<b>RR</b>
<b>Secretary – Linda Greig</b> Convener – Environment Convener – EDF Micro Grants Sub Group – Licensing & Planning Sub Group – Events	<b>LG</b>	<b>Anne Spruce – Treasurer</b> Sub Group – Events Sub Group – CAPLan	<b>AS</b>
<b>Sandra Rees – Minute Secretary</b> Community Action Plan (CAPLan) Coordinator Sub Group – Licensing & Planning Sub Group – Events	<b>SR</b>	<b>Louise Young</b> Convener- Health inc Alva Health Centre Patient Group Sub Group – Events	<b>LY</b>
<b>Philip Ward</b> Convener – IT / Website	<b>PW</b>	<b>Iain Craig</b> Sub Group – Events Sub Group – CAPLan	<b>ICr</b>
<b>Gemma Waghorn</b> Convener – Education Sub Group – Events	<b>GW</b>	<b>Graham Burt</b> Sub Group – Events Sub Group – IT/Website	<b>GB</b>
<b>Mary Dalrymple</b> Convener – Data Protection Sub Group – Events Sub Group – IT/Website	<b>MD</b>	<b>Kirsty Ryles</b> Sub Group – Licensing & Planning Sub Group – Events	<b>KS</b>
<b>Community Councillors in attendance</b> – Lynn, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Louise, Phil, Iain, Gemma, Graham, Mary & Kirsty. <b>Minutes</b> – Sandra			

### In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

Elected Councillors – Cllr Drummond & Cllr McGill

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Apologies from Robbie	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest.</b> None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> proposed by Iain & seconded by Anne	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes.</b>  13. Linda asked for clarification on the letter she was to write about parking at the primary school as she wasn't at the December meeting. Following discussion it was agreed that Linda would visit the school to assess the issue before contacting Stuart Crickmar at Clackmannanshire Council.  13 of November minutes. Sandra spoke to the Manager of Burnside Court who confirmed that there is not currently a Tenants Organisation so there is unlikely to be an application to the Community Matters fund for 'Elderly Crossing' road warning signs. A MOP from Burnside Court had raised a concern about the difficulty faced by residents of Burnside Court when trying to cross the road outside the Sheltered Housing development.	Linda

	<p>Sandra has informed the Housing Officer that each resident of Burnside Court would soon receive neighbour notification regarding a planning application for the former Glen Hotel site across the road from Burnside Court. The Housing Officer is going to contact Clackmannanshire Council to raise a concern about increased traffic issues and suggest a crossing is included in plans for the area.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Police Report – PC Brentt Chambers - Report Attached</b></p> <p><b>Parking at side of Cairn Hotel –</b> Linda has received an enquiry regarding cars being parked on the pavement and half on the road of the single carriageway alongside the Cairn Hotel. The road is very narrow and it affects drivers ability to see on coming traffic and emergency vehicles may not be able to access the street. When the complainant reported this to the Council they were told to contact the Police &amp; when contacted the Police they were told to contact the Council. Cllr Drummond will report it to Clackmannanshire Council requesting 'No Parking' signs for the area.</p> <p><b>Stray Dogs -</b> There was discussion about Police using private kennels since withdrawing from an arrangement with Bandedeath Stray Dog Shelter last year. PC Brentt clarified that stray dogs are the responsibility of the Environmental Health Officer but Police help out for 48 hours.</p>	Cllr Drummond
<b>7</b>	<b>Office Bearers Reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron</b></p> <p><b>Code of Conduct –</b> At the December meeting Lynn gave each Community Councillor a copy of the Code of Conduct for Community Councillors. Following discussion it was agreed that ACC would adopt the Code of Conduct.</p> <p><b>Christmas Lights –</b> will be taken down in due course. Some of the lights are dull, Lynn will speak to the maintenance company to have them repaired for next time.</p>	Lynn
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Secretary Report – Linda Greig</b></p> <p><b>Clackmannanshire Third Sector Interface (CTSI) proposed collaboration with Community Councils on 31 March 2017 conference</b></p> <p>CTSI have scheduled a date for a conference on the theme 'Enabling Communities' and are keen to work with Community Councils this year to have it as a joint event. Proposals for content are still at an early stage. CTSI are proposing having a speaker on the new City Deal and what it means for Clackmannanshire plus workshops on:</p> <p>Health in communities – creating safe dementia-friendly communities  Resilient communities - "WeVolution" – how the Indian Self reliant Group (SRG) model can work in Scotland  Financing communities – Participatory Budgeting – evaluation of how it has worked  Supportive communities – a look at the issues facing someone with a criminal record returning to a community – how can a community help stop re-offending</p> <p>There will also be other interactive activities to add a bit of fun.</p> <p>Leslie has asked if we have any objections to CC's &amp; CTSI working Collaboratively to host the event &amp; does anyone want to be part of future planning meetings.</p> <p>There as been some feedback that the event being held during office hours excludes some people from taking part. This has been acknowledged by Leslie.</p> <p>Gemma and Louise are interested in attending on 31/03/17. Others would be but can't attend events during working/office hours.</p>	Gemma Louise

	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Citizen of the Year &amp; Young Citizen of the Year Awards 2016.</b></p> <p>Nominations are now being taken &amp; nomination forms are available from the Alva library</p>	
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Treasurers Report – Anne Spruce</b></p> <p><b>Ordinary Account</b></p> <p>No Change Balance remains at <b>£2239.49</b></p> <p><b>Special Events Account</b></p> <p>Remaining Christmas fayre payments £79.20 Balance <b>£8831.47</b></p> <p>Ring-fenced £1000 micro grants</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">£3610.55 action plan</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">£172.79 hanging baskets</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">£209.97 lights/ xmas fayre</p> <p>Available to spend <b>£3838.16</b></p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Environment incl Parks &amp; Alva Glen – Linda</b></p> <p>Nothing to Report at this time</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)- Lynn</b></p> <p>No Report</p> <p>The date of the next JCCF meeting is to be confirmed.</p>	

<p><b>8.3</b></p>	<p><b>Planning / Licensing Applications</b> – Robbie was absent but sent a report that was read by Sandra</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council Weekly Planning Bulletin;</p> <p>16/12/16 Alterations to dwellings to apply external wall insulation – 1-10 Ochilview, Alva</p> <p>06/01/17 James Street, Alva                      Formation of vehicular access to rear of house</p> <p>Cobblecrook Gardens, Alva      Removal of existing window &amp; install of French doors</p> <p>Brookfield Place, Alva              Alterations to dwellinghouse to install bi-fold doors</p> <p>Craigton Crescent, Alva            Extention to rear of dwellinghouse</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel, 59 Stirling Street, Alva. Planning Ref: 16/00268/FULL More details can be found on Clackmannanshire Councils’s e-planning website using the application reference number. Drawings showing plan and elevation design are available for closer inspection at; <a href="https://eplanning@clacks.gov.uk/eplanning">https://eplanning@clacks.gov.uk/eplanning</a></p> <p>Copies of the plans were circulated of the 11 x 2 bedroom, 2 storey houses that will be around the perimeter of the site with parking and gardens in the middle. They will be ‘low cost’ houses for sale.</p> <p>There were some comments about the non-traditional external finish but it was conceded that neighbouring Burnside Court is also non-traditional so a precedent has been set.</p> <p>Following discussion it was agreed to ask Robbie, Planning Convener, to speak to the Planning Dept about the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACC are pleased that the plans include a green space with a tree on the corner of Stirling Street/Brook Street but it was unclear if this area was part of the garden of plot 4. Robbie to find out if it would be possible for ACC to adopt the area to perhaps place planters, put Christmas lights on the tree and find out if there will be a fence around the area as a barrier to dogs.</li> <li>• There was some concern about the new 2m wide footpath at the south of the site on Johnstone Lane. As Johnstone Lane is already narrow reassurance is sought that the footpath will be part of the site and not taken from Johnstone Lane.</li> <li>• There was some concern about where the 11 bins would go on uplift day as if on the pavement this would obstruct the route for children walking to the Primary School. It was suggested that the Planning Convener speak to the Planning Dept to establish protocols for the Refuse Department.</li> </ul>	<p>Robbie</p>
<p><b>8.4</b></p>	<p><b>Health Convener – Public Partnership Health Forum and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Louise</b></p> <p>Louise advised she had complete the handover with previous convener, Kirsty Wilson. Kirsty is going to accompany Louise to the next meetings of the forums</p>	
<p><b>8.5</b></p>	<p><b>IT &amp; Website – Philip Ward</b></p> <p>Phil advised that he wants to change provider of our operating system due to security issues. Phil will obtain a quote and circulate for consideration.</p>	<p>Phil</p>

8.6	<b>Data Protection – Mary</b> - Mary advised this will be an annual report.	
8.7	<p><b>Education – Gemma</b></p> <p>Gemma reported there had been a European Market at Alva Academy that was well supported.</p> <p>A group from Alva Academy were hoping to apply for Community Matters funding.</p> <p>Member of the Public, Sheona Craig, Alva Academy Parent Council advised that on 26 Jan there will be a Parent Council meeting at 6.45pm followed by an IT Safety Event at 7.30pm at the school.</p>	
8.8	<p><b>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund - Lynn</b></p> <p>Using an EDF grant the Events Group have purchased a large planter for the grass verge adjacent to the Industrial Estate at the east end of Alva and have been awarded a grant to purchase another for the west end.</p> <p>It was agreed that ACC will consider at the February meeting what our next EDF application should be for.</p>	
9	<p><b>Alva Community Access Point (CAP) / Library Keyholders – Mary</b></p> <p>Mary advised she had made enquiries about becoming a Key Holder for CAP so that she could open up the facility for any ACC meetings we may wish to hold there outwith normal opening hours e.g the IT Sub Group are planning to meet there on Monday 16 January in the evening. Mary would also potentially be available to give access to other groups who have a booking to use the facility. Cllr McGill clarified that Clackmannanshire Council want to encourage Community Councillors to become key holders for community facilities. Following discussion it was agreed that Linda will request that someone from Clacks Council come along to one of our meetings to explain the responsibilities and expectations of Key Holders after which a decision will be made if ACC wish to take on the responsibility.</p>	Linda
	<b>Sub Committee Reports</b>	
10	<p><b>Events – Lynn, Robbie, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Louise, Iain, Gemma, Graham, Mary &amp; Kirsty.</b></p> <p>There will be an Events group meeting on Mon 30 Jan to discuss 2017 events.</p> <p>It was agreed that the 2017 Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 18 November i.e. one week earlier than usual to avoid clashing with events in other towns.</p>	
11	<p><b>Community Action plan (CAPlan) &amp; Community Matters (CM)-Sandra</b></p> <p><b>Community Action plan (CAPlan)</b></p> <p>The CAPlan Steering Group have submitted an application for £5000 from the Community Matters fund for 3 pieces of outdoor gym equipment for the Cochrane Park. The quote for the equipment is £6171 but we hope to be able to bring it in at £5000. The CAPlan group have £3600 in the bank that could be used for any shortfall or for a 4<sup>th</sup> piece of equipment.</p> <p><b>Co-operative Rear Car Park &amp; Access to Town Centre</b></p> <p>There has only been one response to the letter sent to owners at 50 – 62 Stirling Street regarding the lane between their properties and the Co-op. The letter asked if they would be willing to give consent to the Co-operative to create a formal right of way and to sign a deed giving them that right in perpetuity. A follow up letter will be sent in due course.</p>	

### **Village and Small Town Initiative – Alva Streetscape Improvements**

At last months meeting Cllr Balsillie clarified the original proposal for works in Alva town centre as part of the Village and Small Town Initiative. However, this is now in the hands of the new Labour administration therefore Sandra emailed Cllr McGill and asked that he send or bring an update to this meeting.

Cllr McGill advised that works via the initiative commenced in Tullibody then Sauchie. Clackmannan will be next as Clackmannanshire Council have secured £2m from Scottish Government for Clackmannan as part of the Local Economic Development Fund to mitigate the adverse effects of the Longannet closure; the regeneration project is consistent with the objectives of the Clackmannan Community Action Plan. Tillicoultry will be after Clackmannan. Cllr McGill advised that it could be 2019/20 before works commence in Alva. Lively discussion followed this announcement as Alva was originally meant to be done before Tillicoultry and had been pushed back to 2018/19 for the bulk of the work and now has been overtaken by Clackmannan as well and pushed back further to 2019/20. Cllr McGill offered reassurance that the £650,000 funding for Alva is safe.

See item 12.

### **Community Facilities**

Cllr McGill confirmed the Labour administration have no plans for a Community Campus / HUB at Alva Primary School, services will remain at Alva CAP and the £500,000 allocated for a HUB was safe. While pleased that there are no plans to relocate CAP Sandra stated that the meeting room at CAP, which isn't even big enough for ACC meetings, does not meet the requirement for a Community Hub in Alva with multi-purpose meeting rooms, etc. There is limited scope for alterations at CAP.

### **Community Matters (CM)**

Clackmannanshire Council are working in partnership with community councils to agree and co-ordinate the process by which local people will get involved in how £100,000 CM funding is to be spent across communities. A CM Co-ordinating Group has been set up comprising representatives from other Community Councils in Clackmannanshire as well as other community groups. The Coordinating Group for Alva is made up of Sandra, Robbie, Lynn, Linda, Iain and member of the public, Sylvia Hay.

The £100,000 has been divided into 5 Wards, with a notional sum of £20,000 per ward. Alva and Tillicoultry are together in a ward so approximately £10,000 each.

The initiative was publicised in local press, social media and posters throughout the area encouraging local groups to apply for funding by 31 December 2016. There have been 5 applications from Alva-only groups requesting a total of £10,620. However, there are 17 applications in from groups covering the whole of Clackmannanshire and a slice of the budget will go to them so perhaps £8K or £9k for Alva-only groups.

The Co-ordinating groups are meeting on 11 and 16 January to check eligibility of applications before Decision Events commence. The Alva Decision Event is on Saturday 21 January, 10am to 12 noon, Alva Parish Church Hall.

Those who have applied for funding and have been considered eligible will have to 'set out their stall' and pitch at the decision event to persuade members of the public who will vote on the groups they think are most deserving. Those who are awarded funding **must** spend it by 31 March 2017.

There are/will be posters around Alva advertising the Decision Event and there are 'business card' size cards to be distributed to members of the public to encourage them to attend the event on 21 January at which there will be FREE hot and cold refreshments and cup cakes for ALL AGES as well as FREE face painting for kids and The Tartan Juggler.

	<p><b>Alva Glen Heritage Trust - £2975</b> repair damage, renew walls, maintain paths, volunteer training, planning, notices &amp; interpretation</p> <p><b>Alva Toddlers Group - £800</b> Re-vamp the baby section with new toys, mats and support cushions and buy baby scales.</p> <p><b>Alva Golf Club - £1130</b> Improve roof condition to prevent deterioration</p> <p><b>Alva Scout Group - £715</b> Trip to National Activity Centre to build confidence, teamwork and new skills</p> <p><b>Alva Community Action Plan Steering Group - £5000</b> Outdoor gym equipment to encourage intergenerational and fitness activities</p>	
12	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Bobby McGill</b></p> <p><b>Expanding Role of Community Councils</b> - Cllr McGill said there will be consultation with Community Councillors about expanding the role of Community Councils.</p> <p><b>Council Tax Changes / School Efficiency Targets</b> - Cllr McGill explained Council tax bills for the year 2016/2017 will see some changes. The Scottish Government has introduced a new scheme to increase the amount of council tax collected for properties in the higher bands of E-H. Affected residents will receive a letter with more details.</p> <p>Councils will also be able to increase council tax across all bands by up to 3% to raise additional income. This decision will be taken by councillors at the budget setting meeting where it is also likely that cuts in services will be discussed. Proposals include school efficiency targets of £200,000, changes in arrangements for nursery teachers and a 15% increase in music tuition fees.</p> <p>Following Cllr McGills comments regarding the standard of education in Clackmannanshire, MOP, Sheona Craig of Alva Academy Parent Council asked why education was being targeted with so many cuts as follows;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• £200k savings in schools: how can this happen when you are short basics like maths books? Schools already pared to the bone.</li> <li>• Music tuition no parent has had a 15% pay rise, so how can this be justified in terms of tuition fees serves to make music more elitist activity?</li> <li>• Early years looks like mimicking early years in Stirling which currently works, however, current nursery teachers used as fill-in when supply teachers in short demand, may lose that flexibility.</li> <li>• Head teacher management cuts are actually part of last years cuts therefore unclear how much saving being made. How can we recruit high quality teachers if no clear progression pathway for them?</li> <li>• Following recent consultation John Swinney, Deputy First Minister and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills in the Scottish Government will devolve budget to head teachers - surely a robust management structure needed for this?</li> <li>• Extra funding will be given to poorest kids rough estimate equates to £1200 per child.</li> <li>• Sport and development increases affect poorer children as well.</li> <li>• Clacks Council want to scrap Parent Council funding but it was actually an integral part of the 2006 Act. It is a minimal amount and most generate funds for schools and do huge amount of unpaid work so it is actually good value for money.</li> </ul> <p>In short extra funding from pupil equity fund and any increases in council tax negated by Clackmannanshire Council cuts.</p> <p>Cllr McGill reiterated the financial constraints facing Clackmannanshire Council.</p>	

	<p><b>City Deal</b> – Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils are working on the City Deal initiative together. Funding is supposed to be rolled out to smaller town and villages like Alva. This is an all party initiative.</p> <p><b>Cllr Archie Drummond</b></p> <p><b>Attainment Fund</b> – Cllr Drummond referred to the Scottish Governments intention to increase the top three council tax bands and distribute this directly to head teachers on the basis of need. In the absence of a majority at Holyrood and the lack of support from other parties this could not happen.</p> <p>However the Government did come up with the amount of money that will go direct to head teachers. Clackmannanshire would have done better under the original proposal but will still benefit.</p> <p>Each head teacher will receive the "pupil premium" which is approx £1,200 for every child who gets free school meals.</p> <p><b>Nursery Expansion</b> – Cllr Drummond advised that Scottish Government is full funding additional hours for pupils in nurseries. This will help the children and reduce child care cost. In addition there is also full funding for an extra seven nursery teachers/graduates.</p> <p><b>City Deal</b> – Cllr Drummond advised there has been no agenda issued to elected members by the Labour administration. There is a Council meeting on 12 January, there are only 2 items on the agenda so that is all that can be discussed.</p> <p><b>Village and Small Town Initiative</b> – Cllr Drummond considers this has ground to a halt, everything has had to move down the line as must spend the £2m in Clackmannan within a certain timescale. He proposed that Clackmannanshire Council should write to the Scottish Government to ask if some of the £2m could be used for project management so that works in Clackmannan won't cause a delay in works in other town. Cllr McGill agreed to make this request.</p>	Cllr McGill
13	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Email Contacts</b> -Linda asked for email contact details for Alva CC members.</p> <p><b>Link to Micro Grant Info on Website</b> - Linda asked can we have a permanent link to the micro grant info &amp; application on our website page. Phil will do this.</p> <p><b>EDF End of Year Report</b> - Linda has sent an end of year report to EDF regarding Alva CC micro grant funding.</p> <p><b>Enhance Empty Shops</b> – A MOP asked is something could be done to improved the appearance of empty shops in the town centre. Following discussion it was agreed that Iain and Sheona Craig would find out if Alva Academy art department would be interested for a project.</p> <p><b>Clock</b> – An MOP asked for an update on the clock at the bridge as it still isn't working. Lynn wil speak to the owner.</p>	Iain  Lynn
14	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b> – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm - Community Councillors only 7.30pm – Public Meeting</p>	



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ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL  
09/01/2017

## 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 247 James Miller. 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).

There have been 3 detected crimes and 5 undetected crimes recorded by police over the last month.

## PRIORITIES

### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 2 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, they are as follows;

- 18<sup>th</sup> December 2016, a wilful fireraising to a motor vehicle in Queen Street. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 26<sup>th</sup> December 2016, threatening & abusive behaviour and resist arrest at St.Serfs Walk. This is detected with a male was arrested for this and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### VANDALISM

There was 1 reported incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, it is;

- 1<sup>st</sup> January 2017, vandalism to a door in Dalmore Drive, this is undetected with enquiries ongoing.

### VIOLENCE

There has been 1 recorded incident of violence in the area, it is;

29<sup>th</sup> January 2016, assault and threatening & abusive behaviour at Johnstone Street. This is detected with a male arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

### ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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There have been 2 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area, they are;

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, taxi frauds at The Nebit. Enquiries are ongoing into this.

### **ROAD TRAFFIC**

**It should be noted that traffic offences are routinely detected and dealt with by police without the need for them to be recorded.**

### **OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, a male arrested for a domestic breach of bail in the Alva area.

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**

Police Scotland are currently undertaking their festive campaigns, to target particular areas such as drink driving, personal and home security on darker evenings along with operation Christmas to provide support to retail premises which see an increase in trade over the festive period.

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.

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FEEDBACK FROM MEETING

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