

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Sandra Rees– Vice Chairperson	SR
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer	AS
Iain Craig	IC	Gemma Waghorn	GW
Graham Burt	GB	Kathrine Graham	KG
Margaret Bringen	MB	Mary Dalrymple	MD
Community Councillors in attendance – Sandra, Lynn, Linda, Graham, Iain, Anne, Kathrine, Mary Minutes – Linda			

### In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOP) x 9

Elected Councillors – Cllrs Benny, Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn Welcomed everyone to meeting.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> Margaret Bringen	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest -</b> None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Several changes to be made including inclusion of treasures report to main body of minutes.	MD
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes -</b> None	
<b>6</b>	<b>Police Report – PC Dawn Grant - Community Police Officer</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report Attached Separately</li> <li>• A member of the community asked if there was anything that some of the parents could do to help with the parking and drop of problem at the primary school. PC Grant said she would keep us all informed. There was talk of there being no visible “no parking” sign this is something that will be looked into.</li> <li>• Parking at the Nethergate Alva – LG asked if the Police could look into a problem of work vans taking up excessive parking in the evenings at the Nethergate in Alva. A member of the community raised this issue with ACC. The Police will look out for illegal parking but cannot do much about inconsiderate parking.</li> <li>• PC Grant confirmed that the fine for littering is £80 but the offenders would need to be seen by Police littering before they could be fined.</li> </ul>	LG

<b>7</b>	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Chairperson report – Internal Communications</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There have been 3 meetings with Lesley Baillie, Community Planning Advisor, and Clacks Council, to discuss Internal Communications to which all Alva Community Councillors were invited. The meetings were in April 2017, 04/12/17 and 26/02/18. As a result of discussions at these meetings some changes have been made to the Code of Conduct and Standing Orders. They were circulated to all Alva Community Councillors and presented for approval and adoption at our April meeting and were duly adopted. There was one objection from Community Councillor Mary Dalrymple who wasn't in attendance. Unfortunately the issues continue with one Community Councillor. A separate meeting, for Community Councillors only to discuss the way forward has been arranged for Wed 17 October.</li> </ul>	All
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Secretary's Report</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Community Council Complaints Procedure Flowchart – (emailed out on 22nd September)</b> On behalf of Lesley Baillie LG asked if the CC would agree to adopting the complaints procedure based on a model created by a representative from Muchart CC. All in attendance agreed to adopt a procedure based on the model. LG will ask Lesley what our next step will be.</li> <li><b>Test KHub as possible alternative to emails.</b> LG asked if this is something that Alva CC would use. It is something that could be useful to the JCCF. It was agreed to discuss this at a later date as someone would need to be responsible for this.</li> <li><b>Update on CC email address (who needs to update still)</b> There are 4 members still to create Alva CC email address. Gb will support this.</li> </ul>	<p>LG</p> <p>All</p> <p>GB</p>
<b>7.3</b>	<p><b>Treasurer Report - Anne</b>  October 2018  Ordinary Account  No activity  Balance -£1946.19</p> <p>Special Events Account  Income  £10.00 Donation for flowers/ planters  Balance £20, 941.37</p> <p>Ring-fenced  Action Plan £1630.40  Micro grants £770.00  Lights £6213.08  Planters etc £1044.66</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Convenor Reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Environment - Linda Greig</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alva Glen Heritage Trust has been awarded funds to plant bulbs in the glen. The Alva Scout group is supporting the project.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At a future meeting I think we should discuss a way of recruiting some volunteers that are over 16 to support the weekly watering of the hanging baskets, to date it has been left to one or two individuals.</li> </ul> <p>All agreed to have this on a future agenda.</p>	LG
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing Applications - Iain Craig</b></p> <p>Application 3 Burnside farm cottage Single story extension to front of the house  Application Alva house gardens Approved  Application 14 Brookfield place Extension to dwelling house to create family room  Application 55 Erskine street Alterations to dwelling house to remove Load bearing wall  Application Willow cottage Alterations to sun room</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There was discussion regarding the copy of the application re the Berry field site and whether or not this was received by ACC. LG will look at records.</li> <li>SR explained that it is a possibility that the former Alva Glen site could be developed in a "turnkey" style project where the developer provides a finished project to a possible housing association.</li> </ul>	LG
<b>8.3</b>	<p><b>IT Report - Graham Burt</b></p> <p>Website had average traffic this month with interest in traffic bulletins and the polling consultation. Face book 825 likes and 891 followers.</p> <p> Graham will work with members to address email issues.</p>	GB
<b>9</b>	<p><b>ACC Letterhead.</b></p> <p>MD produced a new ACC letterhead. ACC have an official letterhead in place. ACC will choose their preferred letterhead.</p>	ALL
<b>10</b>	<p><b>SUB Group for Newsletter</b></p> <p>MD explained that she had visited business owners in Alva regarding them possibly contributing to a newsletter she explained that Alva CC could generate some income from a newsletter. She intimated that the local businesses feel disjointed from the Community Council although there were no reasons given.</p> <p>LG expressed that she thought that it would have been better to agree this approach with Alva CC in the first instance.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the potential for a newsletter and the feasibility of having a sub group. IC suggested that MD proceed with her research and MD agreed to come to the CC with a proposal in the future.</p>	MD
<b>11</b>	<p><b>5 meter strip of land at Johnstone Park.</b></p> <p>SR introduced Alva Games Secretary, Craig Dunbar who spoke about the issues surrounding the 5 meter strip of land that was to be returned to the park. In particular he questioned the raised site and the reasoning behind the sloped area which the Council has accepted, it was agreed that the situation is no further forward than it was 4 weeks ago.</p> <p>There has been no response from his stage 2 complaints procedure as yet. This can take up to 20 days. The plans for raising the area of land were not put out for public consultation and were not on the approved plans. The land could be used by The Alva Games committee to extend the track for their sporting events. Concern regarding the lack of parking for the games was also discussed. SR agreed to write to Clackmannanshire Council regarding the matter.</p> <p>A member of the community expressed his agreement with Mr Dunbar and expressed his disappointment in Clackmannanshire Council's CEO. Other attendees supported this.</p>	SR

<b>12</b>	<b>Other Competent Business.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• IC informed us that he has a contact that could help provide graphics in relation to the CAPlan project.</li><li>• AS informed us that we have purchased a wreath for remembrance Sunday.</li></ul>	IC
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**Next Ordinary Meeting 12 November 2018**

## **APPENDIX 1 – POLICE REPORT**

### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**10/09/2018**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

I am Police Constable 247 James Miller, one of two Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other is Police Constable 1046 Dawn Grant. You can contact us by calling 101 or by e-mail at [James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or [Dawn.Grant@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Dawn.Grant@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Over the last month there have been 16 crimes in Alva recorded by Police Scotland. There are currently 8 detected crimes and 8 undetected crimes, some of which are still under investigation.

#### **PRIORITIES**

##### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

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

- On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Nebit, Alva, a female was reported from threatening and abusive behaviour.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at a residential dwelling in Queen Street, Alva, officers executed a drugs search warrant and a quantity of controlled drugs were recovered. A male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2018 at Caroline Crescent, Alva, a female was arrested and appeared from custody for threatening and abusive behaviour towards police officers.
- On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Nebit, Alva, the same female was found to have breached her bail conditions and was arrested for same.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018 near to The Cochrane Hall, Alva, a disturbance occurred between male drivers which resulted in a complaint to the police. The male responsible for the reported offences has been identified and is being sought by police.
- On 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018, 2 females were found in possession of controlled drugs at the Woodland Park, Alva. Both were issued Recorded Police Warnings.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at various loci in Alva, a male acted in a threatening manner and was arrested for this and other offences. He was held in custody to appear at court on Tuesday.

##### **VANDALISM**

There was 1 recorded incident of vandalism in the area, it was as follows;

- Overnight from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018, at Craighorn Road, Alva, a parked and unattended vehicle was damaged. No suspect has been identified and enquiries are continuing.

##### **VIOLENCE**

There was 1 recorded incident of violence in the area, it was as follows:

- On 18<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at Stirling Road, Alva, a domestic incident occurred during which an assault was reported. The complaint was fully investigated by police however there was insufficient evidence to take any further action.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were 5 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area, they were as follows;

- On 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of alcohol was stolen by travelling criminals who were subsequently arrested for this and other thefts.
- On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of meat was stolen. A suspect has been identified and efforts are continuing to trace him.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of confectionery was stolen by youths who have been identified and directed towards Early and Effective Intervention measures.
- On 17<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at a commercial premises in Stirling Street, Alva, an unattended mobile phone was stolen. Enquiries are ongoing to recover the phone and identify the person responsible.
- On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at The Co-op, Stirling Street, Alva, an unknown male stole a quantity of alcohol. Enquiries are ongoing to identify this male.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were 2 recorded incidents relating to road traffic offences in the area, they were as follows;

- On 14<sup>th</sup> August 2018 at West Stirling Street, Alva, a road traffic collision occurred with the offending driver failing to stop and provide details or report the matter to police. Enquiries are continuing to identify the driver.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018 at Stirling Road, Alva, a vehicle was traced with no insurance. Further enquiry is to be carried out with the registered keeper prior to any report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

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

## **OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

### **CLACKMANNANSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY GROUP**

#### **CLACKMANNANSHIRE COMMUNITY SAFETY CONSULTATION SURVEY**

The Clackmannanshire Community Safety Group works in partnership to identify the issues which services and communities consider community safety issues and concerns. The group hopes to improve the feeling of safety, in particular vulnerable people, through building strong networks of support, improving connections across and within communities, and empowering people in communities to support each other and take collective action. The group will identify community safety priorities and ensure resources, connections and networks are utilised to address them.

To ensure the group understand the priorities we are aware that consultation with the community will provide the local picture and public perception of what community safety is to you. I therefore invite you to have your say by completing the Community Safety Consultation Survey and tell us what you think community safety is and what matters to you, in your area.

Please click on the link below and have your say.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/SYPCKD7>

Paper copies are available at Alloa Police Station or at the CAP in Alva.

## **ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

PC Miller and PC Grant have continued efforts to encourage, educate and enforce considerate and safe parking in Alva and especially at the primary school where the problem is being exacerbated by building work which is still ongoing.

PC Miller is working with Clackmannanshire Council Housing officers to address anti-social behaviour in some of the more problematic streets in Alva including The Nebit, The Nethergate and Dalmore Drive. One of the measures being proposed in the installation of CCTV is some of the closes which has happened in other parts of the county with positive results.

This week is National Suicide Awareness Week and disturbingly, Clackmannanshire has the highest percentage of suicide by males in Scotland per 100,000 of the population. Community officers will be distributing posters and contact cards to raise awareness and provide assistance.

PC Miller attended the Clackmannanshire Tenants and Residents Federation meeting which was held at the Ben Cleuch Centre on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2018. There were several interesting inputs from Home Energy Scotland, Kingdom Housing and Clackmannanshire Council and future housing developments in Alloa and Tillicoultry were discussed. The CRTF welcomes all tenants and residents to their meetings and will look to support and assist anyone with problems relating to where they reside.

The Clackmannanshire Community Team will continue to target local drug dealers utilising intelligence received from the community. This intelligence is essential to enable officers to act against those involved and we encourage any information to be passed to the police or via Crimestoppers.

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 089 Cathy Sharkey. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.

## **FEEDBACK FROM MEETING**