

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Meeting

Monday 10 April 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
Linda Greig - Secretary 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	
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 Sub Group - IT/Website	KR
Community Councillors in attendance - Lynn, Robbie, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Philip, Iain, Gemma, Mary, Graham & Kirsty. Minutes - Sandra			

In Attendance:

Members of Public (MOP) x 12

Elected Councillors - Cllr Balsillie & Cllr 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 Louise	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest. None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed by Iain & seconded by Linda	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes. None	
6	Police Report - PC Wendy Forsyth on behalf of Community Police Officers Brentt Chambers and James Millar Report Attached	
7	Office Bearers Reports	

7.1	<p>Chairperson Report - Lynn Cameron</p> <p>Old Railway / BMX Track - Garry Weir, Community Service Officer, Criminal Justice Team has agreed to help return the track to its former glory by clearing debris. Discussion followed about who owns it; Cllrs Balsille and Drummond clarified that Diageo owns most of it but John Marshall has right of access re adjoining fields. Lynn will continue to liaise with Kathy Knox at Clackmannanshire Council regarding repairing some of the BMX turns / humps.</p> <p>New 3 tier Planters - Alva Community Council (ACC) have purchased 2 planters using grants from EDF. We hope they can be placed at each end of town on the left handside as a welcome to drivers entering Alva. However, Clackmannanshire Council (CC) have suggested areas on the right handside as being more suitable for the hardstanding bases required for the planters as those areas are in CC ownership. Community Councillors have conceded that the Menstrie end planter should go on the right handside i.e. on the grass area in front of Myretoungate but are not happy about the area suggested for the Tillicoultry end planter. Lynn will continue to liaise with CC. Anne will arrange for the planters to be added to the insurance schedule.</p>	Lynn Lynn Anne
7.2	<p>Secretary Report - Linda Greig</p> <p>Trusted Partnerships Update - Stephen Morrison, Clackmannanshire Council (CC) will send out the draft protocol for Alva Community Council (ACC) key holding for Cochrane Hall with a view to this being arranged by the 1st May.</p> <p>ACC Policies & Procedures review - No amendments so signed reviewed policies & procedures will be placed in the Community Access Point (CAP)</p> <p>Armed Forces Day Event, Clackmannanshire 2017, Wednesday 31st of May 2017 from 10.00 am</p> <p>WiFi in Council Buildings; Reply to ACC from CC...There is wi fi available to the public in Alva CAP, both upstairs and downstairs.</p> <p><i>'There is no public wifi routinely available in any of the secondary schools at this point in time, although we do provide it for ad hoc events if requested. Wifi allows users access to sections of school/council networks and thus creates a number of security challenges for us in keeping Council data safe while complying with our statutory security obligations which is why we presently require that all users go through an authentication process before using wifi in schools. We are currently running trials with pupils and teachers to ensure that it can be made available securely without compromising either pupils or council security.</i></p> <p><i>Council approved a 3 year programme of upgrades to wifi across all council buildings which will bring a number of enhancements including Self Service style wifi access will be made available before summer this year'</i></p> <p>City Deal - City Deal is still being formulated so no-one can say exactly how it will look yet.</p> <p>Local Government Elections - will be held on Thursday 4th May 2017.</p> <p>Micro Grants have been allocated to Alva Glen Heritage Trust & Alva Toddlers Group.</p> <p>Scottish Government Consultation on Parking - We have been asked by Scottish Government to share information about the consultation on Improving Parking in Scotland. (http://www.communitycouncils.scot/improving-parking-in-scotland-consultation-launched.html) www.twitter.com/ScottishCCs</p> <p>The consultation explores how parking is managed across the country and invites views on delivering a consistent approach to managing and enforcing parking on public roads, including trunk roads, while improving accessibility for all. The consultation paper can be found here - https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/user_uploads/improving-parking-in-scotland.pdf</p> <p>The consultation closes on 30th June 2017 and any questions about the</p>	

consultation should be sent to parkingconsultation@transport.gov.scot.
Great Tapestry of Scotland - will be at the Speirs Centre Alloa from 29th May - 18 August 2017. CTSI are seeking volunteers to help with the exhibition. Contact CTSI direct on 01259 213840.

Linda asked Sandra to report on the following;

Community Matters Reflection - Sandra, Lynn and Iain attended a meeting in Alva Academy on 30/03/17 with Lesley Baillie and Participatory Budgeting Partners where we discussed what was achieved from Community Matters in Clackmannanshire and what we would do differently next time (if there is a next time). Our suggestions included;

- We would make sure applicants were aware of the difference between Capital and Revenue and ensure they know which of those budgets they are applying to.
- There will not be such tight time scales for facilitating the next project.
- Wouldn't have 'Clackmannanshire wide projects' at the Alva event - they should have a separate event

On the positive side - The Alva event was very well supported by local people and there was good interaction between individuals and groups.

Lesley is now arranging an event to which all successful CM groups in Clackmannanshire will be invited to give feedback on their funded project. This will include Alva Scouts and Alva Glen Heritage Trust; it was a condition of the grant that they attend such an event which will give an opportunity for publicity.

Community Action Plan - CAPlan

CAPlan Report 2015 - At previous meetings we agreed to work on making our CAPlan report into a plan. We would like an officer from the Capital Projects Team to attend a CAPlan Steering Group meeting to talk to us about what they expect and how we can scope our community needs and aspirations and how to match it to the Making Clackmannanshire Better (MCB) initiative. Cllr Drummond said we should speak to Stuart Crickmar about this.

Village & Small Town Initiative (VSTI)-Alva Streetscape Improvements

Cllr Drummond confirmed that the town centre investment for Alva is in the Capital Programme of the Clackmannanshire Council budget. Sandra asked for an update on a timescale for this as originally it was to be done in 18/19 but was pushed back to 2019/20 as Clackmannan have been given priority. Cllr Drummond considers that Alva VSTI may not be done until 2020/21, he was unsure of the budget for this (in the Dec 2016 minutes it is recorded that the budget was set at £650,000).

Discussion followed about the state of Alva Town Centre and in particular the poor state of some of the privately owned buildings including the exterior of the flats above the flower shop / former fruit shop. This is also the location of the Jubilee Clock that doesn't work. Cllr Drummond clarified that Clackmannanshire Council can't force owners to maintain their properties unless they are dangerous.

Community Hub - Cllr Drummond confirmed that the Community Hub is back on the agenda and that consultation will begin after summer.

Sandra

7.3	<p>Treasurers Report - Anne Spruce</p> <p>Ordinary Account Expenses 2 Gazebos £104.48 Balance £1947.02</p> <p>Special Events Account Expenses £250.00 Alva Toddlers Micro Grant £250.00 Alva Glen Heritage Trust Micro Grant £105.00 Fun Day Licence £ 16.94 Compost £ 9.99 Wristbands for Fun Day Balance £14064.17</p> <p>Ring fenced £ 500.00 micro grants £2155.85 planters/ baskets £3610.55 action plan £5359.00 Ochil Leisure Centre</p> <p>Community Grant - Cllr Balsillie suggested ACC make an application to Clackmannanshire Council for the Fun Day as other towns have been granted £500 approx. Anne will do this</p>	Anne
8	Convener Reports	

8.1

Planning / Licensing Applications - Sandra on behalf of Robbie

Alva Glen Hotel Site - Planning Application 16/00268/FULL

Sandra received an email from Grant Baxter, Principal Planner on 03/04/17 regarding this.

I can provide you with an update on this planning application, following the original enquiry that the Community Council made through Councillor Drummond.

This application is currently still pending a decision as some additional information on flood risk is required to satisfy SEPA, but has now been provided and we await SEPA's response.

In the meantime, the applicant has revised elements of the proposals, in particular the design of the space, boundary treatment and building elevations at the corner of Stirling Street and Brook Street. The corner area would now be an open "public" space, rather than an enclosed "private" one, as was previously proposed.

Revised street elevation and layout plans can be viewed on the application file:<https://eplanning.clacks.gov.uk/eplanning/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=OIA8C8EYMYX00> The relevant plans are dated 28th and 30th March 2017.

If SEPA are content with the additional flooding information provided the Service will be in a position to proceed to determine the application.

The plans actually state that the corner area would be utilised by Alva Community Council. This is excellent news as we previously requested this area for planting a tree that could be decorated at Christmas time. Cllr Drummond suggested asking Grant Baxter about an electricity supply to the corner area. Sandra will do this.

Sandra

Crossing at Burnside Court - 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. The Hanover Housing Officer has now submitted a request for a crossing to Clackmannanshire Council as residents are worried that increased traffic from the proposed houses on the former hotel site will make the situation worse.

Queen Street, Alva - Planning Application 17/00044/FULL for 42 houses

Revised Plans - have been submitted for the above.

- The housing type has changed on Park Street i.e. those at plots 31 & 32 have swapped places with those at plots 33 and 34.
- There will be a wall between plots 11 and 25 and a section of it will include 'public art'. This will be facing the new eco-houses on the opposite side of Queen Street.
- The developer is no longer going to plant 17 trees on the controversial strip of land at the west of the site. It appears that this is going to be reinstated to the Johnstone Park as requested by Alva Games Committee and Alva Community Council.

As the site is still owned by Clackmannanshire Council and will be purchased by Ogilvie if they are successful in gaining planning permission, Sandra asked Cllr Drummond and Cllr Balsillie why the developer thought they could plant trees on the strip of land in the first place as it was not supposed to be included in the land for sale. Cllr Balsillie explained that developers often screen their properties to make a more pleasant environment. Sandra will ask the planning department to confirm that the strip of land won't be sold to the developer.

Sandra

	<p>Cllr Drummond confirmed that the Planning Committee will consider this planning application on 27/04/17.</p> <p>Developer Contributions - Sandra wrote to Clackmannanshire Council to ask about Developer Contribution regarding the above and the following is the reply from Julie Hamilton, Development Services Manager;</p> <p><i>'Where development sites are privately owned, any developer contributions required through the planning process affect land value. In this case, and others where the Council is landowner, the requirement for statutory services such as education provision is already effectively provided by the Council, so a developer contribution for such elements is not a requirement. Other contributions such as public art, if the development itself does not contain public art features, can be deducted from capital receipts once land is sold.</i></p> <p><i>I would add that the former Alva Academy site (including both parcels of land on the north and south side of Queen Street) were identified as one development site in the previous development plan, and as you will know, the eastern portion is now being developed for 48No. affordable homes, which itself is a significant investment in low cost housing in Alva, and which more than provides a low cost element for the wider site.</i></p> <p><i>With regards to your final point, developer contributions that the Council receive are provided to address specific infrastructure elements arising from the impacts of particular developments. Developer contributions are provided specifically for each site. That is in line with Government policy and advice on the subject. They are not therefore a general fund that community groups can bid for, perhaps in the manner you envisage. Developer contributions delivered through the planning process are used where they would provide infrastructure that is required as a direct consequence of the development or arising from the cumulative impact of several developments in one area. Some public art provision is the result of numerous developments. The specific requirements for any developer contributions for a site are considered individually and depend on relevant circumstances'</i></p> <p>Cllr Drummond attempted to simplify the above i.e. as education is adequately provided by Clacks Council and social housing has been addressed at the nearby development of eco houses, there could be a window of opportunity for Alva Community Council (ACC) to suggest an alternative developer contribution that would be in keeping with ACC vision for the town and also have linkage to the Ogilvie development. For example, a contribution towards works required in the town centre or towards the outdoor gym in the park or a fence around the childrens play area. Sandra will contact Julie Hamilton, Development Services Manager at Clackmannanshire Council.</p>	Sandra
8.2	<p>IT & Website - Philip</p> <p>Web Team - Philip, Graham, Gemma, Mary & Kirsty.</p> <p>Donations Page - A Pay Pal account has now been set up and Phil will advise when the donations page is up and running on www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p> <p>Webteam Training - Phil will check quality of the wi-fi provision in the Cochrane Hall and arrange a training session for the webteam.</p>	
8.3	<p>Education - Gemma Nothing to report</p> <p>Member of the Public, Sheona Craig, Alva Primary and Academy Parent Council, reported that she attended an event at Alva Academy on 01/03/17 with Dr Avis Glaze, an international leader in the field of education. The award winning educator has been a steadfast advocate of equity of outcomes for all students.</p>	

	Cllr Balsillie also attended the event.	
8.4	Public Partnership Health Forum & Alva Health Centre - Louise Louise was absent but advised nothing to report.	
8.5	Environment including Parks & Alva Glen - Linda Public Consultation - The Scottish Government is currently running a public consultation on unconventional oil and gas in Scotland. The consultation explores the evidence on the potential impacts of shale oil and gas, and coal bed methane, and the technologies involved in extraction, including hydraulic fracturing. The consultation may be of particular interest to you as the area where the shale oil and gas resources have been identified is in your Community Council area. The consultation can be read and responded to via the Scottish Government's consultation platform, Citizen Space, at https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/energy-and-climate-change-directorate/fracking-unconventional-oil-and-gas/ . We are inviting responses to the consultation by 31 May. Toilets in Alva Park - On behalf of a member of the Committee at the Parklands Centre, Graham asked if the toilets in the park will be open during the Easter & summer holidays to stop members of the public asking to use the toilets at Parklands. Cllr Drummond agreed to ask Clackmannanshire Council.	Cllr Drummond
9	'About Us' on Website - Linda At the last meeting it was agreed to discuss further whether or not all former Community Councillors should be listed on the About Us page or limit this to current ones and whether office bearers would be identified. Following discussion it was agreed that Mary will continue working on material for the About Us page and circulate to all other Community Councillors to read and discuss before it goes public. Sandra noted that Alva Games are mentioned on the 'About Us' page of www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk and asked if there could also be a mention of the annual Fun Day organised by Community Councillors as we are now in our 4 th year. Phil agreed to add this.	Mary Phil
10	Review of Flower Barrels in Town Centre Lynn advised that most of the 24 flower barrels in the town centre are being cared for by various people & groups. However, they would all benefit from being painted and she will try to facilitate this before the Fun Day on 27/05/17.	Lynn
11	Funding for Outdoor Gym Donation from Ochil Leisure Centre (OLE) OLE is now closed and demolished and remaining funds have been distributed to various community groups including Alva Community Council who received £5359.00. Sandra proposed that the £5359.00 from OLE be put towards Outdoor Gym Equipment for Cochrane Park. This was agreed. It was also agreed that Sandra will submit an EDF Funding Application for a further £6000 for outdoor gym equipment, if successful this would be granted in quotas of £2000 per year for 3 years. The outdoor gym will be located on the Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) in Cochrane Park adjacent to the football 'cage'.	
	Sub Committee Reports	
12	Events - Lynn, Robbie, Linda, Anne, Sandra, Louise, Iain, Gemma, Graham, Mary & Kirsty. Alva Community Fun Day, Saturday 27 May 2017, 12 noon to 4pm Superheroes is the theme for the Alva Community Fun Day this year.	

	<p>Dress up as your favourite Superhero and join real life Elsa, Anna, Moanna, Ariel, Spiderman and Ironman on a colourful musical parade along the main street to the Cochrane Park led by Classic Cars and the Tartan Juggler.</p> <p>In the park there will be Bouncy Castles, Slide, Roller Coaster Simulator, Kick Darts, Kids Rides, Face Painters, Owl Magic, Tombola, Refreshments, Ice Cream, Candy Floss, Motorbikes, Fire Engine, Mountain Rescue and of course various stalls.</p> <p>There are competitions including the opportunity for teams to dress up a town centre bollard in the Superhero theme with a £50 prize for the winner.</p> <p>Anyone interested in having a stall or entering competitions can collect forms from Alva Library, Higglety Pigglety shop in the town centre or download from www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk For further information email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk or call 07979 476 466.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was agreed to book a young piper, aged 15, to help lead the parade. Iain will pass his contact details to Linda. • Linda confirmed an Application and Risk Assessment for the parade has been submitted to Clackmannanshire Council. • Sandra advised the Fun Day event was in Alva News section of Alloa Advertiser last week (5th) and will be this week (12th) and probably every week until the event. • Also being promoted ACC website and Social media where an 'Event' has been created on Facebook and after just several days 113 people have said they are attending and a further 321 are interested with still 6 weeks to go until the Fun Day. • Linda asked if the Fun Day could given an enhanced position on ACC Facebook page until the event. <p>Bunting - Clackmannanshire Council require a 24 hr contact number incase any of the bunting comes down. Graham volunteered for this.</p>	<p>Iain Linda</p> <p>Webteam</p> <p>Graham</p>
<p>13</p>	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</p> <p>Cllr Archie Drummond - See 7.2, 8.1 and 8.5. Cllr Drummond had nothing to add to these items other than to say that is it a pleasure to attend Alva Community Council (ACC) meetings as there is a positive, pleasant atmosphere.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie - see 7.3 & 8.1. Cllr Balsillie had nothing to add to these items other than to agree with comments made by Cllr Drummond about ACC.</p>	
<p>14</p>	<p>AOB</p> <p>Burnside Court - Sandra has been contacted by a resident of Burnside Court, Retirement Housing managed by Hanover Housing Association. The resident asked if Alva Community Council could advise or help with social events for those living at Burnside Court as due to withdrawal of Housing Support funding the Manager at the development no longer has time to facilitate social events. Sandra contacted Hanover's Volunteer Co-ordinator who confirmed he has visited Burnside Court and is currently trying to recruit volunteer(s) to assist residents with social events.</p>	

	<p>Sandra gave the resident information about The Parklands Centre, a purpose built centre for Alva Pensioners Association where there are various events including concerts, dances, bingo, indoor bowling groups etc. She will deliver Parklands membership application forms to Burnside Court.</p> <p>Hedge - A MOP has asked Graham if anything can be done about the overgrown hedge at the lane between Blindwells and West James Street. Cllr Drummond confirmed the hedge is privately owned but if it is encroaching onto the public lane then perhaps Clackmannanshire Council could do something about it and agreed to speak to the relevant officer.</p>	<p>Sandra</p> <p>Cllr Drummond</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting - Monday 8th May 2017 Alva Baptist Church</p> <p>7.00pm - Community Councillors only 7.30pm - Public Meeting</p>	



ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
10/04/2017

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 567 Wendy Forsyth. Your Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, are PC 933 Brentt Chambers and PC 247 James Miller. You can contact them by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk or Brentt.Chambers@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Since the last meeting there have been 11 detected crimes and 4 undetected crimes recorded by police.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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

- 14th March, a youth was found to be in possession of a knife. He was dealt with accordingly and a report sent to the Children's Reporter.
- 24th March, a youth was found to be in possession of a knife. He was dealt with accordingly and a report sent to the Children's Reporter.

VANDALISM

There were no reported incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month.

VIOLENCE

There have been no recorded incidents of violence in the area.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There have been 4 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime towards the public in the area, they are;

- 21st March, a theft by shoplifting at the Co-Op Stores, which is undetected at this time and enquiries are ongoing.



- 21st March, a theft from a person at Stirling Road, Alva, this is detected with 2 females arrested and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- 24th March, a theft from a motor vehicle in Stirling Street, Alva. This is undetected but there are positive lines of enquiry which are being carried out.
- 30th March, a theft by shoplifting at the Co-Op Stores, which is undetected at this time and enquiries are 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.

- DVLA enforcement officers are operating in the area clamping and uplifting vehicles which are not taxed. Police are aware of incidents of people cutting off the clamps and persons have been dealt with for this.
- Ongoing issue with persons riding off road motor bikes on the paths and roads at Greenhead and other parts to the south of the town. Marked and unmarked police vehicles will be targeting this problem.
- 20th March, Fail to stop/report after a Road Traffic Collision in Park Street, Alva. This is undetected with enquiries ongoing.
- 5th April, a driver failed to stop for police after incident of dangerous driving. Vehicle pursued by RPU and driver stopped and arrested for numerous offences, thereafter reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE

There are 4 recorded incidents of positive searches for drugs in the area since the last meeting, resultant of 4 separate incidents with a considerable amount of controlled drugs recovered.

There were 3 domestic incidents which resulted in the relevant crime report being submitted.

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. No physical changes to the problematic areas appear to be imminent however consideration should be given to possible temporary solutions to ensure the safety of pedestrians whilst allowing access to delivery vehicles.



ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Police Scotland are currently seeking community involvement and input into the Policing 2026 strategy project. This will be the most comprehensive analysis ever undertaken of the demands policing faces and the sort of organisation we need to become to protect the people of Scotland over the next decade. More details and information can be found on the Police Scotland website.

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 ourselves via e-mail.

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