

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 13 February 2017, 7.30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

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

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 10

Elected Councillors – None

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed those in attendance to the meeting.	
2	Apologies Apologies from Robbie	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest. None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting proposed by Mary & seconded by Anne	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes. At recent meetings A MOP from Burnside Court raised a concern about the difficulty faced by residents of Burnside Court when trying to cross the road outside the Sheltered Housing development and asked for an update. Sandra advised that she'd spoken to the Hanover Housing Officer who was going to contact Clackmannanshire Council to suggest a crossing is included in plans for the area. Residents are worried that increased traffic from the proposed houses on the former hotel site will make the situation worse. Sandra will speak to the Housing Officer again for an update	Sandra

6	<p>Police Report – PC Brentt Chambers - Report Attached</p> <p>A MOP suggested ACC include parking issues at Alva Primary School (APS) as well as those at Burnside Court in communications with Clackmannanshire Council. Linda suggested meeting with the APS parking group if they'd like.</p>	Linda
7	<p>Office Bearers Reports</p>	
7.1	<p>Chairperson Report – Lynn Cameron</p> <p>Trusted Partnerships, Key Holding and use of Alva CAP – Lynn advised that Stephen Morrison Leisure Services Coordinator, on behalf of Brian Forbes, Manager of Clackmannanshire Council Customer Services contacted her to organise a meeting to discuss this topic. Following discussion it was agreed to hold a separate meeting for Community Councillors to discuss this and Phil agreed to circulate a Doodle Poll to agree a date to suit the majority.</p>	Phil
7.2	<p>Secretary Report – Linda Greig</p> <p>EDF Micro grants – Phil agreed to put a link on the website.</p> <p>Parking on Southcroft – Cllr Drummond made this enquiry on behalf of Alva Community Council. The response from Clackmannanshire Council is that they acknowledge that parking has always been a problem and is a balance between maintaining access and permitting some on-street parking for residents. There is also the issue of people parking on Southcroft while visiting the adjacent pub.</p> <p>If the issue is vehicles parking on, or partly on, the footway then Police Scotland can book the vehicles for obstruction of the footway, this does not require yellow lines to be in place.</p> <p>Yellow lines make it easier for Police Scotland to book vehicles parked within the length of street covered by the yellow lines. With this in mind, Clackmannanshire Council will extend the existing yellow lines as far as the one-way signs which will cover the junction area at the north end of Southcroft. We have completed the road marking programme for 2016/17 as we try to have our road marking works carried out during the summer weather. We will aim to have the yellow lines extended by a few metres early in the new financial year, as part of our first batch of new works during April / May 2017.</p> <p>Street Signs for Craigleith Terrace, Alva – This was raised at the December meeting & there doesn't seem to be a course of action – Linda will raise it with the Traffic Management & Road Safety Officer Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>Community Matters – Email from Lesley Baillie Community Councillors agreed to give some constructive comments regarding the Community matters programme.</p> <p>Community Action Plan - Email from Lesley Baillie. Councillors will put forward a couple of dates for meeting with Stuart Crickmar. Phil agreed to circulate a Doodle Poll to agree a date.</p> <p>Community Council Website - are seeking views on people's experiences and opinions of the website through a short survey- http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/SQAA3/ The survey is completely anonymous and conducted by the Community Council Project at the Improvement Service. Linda forwarded to all CC's.</p>	<p>Phil</p> <p>Linda</p> <p>Community Councillors</p> <p>Phil</p> <p>Community Councillors</p>

7.3	<p>Treasurers Report – Anne Spruce</p> <p>Ordinary Account £200 donation to Alva Baptist Church towards heating and lighting used during our meetings from September to January. Balance to date £2039.49</p> <p>Special Events</p> <p>Payments £50 deposit for Xmas Fayre 2017 £395.06 Community Matters decision event</p> <p>Income £131.50 Christmas Lights collection boxes £64.00 Donations at CM event £ 1.13 Interest Balance to date £8503.17</p> <p>Ring fenced £1000 Micro grants £172.79 Hanging baskets £159.97 Christmas £3224.49 Action Plan</p>	
8	<p>Convener Reports</p>	
8.1	<p>Environment incl Parks & Alva Glen – Linda</p> <p>Survey into the effectiveness of Floodline – email from SEPA This was sent to all Community Council contacts in the Lower Devon catchment: asking for help in distributing a short survey. Phil agreed to put it on ACC's Facebook page</p> <p>Survey - Tree Charter - We have had a request from the NALC (National Association of Local Councils) to share a survey about the Tree Charter with Scottish Community Councils. Similar surveys have gone out in Wales and England. Linda has sent the email to all Community Councillors to whom the survey is aimed.</p>	<p>Phil</p> <p>Community Councillors</p>
8.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF)- Lynn</p> <p>Lynn attended the last JCCF meeting on 2 February 2017 where there was the annual visit from the Police and Fire Service.</p> <p>Outcome Improvement Plan will be renewed in October 2017.</p> <p>Police Scotland online survey is ongoing 'Your View Counts' and is valued – it takes 15 minutes to complete and will help shape policing priorities throughout the country. It's on Police Scotland website at www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts.</p> <p>So far the 5 top crime list of priorities are;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Anti social behaviour(inc disorder, violence) 2. Housebreaking (20% less than last year) 3. Drug misuse and dealing 4. Violent crime(biggest being domestic) 5. Child abuse and exploitation <p>Fire Brigade - are not just for fire. They offer 'Prevention Talks' to vulnerable people.</p> <p>Facilities Management - Clackmannanshire Council are offering assistance e.g. with Christmas Lights. Lynn suggested we could ask them to arrange fuses so that lights don't necessarily come on as soon as they are put up and could be switched off to await being taken down.</p>	

	<p>JCCF new Chairperson - For the next 12 months this will be Ewart McAuslane from Tilli, Coalsnaughton and Devonside. All Community Councils take a turn of this post.</p> <p>The date of the next JCCF meeting is 13 April 2017</p>	
<p>8.3</p>	<p>Planning / Licensing Applications – Robbie was absent but Linda delivered a report</p> <p>Scottish Planning System - Keith Brown MSP is inviting us to take part in a Scottish Government consultation on the future of the Scottish Planning system: '<i>Places, people and planning</i>'.</p> <p>This consultation has been launched by Kevin Stewart MSP, the Minister for Local Government and Housing, and will run until 4 April. The Scottish Government is seeking the views of individuals and interest groups on proposals to make improvements to our planning system that give people a stronger say in the future of their communities, whilst also supporting the delivery of the development Scotland needs.</p> <p>Please follow the link provided below to access the consultation and I hope you will support the consultation by providing valuable feedback and sharing the consultation across your community. https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/ Phil agreed to put this on ACC's Facebook Page</p> <p>This week's bulletin had no issues for Alva & can be seen at www.clacksweb.org.uk</p> <p>Former Alva Glen Hotel Site - At the last meeting we discussed the Proposed Development at Former Alva Glen Hotel site and the possibility of having Christmas lights on the site for the benefit of the community. Cllr Drummond asked the principle planner on our behalf if we could make use of the tree & if a power supply could be provided at the construction stage. The Principle Planner has given a reply on three points;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council, as a planning authority, can deal with the use of land and hard/soft landscaping, but cannot consider matters such as Christmas tree lighting. Final details of the layout and design of the development, including this area, are still to be determined. 2. The applicant's agent has indicated that the square area of land at the corner of Stirling Street and Brook Street is intended to be privately owned by the proposed new house on Stirling Street that immediately adjoins it. They have indicated that they would not wish to install an electrical power connection to the area of land due to risk and liability. If the final proposals are to include a tree in this location, we have no authority to require a power supply. 3. The Community Council are advised to make direct contact with the applicant should they wish to negotiate the provision of lighting as part of the development. <p>Queen Street Closure – A MOP expressed concern about the prolonged closure of Queen Street from the junction with Erskine Street to the junction with Beauclerc Street as it is most inconvenient for those living in the vicinity. Sandra advised there is a notice on lampposts in Queen Street advising that it will be closed until March or until construction work is complete on the Eco Houses.</p> <p>Whitelining of Resurfaced A91 at Cochrane Park – A MOP highlighted that this hasn't been done yet. It was agreed that Linda will email the Roads Traffic Manager / Safety Officer.</p>	<p>Phil</p>

8.4

Health Convener – Public Partnership Health Forum and Alva Health Centre Patient Group - Louise

Alva Medical Practice Patient Group Meeting –Monday 23 January 2017

Dr Hay in attendance.

FVRH Bus Service - Still no further forward. A lot of speculation about "use it or lose it"

Diabetes UK - new Strapline "Know Diabetes, Fight Diabetes"

Awareness days (drop in) coming up:

- Tullibody Health Centre - Thursday 2nd February 9am -1.30pm
- Alva Health Centre - Friday 3rd February 9am - 4pm
- Clackmannanshire Community Health Centre, Sauchie –
Thursday 9th February 9am - 4pm

Over 3000 kids are being diagnosed with type 1 diabetes each year.

Bob McQueen is trying to go around the nurseries and local groups to do a presentation on diabetes to make people more aware of causes and also what to look out for.

Staff:

New partner Eleanor Ewbank–Monday, Wednesday & Thursday AM in Tullibody. From August she will work Monday, and AM only Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

Another Trainee doctor coming to the practice soon for 6 months. There is still a trainee doctor at present and for another few months.

Dr Musk retiring this year (no date given)-Position will be advertised nationally.

Nurses: Maternity leave cover starting soon for Gillian.

Fiona Parker from Dr Syme Practice will cover Tuesday PM and ALL day Wednesday.

Helen Gray - 1 day a week (not sure what day this will be)
There maybe a 3rd nurse but this is to be confirmed.

Health Visitors are looking to withdraw from the Health centre fully, due to workload with house visits etc.

Dr Able - Letter sent to Dr Able back in September by Bob McQueen on behalf of the practice and public thanking him for his 32 years of excellent service.

New TV screen in surgery - This is needing tweaked. Carol Broadfoot the practice manager is working on it. It will work as a slide show with practice, NHS and local information. Tullibody to get one also.

Practice Walk for Tullibody Healthy Living - This was very successful. The donation from the Practice is being used towards the groups cooking school at the Tullibody Community Garden.

Facebook Page - This has been taken down, all information is available on their website. This is due to not having staff to be able to admin facebook as it should be.

Early Appointments - these are available, however are booked very quickly, mainly by website. The website booking service is being utilised and is proving popular. It was mentioned that a doctor isnt showing on the booking system, however it has come to light that if that doctor has no appointments available he/she will not appear at all, it may be a case of changing day to get that doctor you wish.

Late Closing - 7pm Monday & Tuesday for doctors and also a nurse available until then.

	<p>Early Opening - 7am Tuesday & Wednesday for doctors. Nurse available from 7am on a Wednesday.</p> <p>Patient Medicine Awareness - Campaign coming soon. This is either going to be on waste or adherence. Questionnaires are going to be given out from the Medical Centre.</p> <p>Smoking Cessation - are going to be in the practices at same time as Midwife appointments. To reiterate the concerns of smoking whilst pregnant.</p>	
8.5	<p>IT & Website – Philip Ward</p> <p>Web Team – Philip, Graham, Gemma & Mary. The Web Team met on 16th January - attended by Phil, Mary and Gemma.</p> <p>The following ideas were proposed;</p> <p>The website menus should be moved to the side instead of on top. This idea was approved.</p> <p>Meeting agendas to be put on the site. This was approved.</p> <p>Keep the Police Report in a separate document to the rest of the minutes. This idea was rejected.</p> <p>Tidy up the "Archives" list. Approved and done by using a dropdown box instead of the long list of archives.</p> <p>Add members names to the "About Us" page - approved.</p> <p>Use a larger font. This has been addressed by installing a font enlarger plugin that visitors can use to adjust font size themselves.</p> <p>Have an audio recording of meetings which we could link to on the site. This idea was rejected.</p> <p>Also the recommendation that we move our hosting to 123-host.me.uk was accepted.</p>	
8.6	<p>Education – Gemma</p> <p>EDF Youth Consultation - Gemma advised 570 young people were involved with this. Information will be on the Alva Academy website.</p> <p>Member of the Public, Sheona Craig, Alva Academy Parent Council advised;</p> <p>Pupil Equity Fund – Each Head Teacher will receive £1,200 for every child in receipt of free school meals. This will be £78,000 for Alva Primary (65 kids) and £63,600 for Alva Academy (53 kids). Parent Councils are to be involved in how this is spent and have considered clustering with other towns. Targets are literacy and numeracy. It is hoped to buy things that will benefit as many pupils as possible.</p> <p>Alva Primary School Fun Day / BBQ – 14th June 2017</p> <p>Alva Academy – Transition Event – Date to be confirmed .</p>	
8.7	<p>EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund - Lynn</p> <p>Lynn will send the acceptance confirmation for the £2000 funding received for the large planter and new hanging baskets.</p> <p>EDF provided funding to pay someone to consult with young people, via schools, and this is now in the final stages. 570 young people were involved.</p>	

	Sub Committee Reports	
9	<p>Events – Lynn, Robbie, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Louise, Iain, Gemma, Graham, Mary & Kirsty.</p> <p>The Events Group met on Mon 30 Jan to discuss 2017 events.</p> <p>Fun Day on Saturday 27 May 2017 – Plans are being made to start this years event with a parade from the town centre to the Cochrane Park with kids dressed up as Super Heroes, Stirling Classic Car Club may attend and may lead the parade if permissions can be obtained. It is hoped that the bollards in the town centre will be decorated by local groups with the theme of Super Heroes for the competition. A quote has been obtained for someone with a cherry picker and appropriate ‘working at heights’ qualification to hang the bunting on lampposts. Scout Explorers (14 – 18 years old) have offered to help on the day as working towards an award.</p> <p>Christmas Fayre 2017 - This will be on Saturday 18 November i.e. one week earlier than usual to avoid clashing with events in other towns.</p> <p>Planter – The large planter purchased with EDF funding is currently in the storage container and needs to be moved to its location before planting-out season begins. A date for this will be agreed at the next events meeting.</p> <p>Storage Container – Iain and Lynn will facilitate the container being lined to combat dampness. This will be done after the planter has been relocated.</p>	
10	<p>Community Action plan (CAPlan) & Community Matters (CM)-Sandra</p> <p>The CAPlan Steering Group submitted an application for £5000 from the Community Matters fund for 3 pieces of outdoor gym equipment for the Cochrane Park. The application was disqualified prior to the Decision Event on 21 January as the CM funding could not be used for land owned by Clackmannanshire Council.</p> <p>Village & Small Town Initiative (VSTI)–Alva Streetcape Improvements At the previous ACC meeting Cllr McGill stated that works via the VSTI in Alva would not commence until 2019/20 as Clackmannan have been given priority as the Clackmannan VSTI is consistent with the objectives of the works to be done there using the £2m secured from Scottish Government. Cllr McGill agreed to contact Scottish Government to request permission to use some of the £2m secured for Clackmannan for project management of their regeneration project as this would prevent delay of VSTI works in other towns including Alva. Cllr McGill wasn’t present but replied by letter to ACC Chairperson. Cllr McGill advised that there was no prospect of attracting further funding from the Government Regeneration Capital Grant Fund for Alva. ACC didn’t ask for that request to be made. Sandra will clarify with Cllr McGill and request a response for the March meeting.</p> <p>Community Facilities At the previous ACC meeting 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 it was reiterated that the meeting room at CAP isn’t big enough for ACC meetings and 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. Cllr McGill wasn’t present but Sandra will ask him to confirm for the March meeting where and when a Community Hub will be provided in Alva as a need for this was a major outcome of the Alva Community Action Plan.</p>	

Community Matters (CM)

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.

Community Matters is funded by Clackmannanshire Council and the Scottish Government's Community Choices Fund. There was £100,000 available for community projects in Clackmannanshire. The Fund received 58 applications bidding totalling more than £250,000. (they weren't all eligible; some withdrew before the vote).

The Community Matters Fund gave communities including Alva the opportunity to weigh up projects and make decisions based on local needs and aspirations.

There were 9 Decision Events across the County where approx 1000 people voted at the events in total. Alva's event was on Saturday 21 January, where more members of the public (193) than any other town turned out to learn more about the projects which were bidding for funding and cast their votes accordingly.

Alva had £9000 split into Capital 69% - £6210 / Revenue 31% - £2790.

However, none of the 4 Alva applicants applied for a Capital project so they were effectively all in competition for the £2790 Revenue funding.

Successful

1st - Alva Scout Group - £715 (fully funded)

Trip to National Activity Centre to build confidence, teamwork and new skills

2nd - Alva Glen Heritage Trust - £2975 (part funded - £2075)

repair damage, renew walls, maintain paths, volunteer training, planning, notices & interpretation

Unsuccessful

Alva Toddlers Group - £800

Alva Golf Club - £1130

(ironically if they had applied for £5000 for a new roof – instead of repair - they probably would have been successful as the Capital fund was underspent)

Alva Community Action Plan Steering Group - £5000 Capital – disqualified as above.

outdoor gym equipment to encourage intergenerational and fitness activities

We would like to thank all 4 of the Alva Groups who came along to the Decision Event and put their heart and soul into setting out their stall and pitching to persuade members of the public to vote for them. We had FREE hot and cold refreshments and cup cakes for ALL AGES as well as FREE face painting for kids and The Tartan Juggler.

£10,000 of the £100,000 was set aside for Clackmannanshire-wide applicants and there was a separate ballot paper for those.

The list of Community Matters awards is now on Clacksweb and Phil has put a link to it on ACC website. There will also hopefully be an article in Alloa Advertiser.

<p>11</p>	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>No Elected Members in Attendance</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Request for assistance from Alva Community Council to provide data required for Alva's town audit. Linda has received an email from Ronnie Beverage at Clackmannanshire Council with this request. Following discussion it was agreed this would be very time consuming and there were no volunteers.</p> <p>Clock – An MOP asked for an update on the clock at the bridge as it still isn't working. Lynn recalled that the Stirling Watch & Co shop in Alva previously repaired it so she will ask for a quote. Lynn will also contact Clackmannanshire Council to see if they can assist with the removal as they have said they want to be more helpful to Community Councils.</p>	<p>Lynn</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting – Monday 13th March 2017 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm - Community Councillors only 7.30pm – Public Meeting</p>	

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
13/02/2017

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.

There have been 8 detected crimes and 8 undetected crimes recorded by police over the last month.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, they are as follows;

- 16th January, threatening & abusive behaviour at Johnstone Court. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 29th January, a racial incident at Stirling Road. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 2nd February, various acts of disorder at a property in The Nebit. This is detected with a female reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

VANDALISM

There were 4 reported incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month, they are;

- 11th January, a vandalism to a window in Henry Street. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 12th January, a vandalism to a car window in James Street. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 21st January, a vandalism to a window in St.Serfs Walk. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 23rd January, a vandalism to a window in Henry Street. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.

VIOLENCE

There have been 4 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are;

- 17th January, a juvenile assault at Lovers Loan. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 20th January, an assault in Craighorn Road. This is detected with a male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 29th January, an assault in Stirling Road. This is detected with a male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 2nd February, an assault in Myretoungate. This is detected with a male reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

- 17th January, a theft by shoplifting from Myretoungate. This is detected with a female reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 17th January, a theft from a property in the Nethergate. This is undetected with enquires ongoing.

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.

- 9th January, various RT offences involving an off road motorcycle, for which a male was reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

- There were 2 recorded incidents of a domestic nature which led to a crime being reported. This resulted in two persons being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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 Scott Thomson 378 and PC 653 Graham Cadden. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING