

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 12th November 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	Katherine Graham	KG
Margaret Breingen	MB		
Community Councillors in attendance – LC SR AS IC GB GW KG Minutes – Katherine Graham			

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) X 8

Elected Councillors –Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	Apologies Linda Greig, Margaret Breingen	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed by Graham, seconded by Anne.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – September minutes were amended for Treasurers report proposed by Iain and seconded by Lynn. Confirmed that the minutes would still be available in the Library.	
6	Police Report – PC Dawn Grant - Community Police Officer Report Attached PC Grant informed the meeting that there have been Parking Tickets issued around the school for incorrect use of disabled spaces and parking on the pavements etc. Vans parking at Nethergate are unfortunately not a police matter.	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chairperson report – Suspension of a Community Councillor As intimated last month there was a meeting of Community Councillors on	

	<p>Wed 17 October to discuss Internal Communications from Community Councillor, Mary Dalrymple. This was attended by Lynn Cameron, Sandra Rees, Anne Spruce (left early as unwell) Iain Craig, Graham Burt and Katherine Graham. Apologies were received from Mary Dalrymple and Linda Grieg.</p> <p>On 4 October Mary confirmed she could attend and the venue was booked. On 13 October Mary advised she may be late or not attend. The meeting went ahead as it had been previously agreed it was imperative that this meeting proceed with those who can attend.</p> <p>At the meeting on 17 October it was unanimously agreed that, in accordance with our adopted Standing Orders and due to repeated breaches of the Code of Conduct, Mary Dalrymple will be given a 6 month suspension from Alva Community Council with effect from 9 November 2018. Mary was removed immediately from all ACC emailing lists. This will allow Community Council members to proceed with business in an efficient and professional manner.</p> <p>In order to remain an active community councillor after suspension Mary is required to issue a formal, written apology acknowledging previous failure to comply with the codes and accepted protocols of Alva Community Council, and to sign a form to agree to abide by all conditions outlined in the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct in future. At the end of 6 months we will write to invite Mary to return to the meetings providing all of the above stipulations have been met.</p> <p>Lynn sent a letter, dated 20 October, to Mary Dalrymple advising her of the decision and that during the period of suspension any communication with or for the Community Council should be delivered to Alva Community Access Point for the Community Council folder.</p> <p>(All serving Alva Community Councillors are now required to sign the aforementioned form in order to continue their service)</p> <p>On 24 October Lynn had a letter from Mary delivered to her shop in Alva town centre listing various demands including copies of the offending emails she had sent to fellow Community Councillors, the letter said she would return to the shop at 11am on Friday 26 October to collect them. When she called at the shop Lynn's husband advised there was not a package for her. There have been no further communications from Mary.</p>	<p>LC</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>Email from SP Energy Networks regarding payment for the usage of the Alva Christmas lights was received on Thursday 8th of November. On investigation by Cllr Balsillie it was confirmed that it had been a misunderstanding by SP Energy Networks and the email should not have been sent.</p> <p>Alva CC has agreed to retain the letterhead that we use currently.</p> <p>ACC wrote to First Midland on behalf of members of the community regarding changes to the First bus service to and from Alva, we also raised concern regarding there being no link now to Stirling University by public transport from Alva. There has been no reply as yet however there is an invite for members of the community to attend Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association's meeting on Tuesday November 13th at CTSI Burgh Mews Alloa 10.00 am till noon. Member of the community advised that the person that should be contacted is Mr David Phillips at the Caresmuir Address.</p>	

<p>7.3</p>	<p>Treasurer Report - Anne</p> <p>Treasurer's Report- November 2018</p> <p>Ordinary Account</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Poppy Wreath</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£34.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1912.19</td> </tr> </table> <p>Special Events Account</p> <p>Expenditure</p> <p>2 Trail Cameras and memory sticks £166.50</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20,774.87</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ringfenced</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Action Plan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1630.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Micro grants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£770.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£6213.08</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planters etc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£878.16</td> </tr> </table>	Poppy Wreath	£34.00	Balance	£1912.19	Balance	£20,774.87	Action Plan	£1630.40	Micro grants	£770.00	Lights	£6213.08	Planters etc	£878.16	<p>AS</p>
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<p>8</p>	<p>Convenor Reports</p>															
<p>8.1</p>	<p>Micro Grant Applications – Iain Craig</p> <p>Alva Academy S3 pupils have requested £250 to use as a start up for an Annual Christmas Market this money would only be required once as this will be the minimum that is held in funding.</p> <p>The other request for a Micro Grant will be discussed at the next EDF meeting as there is some clarification required around the EDF guidelines.</p>	<p>LG</p>														
<p>8.2</p>	<p>Planning & Licensing Applications – Iain Craig</p> <p>Application 17 James Street to demolish existing rear extension, single storey extension to the rear and alterations to dormer at the rear and installation of Roof lights front and rear has been approved.</p> <p>Application 21 Grodwell Drive to change Doorways, as built drain line and change to wall construction.</p> <p>Application 20 Cleuch Drive alterations to extend dwelling and create open plan kitchen/diner and entrance.</p> <p>Application The Broich alterations to dwelling house to create open plan kitchen/dinning room and form utility room.</p> <p>Application Ceteris (Scotland) Ltd, Alloa Business to erect a two storey Link Corridor between Units 9 and 10.</p>															

	<p>There was some discussion regarding the site of the former Alva Glen but there has been no further contact from the Gean Developments Lawyers.</p> <p>The Berryfield site will probably start next year and could take up to 5 years to complete.</p>	
8.3	<p>IT Report – Graham Burt</p> <p>Website Activity has quiet with just 4 posts since last meeting. Posts were a Council Planning Newsletter, Christmas Fayre, details of the CAP moving to Alva Primary School and a CTSI News share about a Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association tomorrow morning.</p> <p>Facebook as always, these days has the most activity with 918 likes up 42 from last month and 934 followers, up 43 from last month so we are still continuing to reach more and more people with this platform. We currently have a £10 paid ad for the Christmas Fayre running on Facebook for the first time. At 6pm tonight we have spent £5.45 of the £10. The reach is 770 people, 24 Post Engagements and 7 Link Clicks which personally for such a small area think it has been worthwhile so far.</p> <p>Internally we still have 3 ACC specific email addresses to be setup and I would like these completed as soon as possible please so if any assistance is needed please ask. I've not come up with any solution for Sandra's yet unfortunately.</p>	GB
8.4	<p>Education – Gemma Waghorn</p> <p>Gemma is still awaiting a meeting with the Head Teacher for Alva Primary School. Consultation required as there is still an issue regarding deferring primary school if birthdays at the beginning of the year i.e. January.</p> <p>MOP – Sheona Craig</p> <p>Sheona Informed us of a meeting on the 22nd December at the Inchyra Hotel for DYW (Developing Young Workforce) where Businesses and Educators would be available to offer guidance and advice.</p>	GW
9	<p>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</p> <p>Christmas Fayre Saturday 17th November 12 noon till 3 pm.</p> <p>Christmas Lights will be switched on Saturday 17th November.</p> <p>The Bridge Planters will be put out after the Christmas Fayre.</p>	
10	<p>Community Action Plan – Sandra Rees</p> <p>The CAPlan Group comprises the following members;</p> <p>Community Councillors</p> <p>Sandra Rees (Coordinator), Lynn Cameron, Linda Greig, Anne Spruce, Iain Craig, Graham Burt & Katherine Graham</p> <p>Members of Public</p> <p>Sheona Craig, Donald Balsillie, David Fraser & Martha Benny.</p>	

	<p>1. Alva Community Access Point (CAP/Library) – Relocation to Alva Primary School</p> <p>Alva CAP is due to relocate to the Primary School at the end of November. This morning Sandra asked Eileen Turnbull at Clacks Council if the venue will be ready for the next ACC meeting on Mon 10 December. Eileen has asked Brian Forbes to reply as he manages Customer Services and bookings but he hasn't responded yet. Therefore we don't yet know if the next meeting is in the hall at Alva Baptist Hall or the new CAP at the Primary School. We will put posters up etc to let people know.</p> <p>2. Village and Small Town Initiative (VSTI) – Alva Streetscape Improvements</p> <p>There is no update on VSTI. The last meeting was on 12 September and draft minutes are available. On 26 Oct Lesley Baillie advised that <i>'work is ongoing and Gary is in the process of working up costings, amending the options and researching resources for 3-D visual presentation of the options, as agreed at the meeting on the 12th I will find out from him what the timescale for this is and get back to you'</i></p> <p>Lesley asked for a reminder of the suggestion that ACC knows someone who could help with the 3D. Sandra will speak to Iain then advise Lesley</p> <p>3. CCTV for Outdoor Gym</p> <p>We have now purchased Trail cameras. Graham and Iain will make arrangements to fit in the next few weeks.</p> <p>Member of the public approached Graham regarding a person urinating in the car park. There was also reports of the emptying of chemical toilets from mobile homes/caravans and fly tipping. The CC have advised that there will be signs erected by the Council stating "No Overnight Parking".</p> <p>There was also a discussion about the new location for the Notice board it was agreed that the Primary School would not be appropriate and a position of the Main Street would be preferable. No decision has been made as yet.</p> <p>Sandra Rees will request updates from Craig Dunbar (Alva Games Secretary) regarding the issues with The Johnstone Park.</p>	SR
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie – £17 million has been allocated over 3 years by Clackmannanshire Council for the Strategic Housing Improvement Plan (SHIP). This sets out policy framework for affordable homes in Clackmannanshire.</p> <p>Kingdom Homes are in discussion with the owner of the Alva Glen site with a view to purchasing the completed units for social rent. There is current planning permission for 11 units but this could be reduced to 8.</p> <p>Glentanna is owned by Clackmannanshire Council and has been declared surplus. There is potential to have affordable housing on the site in future.</p> <p>£200,000 has been given to Clackmannanshire Council from Allanwater Homes who have a planning application in for 95 houses at the Berryfield site. This is instead of providing affordable homes at the site. Clackmannanshire Council will use it towards housing at the former Glen Hotel site and</p>	

	<p>Glentanna site.</p> <p>Member of the public stated that the former Alva Glen would be an ideal site for homes for older folk.</p> <p>CLlr Balsillie said that it can be difficult for the Council to get a Building Company to take on projects in Alva as the house prices tend to be lower.</p> <p>SEPA still have objections about the Berryfield site regarding the Flood Plain.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council have requested that Allanwater Homes look for further traffic calming solutions to combat road speed and increase safety at the Berryfield Site.</p>	
12	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Sandra confirmed that there has been a Defibrillator installed on the wall at the Parish Church and if it is required call 999 and the operator will give you the code to open the box.</p> <p>It is with sadness that ACC acknowledge the death of Margaret Ross who was a frequent attendee of the ACC meetings and our thoughts are with her family and friends at this time.</p>	

Next Ordinary Meeting

December 10th 2018 7.00pm CC's 7.30pm Public Meeting

APPENDIX 1
POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

12/11/2018

INTRODUCTION

I am Police Constable 1046 Dawn Grant, one of two Community Policing officers for the area stationed at Alloa Police Office, the other is Police Constable 247 James Miller. 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 15 crimes in Alva recorded by Police Scotland. There are currently 6 detected crimes and 9 undetected crimes, some of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 5 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, they are as follows;

- On 16th October 2018, at a flat in The Nebit, Alva, a drunk male attended at his neighbour's door, and after being denied access, he barged into the flat. The male was traced and charged soon after and issued with a recorded warning.
- On 25th October 2018, at The Nebit, Alva, a female breached her bail conditions. She was arrested at the time and held in police custody to appear at court the next lawful day.
- On 7th November 2018, at The Nebit, Alva, a female breached her bail conditions. She was arrested at the time and held in police custody to appear at court the next day.
- On 8th November 2018, at a house in Caroline Crescent, a female caused a disturbance by acting in a threatening and abusive manner. She was arrested at the time and held in police custody to appear at court the next day.
- On 9th November 2018, in the street at Viewfield Drive, a male was approached by another male known to him and was threatened with an offensive weapon. The suspect has been identified and efforts are ongoing to trace and charge him.

VANDALISM

There were 3 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area, they are as follows;

- Between 7th and 9th October 2018, at a property in Coblecrook Gardens, Alva, a front door was damaged and a window smashed. No entry was gained to the property, and enquiries are still on going to identify the person responsible.
- Between 15th and 16th October 2018, at a property in Erskine Street, Alva, a window was damaged on a parked car. No suspects have been identified, and there are no further positive lines of enquiry.
- On 28th October 2018, at a flat in Stirling Street, Alva, a group of youths damaged the front door to the flat. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the people responsible.

VIOLENCE

There were 2 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- On 21st October 2018, on Stirling Street, Alva, a female youth challenged another female youth who is known to her, to a fight. The youth assaulted the victim by pulling her hair and scratching her face. The youth responsible has been traced and charged.
- On 23rd October 2018 on The Nethergate, Alva, a male assaulted a female who is known to him, by throwing a juice can or similar at her and striking her with it. The suspect has been identified, and efforts are ongoing to trace and charge him.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were 3 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area, they were as follows;

- Between 9th and 16th October 2018, at a residential property in St Serf's Walk, Alva, someone has attempted to enter a garage. No entry was gained, and there are no further positive lines of enquiry.
- On 11th October 2018, at a commercial premises on Stirling Street, Alva, a male entered and stole food items. Efforts are ongoing to identify the suspect.
- On 7th November 2018, at a commercial premises on Stirling Street, Alva, male entered and stole food items. Efforts are ongoing to identify the suspect.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There were no recorded incidents relating to road traffic offences in the area since the last meeting.

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

On Thursday 8th November 2018, there was a UK wide “Day of Action Against Rural Crime”. Police officers across Clackmannanshire joined in, and carried out increased patrols of rural areas, and community officers have engaged with some who live in more rural parts of the community.

Rural crime includes;

- All types of theft involving vehicles, machinery, equipment, metal, fuel and livestock.
- Break-ins to farms, homes and business premises
- Vandalism to property and crops
- Crimes against livestock and other protected animals, including livestock worrying by dogs
- Illegal waste sites and dumping

Members of the community are encouraged to report any suspicious or unusual activity. This can be reported to police directly on 101, or Crimestoppers on 0800555111.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

PC Miller and PC Grant have continued efforts to encourage, educate and enforce considerate and safe parking in Alva, especially around the primary school.

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.

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