

Alva Community Council (ACC)

minutes of meeting held

Date and Time: Monday 10th September 7:30pm

Venue: Alva Baptist Church Hall

Attendees: Iain Craig (**IC**); Graham Burt (**GB**); Sandra Rees (**SR**) -Chairperson; Lynn Cameron (**LC**) - Vice Chairperson; Mary Dalrymple (**MD**); Gemma Waghorn (**GW**) and Anne Spruce (**AS**) - Treasurer.

Local Councillors: Martha Benny (**MB**) and Donald Balsillie (**DB**). **MOP's:** 8

Apologies: Linda Grieg (**LG**) - Secretary and Kirsty Ryles (**KR**).

Minutes of previous meeting: Proposed: **GB** and Seconded: **IC**

Matters arising from previous minutes: None

Local Police: Refer to separate report read by PC James Miller.

Chairperson (SR):

- 3 "applications" received for co-option positions onto ACC....Douglas Buck, Katherine Graham and Margaret Bringen
- Breach of Code of Conduct meeting will be held on a Wednesday evening to accommodate **all** community councillors.

Vice-Chairperson (LC): Advised all in attendance that an extremely kind gentleman handed in an envelope containing a £10 note to be put towards the upkeep of the hanging baskets flowers. Thank you to whoever the gentleman is. Gratefully appreciated.

Treasurer (AS): Treasurer's report- September 2018

Ordinary Account

Receipts

Clacks Council £350

Payments

USB sticks £22.99

Travel exp £9.45

Secretary exp £79.43

Games medals £36.90

Inf. Comm £40.00

CTSi accounting £50.00

TOTAL £238.77.

Balance at bank £1946.19

Special Events Account

Receipts

EDF grant	£2443.00
Bond return	£350.00
Comm grant	£500.00
Interest	£2.09
Balance b/f	£20678.35
Total	£23973.44

Payments

ADT	£1000.00
Clean up	£94.91
Gartunny	£404.00
Bridge Planters	£506.40
Gardening Equ	£339.03
Hoses	£11.73
Planter bases	£396.00
Bunting exp	£290.00
TOTAL	£3042.07

Balance at bank £20931.37

Ringfenced

Action Plan	£1630.40
Microgrants	£770.00
Lights	£6213.08

Conveners and Reps:

Data Protection (MD):

- ICO membership renewed till August 2019. Cost £40.00. Increased from £35.00 from last year.
- Receipt – Emailed to Anne for financial records. Certificate is now filed in the ACC cabinet.

Education (GW): Alva Academy's MacMillan Coffee Morning is being held on **Friday 29th September 2018** from **10am till 12 noon**.

- **MOP:** Additional Support Needs informed via Parents Councils. Ochil Youth Children's Initiative (OYCI) meeting was held at Alva Academy.

Environmental (LG) read by SR: Alva Games Secretary, Craig Dunbar (**CD**) spoke about the strip of land having been taken into the new development. This was discussed in-depth for quite a while. He will contact the Alloa Advertiser in order to have an article to highlight this ongoing situation put in. **MOP:** Concerned about drainage in the corner of the park. **CD:** Run off could get worse. **DB:** 1 ½ weeks ago Clacks council planning convener, Leah Robertson, advised extending the embankment at the new build. Council staked out the area under dispute in the park. Footpath and mature trees included within the retaining wall. ACC not consulted. Ogilvie to remove fence to the demarcation boundary. DB arranging a meeting with Clacks Council, ACC and Alva Games Committee.

ACTION POINT: **IC** (Planning Convener): Taking this up. Both Alloa Advertiser and Stirling Observer being notified. ACC supporting Alva Games.

IT/Web team (GB):

- Website Activity - has been moderate over the break with only a few posts as and when required, a mix of important news affecting the people of Alva and of requests by outside organisations.
- Facebook - has the most activity with 861 likes and 876 followers, so we are gradually creeping towards the 1000 mark. This represents over 1/6th of the population of Alva (4,960); therefore this tends to be the most popular means of communication and I think it will remain so for the foreseeable future.
- Twitter - use is minimal, however I have picked up some useful news from Alva Academy and First Bus recently and shared it via the website, which then in turn automatically posts on Facebook and Twitter.

Planning/Licensing Application (IC):

Applications as follows:

- 29 Tory Drive alteration to dwelling house to remove load bearing wall and form new partition wall.
- 14 Keir Hardie Road alteration to change conservatory roof to tiled roof.
- 32 Ochil Road alteration to form new entrance/hallway.
- 38 Parkgate alterations extension change of use to form house.

Further to correspondence with Keith Johnston from Clacks Council planning department, an application for a shed at Alva gardens has been moved to a different location (side of the house) and it will be landscaped. There shouldn't be a problem with traffic as it is a private use only not business.

JCCF – Joint Community Council Forum Rep (MD):

- Training budget for all 9 CC's has been cut from £2000.00 to £600 which equates to £66.66 per CC. **MD** asked if the admin grant would be increased in lieu of this. No answer as yet. Progress chased – still no answer. £400 or £600, depending on the population of the town, is awarded to CC's.
- Complaints Procedure – model only was discussed and is not set in stone.
- **LG** had asked **MD** to find out the cost to CC's for using public spaces for their individual events. Some did not get charged whilst a couple did including Alva.

PPF –Public Partnership Forum Rep (GW): Community Pharmacy Services

- 35 Local GP's covering Forth Valley
- 70% are over the age of 50
- 76 Pharmacies in Forth Valley and 6 have Mental Health Nurses
- Next PPF meeting: Wednesday 14th November 2018 in Sauchie Community Hall, 6:30pm till 9pm.

Sub Groups – Events (LC):

- Xmas Fayre – Cochrane Hall, Saturday 17th November 2018 from 12noon till 3pm.
- Xmas lights to be put on trees at either end of Alva.

Steering Group including CAPlan (SR) made up of 6 CC's and 3 Mop's.

- Alva CAP/Library planned moving date sometime in October 2018
- Alva CC meetings proposing to be held in the community meeting space.
- Small town initiative discussed again. Refer to June's minutes as it is the same topics.
- Proposed 6 parking spaces at the jewellers and bus stop being relocated is a suggestion.
- 3 new crossings being proposed by Clacks Council and they are as follows: Queen Street; the vennel at the fishmongers and Brook Street.
- **GB** mentioned that the work cost maybe taken out of the budget from the main street to be used for Brook Street upgrade.
- Seats and trees could be located along the main street.

Local Councillors:

(DB):

- Clacks Council has to save £32m over the next 3years.
- Nikki Bridle is the new CEO and there are 3 heads of Services as follows: Garry Dallas; Stuart Crickmar. Third position not yet been filled.
- Alva £750K – Cochrane Crescent, Park Gates and Connaughton Place. Meeting of Place Committee taking place on Thursday 13th September 2018.
- Clacks Council is removing the charge for children's burial.
- Budget – 5 year timescale.
- Cycle route from Alva to Fishcross. Sustrans funding this.

- Streetscape - £550k + £100k to upgrade the priority areas.
- Capital Budget – Staff salary cost – project cost. £550k designs costs included.

SR asked if ACC could have a breakdown of costs.

DB: £0.5m jointly from Sustrans and Clacks Council. Parking problem. 2005 car parking proposal. This cost Clacks Council £70k for this outsourced independent company to carry out. £97k Alva Glen enhancements. **GB** asked about burn overgrowth. **MOP** stated that work had been completed.

(MB):

- Advised that the People and Place committee was in operation. New committees are important.
- New lollypop man is permanent at Alva Primary School and so far he is doing a very good job.
- **MOP** enquired about the path to the bridge to the school. Clacks Council have no issues about this. Jane Rough – not in attendance and Brian Forbes has not commented. Local councillors to raise at the next Steering Group (CAPlan) meeting on Wednesday night 12th September 2018.
- **MOP** asked re: City Deal Commissioner.
DB mentioned Jacobs collating information. Refer to June's minutes for more information. Digital district – Broadband and IT upgrade?
- **MB** mentioned tourism.
- **DB:** Scottish Land Fund via TSI (Third Sector Interface)

AOCB:

- Alva Development Trust (ADT) will have meeting with Clacks Council lawyer on 1st October 2018 when the ownership Cochrane Hall is transferred to the group. ADT now has charitable status and insurance is in place. There are new terms and conditions of use. Park to be paid separately. **MOP** enquired re: dog training. That is still ongoing. Lots of volunteers still needed.
- **MOP:** advised that the bus numbers 51 & 52, do not go through the University any more until further notice. **GB** advised that the new timetable is on the ACC's website and Facebook. However, not everyone is digitally savvy.
- **MOP:** Their daughter is "braving the shave" but will only have 12 inches chopped off for MacMillan Nurses.

Next meeting is on 8th October 2018 at 7pm including the AGM

Everyone was thanked for coming.

Meeting adjourned @ 21:41

Minutes produced by Mary Dalrymple

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 or 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 18th August 2018 at The Nebit, Alva, a female was reported from threatening and abusive behaviour.
- On 21st 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 21st August 2018 at Caroline Crescent, Alva, a female was arrested and appeared from custody for threatening and abusive behaviour towards police officers.
- On 28th August 2018 at The Nebit, Alva, the same female was found to have breached her bail conditions and was arrested for same.
- On 7th 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 7th September 2018, 2 females were found in possession of controlled drugs at the Woodland Park, Alva. Both were issued Recorded Police Warnings.
- On 9th 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 15th to 16th 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 18th 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 14th 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 16th 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 17th 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 17th 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 26th 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 14th 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 9th 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

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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 7th 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