

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 10th December 2018

Venue: Alva Baptist Church

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

In Attendance: Members of Community 7 Elected Councillors – Cllr Benny Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions	
2	Apologies Graham & Margaret	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest – None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – approved - Sandra proposed seconded by Anne.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None	
6	<p>Police Report – Community Police Officer PC Dawn Grant Report Attached</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clackmannanshire council are to replace the double yellow lines at the top end of Queen Street in order to prevent illegal parking. Member of the community asked if anything could be done regarding work vans parking on the pavements on Brook Street. Police will watch out for this and would welcome registration numbers of offending vehicles. 	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	<p>Chairperson report – LC</p> <p>Venue for Alva Community Council Public Meetings Alva Community Council (ACC) are delighted to confirm that with effect from Mon 14 January 2019, our monthly public meetings will be held at the new Alva Community Access Point (CAP) at Alva Primary School. This result has not been without difficulty as on 15 November Sandra received an email from a Clacks Council officer saying that due to budget constraints there was no staff to facilitate our meetings at the new CAP. This came as a shock as ACC had been involved in the consultation of the project and Clacks Council even knocked a wall down at a cost of £25K to facilitate our meetings and we were looking forward to having a permanent place to meet. Following an exchange of email between the officer and Sandra, she sent an email to MSP Keith Brown on 25 November asking for assistance. The email thread had also been copied to Cllrs Balsillie, Clark, Lewis and Benny and</p>	

	<p>some, if not all, intervened on our behalf. Thanks to all. On 3 December Sandra received an email from the Council officer saying that he had found a solution whereby ACC can have their monthly meetings at Alva CAP and that this could proceed at no additional cost. Alva Community Council hopes to see you all at our new venue on Monday 14 January 2019.</p> <p>Many thanks, again, to Rev David Fraser for his hospitality over the last 4 years for allowing ACC to meet in the hall of Alva Baptist Church.</p> <p>A discussion took place about the name of the CAP, will it be Library @Alva or Alva Community Access Point and also are all the CAP's changing their names or just Alva. We will ask at the meeting on Monday 17/12/2018 when office bearers will meet to discuss the logistics of the new meeting venue.</p> <p>Sustrans Community Links Programme</p> <p>Cllr Dave Clark emailed Sandra to say he has been given commitment that the old railway line, west of Alva, will be cleared as a walkway by the Community Justice Team, date of commencement to be confirmed.</p> <p>Cllr Clark has also explored completing the link from Brook Street to Alva Academy using SUSTRANS resources. Cllrs have discussed the matter in the local plan and Cllr Clark would like ACC to confirm if they are on board?</p> <p>Refuse Calendar</p> <p>Clacks Council are not sending out a refuse calendar to each house as in previous years. Instead the calendar will be available online.</p> <p>Alva CC has a user friendly link available on their website which will send reminders to you for when you put out which bin. www.alvacomcommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	<p>LC SR AS LG</p>
<p>7.2</p>	<p>Secretary's Report - LG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACC Councilor Resignation Gemma Waghorn Tuesday 27th November 2018. Gemma was a Community Councillor with Alva CC for 5 years and was the youngest Community Councilor in Clackmannashire. Gemma has kindly offered to help with future events. Everyone present wished Gemma well in her future endeavors. • Co-opting New Community Councillors <p>The following information was overlooked in our September 2018 minutes. The information below has been confirmed by those in attendance at both September and December Ordinary meeting.</p> <p>At the June meeting of ACC it was agreed that Sandra would look over the summer at new co-option guidance sent by Leslie Baillie and circulate to others as appropriate with a view to advertising for applicants for the 3 vacancies.</p> <p>Co-option post was shared on ACC media, Alloa Advertiser, Stirling Observer as well as notices around Alva</p> <p>Closing date for applications was Mon 27 August 2018 and we had 3 applications.</p>	

	<p>VOTE An open vote was taken at the Ordinary Community Council meeting on 10th September 2018 by a show of hands of the elected members present at the meeting.</p> <p>Katherine, Margaret and Douglas were welcomed as Community Councillors.</p> <p>Douglas has since had a change of mind and resigned.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of street lights ACC received an email re the lack of Street Lights on Craighorn Road Lane. The lane seems to go from ST Serfs Walk to Craighorn lane. Linda asked if it would be feasible to have street lighting along the lane. Cllr Benny said she would look into this. • Christmas Lights Email from LB 13/11/2018 Providing information to the electricity supplier is a requirement and we do need to forward to Clacks Council without delay:- when your lights are going on when they are going off how many lights of each different wattage you are putting up and what the wattage is of each - or the total This will allow us to submit the relevant paperwork required to Clacks Council Electricity suppliers. Lynn will pass on the required info to Linda so enquiries can be made. • First Bus - ACC wrote to the network manager of First bus regarding the change of service provided in Alva and the implications this has had on the community. The reply from First bus says that due to continuing passenger reductions, that the new service matches the current demand. They also said that it was not possible to take other operators into account when constructing their timetable due to the interworking with Alloa and extension to Cowie, but they may consider this if making changes in the future. With regard to accessing Stirling university there would seem to be a local shuttle within the grounds but this may be for students. We will look into this. Any future enquiries regarding connections that Alva requires not covered by their commercial service, but have a social need, that we can discuss this with Stirling Council. 	<p>MB LG</p> <p>LC LG</p> <p>LG</p>
7.3	<p>Treasurer Report - AS</p> <p><u>Treasurers Report- December 2018</u></p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u> Admin expenses £6.55 Balance £1905.64</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u> Banked for fayre £1371.07 includes £374 float Interest £2.35</p> <p><u>Expenses</u> Fayre £543.31 Trail cam batteries etc £14.36 Lights £387.00 Alva Academy Micro. £250.00 Balance £19585.55</p>	

	<p>Ring fenced Micro grants £520.00 Lights £5825.48 Planters etc £863.80 Action Plan £1630.40</p>	
8	Convenor Reports	
8.1	<p>Environment - LG The Scottish Government is currently running a Public Consultation on the Strategic Environmental Assessment of Unconventional Oil and Gas / Fracking in Scotland. The Consultation deadline 18th December For a very modest fixed fee, Sir Crispin Agnew QC and Mothiur Rahman, (New Economy Law) have agreed to make representation to this consultation on behalf of Scottish Community Councils. We invite Community Councils to support this initiative in either or both of the following ways: 1) Become a signatory Community Council by providing a contact name and e-mail address. (<i>Already, signatory Community Councils to date have come from across the central belt, from Fife, from Edinburgh, from Falkirk</i>) 2) Make a donation towards the nominal fixed fee of £2000 for this legal representation. So far £805 has been raised through Community Councils and individual donations. If you or any of your members are able to donate towards the cost of the legal representation – no amount too small – please do so. Note however donations are not conditional for a Community Council’s inclusion as signatories.</p> <p>Alva CC has posted the consultation on our social media for anyone to take part in the consultation.</p> <p>Alva CC decided that we are not fully aware of what the community views are on fracking so for the moment we will not be adding the Community Council name to the list or making a donation.</p>	
8.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum – LC Meeting held on 15th November 2018, discussions included</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Policing Plan • Update on Community Safety Group activities • Rotation of Chair for 2019-2020 • Community council training budget - Reminder that the JCCF is looking for a response to letter sent in August. • Insurance 2019 – reminder to be circulated earlier for an earlier response from community councils to allow time for the paperwork to be concluded. • Complaints - Tullibody Cambus Glenochil used the complaints procedure to deal with a complaint about behaviour and were happy with how it worked; Alva successfully used amendments to Standing Orders / Code of Conduct to handle complaint about behaviour. • JCCF Purpose - Possible reasons for decreasing attendance and the need to know how community councils wish to use the Forum to get the best out of the time and effort were discussed. Comments and suggestions welcome. • JCCF use of Knowledge Hub - This online platform could facilitate online discussions, sharing of documents and information, and scheduling of community events. <p>Next meeting February 2019</p>	

8.3	Planning/Licensing - IC All local planning information can be found on Clackmannanshire Council https://www.clacks.gov.uk/	IC LG
8.4	Public Partnership health Forum – Representative still to be decided	ALL
8.5	Alva Health Centre Patient Group – KG Notes of the meeting held on Monday 20 th August 2018 in Alva Medical Practice. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Diabetes UK Update</u> BMcQ had completed four further update sessions in Alva and Tullibody since February and had attended a NHS Forth Valley meeting with GPs and PNs. A meeting with podiatrists had also been arranged for November 2018 • <u>Practice Updates</u> CB told the group of the latest changes in the practice: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ A new telephone system had just been installed. This should mean that phoning in and out of the practice should be easier. CB had increased the number of receptionists answering the telephones to help with the busiest times. ➢ We hoped to recruit Dr Zacheshigriva to join the medical team starting in November 2018. ➢ GDPR and access to Medical Records. There were new regulations which meant that patients could ask for a subject access request for their records and not be charged. • <u>Tullibody Healthy Living</u> Due to lack of funding it looked like THL would have to close. • <u>Open but Full status</u> Patients who wanted to register with the practice would now have to fill in an allocation form and be allocated to any practice in their area. The only patients who could register without being allocated were immediate relatives of existing patients. • <u>Future of Wart Clinics</u> CB noted that it was likely that the monthly wart clinics would stop. Medications were available from the pharmacy to treat warts and some were available under the Minor Ailments or Pharmacy First schemes. • Any other business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Patient Access System</u> – There were comments about the Patient Access system for booking appointments and ordering repeat medications. CB noted that the system was problematic and that the practice had no control over it. Patients who shared email addresses could not access it as it required a different email address for each user. • Date and time of next meeting The next meeting will be held on Monday 28th January 2019 at 7pm in Alva Health Centre. 	
8.6	Education – Due to a resignation Alva CC are without an education convener. Lynn asked Sheona, a member of the community who regularly updates us on education issues if she would continue to give updates. Sheona who attends our meetings regularly and is the Clackmannanshire representative for National Parent Forum for Scotland agreed to continue to do this and all Community Councillors present agreed that we appreciate Sheona’s knowledge and input at our meetings on this subject.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alva Academy is hosting a European market event on Wednesday 19th December 2018. 	
8.7	<p>Information Technology - GB</p> <p>Graham gave apologies, report read by Sandra. Website Activity has had 4 posts since last meeting. In November we posted info about the Scout Post and a share of an email from Scottish Water with advice on how to avoid burst pipes in the cold weather.</p> <p>This month so far, we posted information about The Scottish Government currently finalising its policy position on the development of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland, namely fracking, which invited feedback from the public via a link on the article. This was followed by a post containing information on how to apply for our own ACC Micro Grants.</p> <p>Facebook followers are up again with 934 likes which is up 16 from last month.</p> <p>The paid advert for the very successful Christmas Fayre was seen by 1347 people and had good engagement. It cost £10 so it was well worth it. In addition to the automatic posting of our website articles, old photos of the mills and other well-known landmarks in Alva from years gone by, are proving very popular as is the photos and videos taken by a local member of the community on his now infamous daily walks.</p> <p>It appears that our audience are not among the millions of Twitter lovers as Tweets are almost non-existent. I do however pick up an occasional piece of news on Twitter especially about Alva Academy who are ardent users of Twitter.</p> <p>We still have 3 ACC emails to be setup and again I would ask we work together to get these completed a.s.a.p so we are fully GDPR compliant.</p>	
8.8	<p>Micro Grants – LG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One grant awarded to Alva Academy for £250. This award is made for the purpose of organising and running a European market event within the school for the local community. One grant application turned down to an individual after much deliberation and advice taken from EDF. We have now got all the outstanding report forms from successful applicants, returning the report form is part of the terms and conditions of receiving the micro grant. Discussion took place regarding asking for photos from successful applicants on completion of their projects. We do ask for photos as part of the report but only some applicants provide photos. Photos we have received are used on Alva CC display board at appropriate events. 	
9	<p>Events update Alva Christmas Lights are now on, the Christmas Fayre was a success and Alva CC would like to thank all who donated to the Fayre and helped on the day. Hopefully we will get the bridge planters up over the coming weeks. Alva Fun Day is on 25th May 2019</p>	Volunteers

<p>10</p>	<p>Alva Community Action Plan - SR Village and Small Town Initiative (VSTI) – Alva Streetscape Improvements</p> <p>There is a CAPlan Group meeting on Wed 12 December with Council Officers: Gary Fraser and Alan Murray as well as Lesley Baillie</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We will be updated on opportunities for additional funding i.e. <p><i>One of the town centre options will gain the support of Sustrans and thus release the potential 50% funding that will allow junction improvements, footway resurfacing, parking rationalised, footway parking deterrent and streetscape enhancements.</i></p> <p><i>The Brook Street Primary School proposals also have in principle support from Sustrans who are very impressed with the level of community engagement as part of the process, and the detail on these plans may still evolve during the engagement process</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agree technical layout and elements of the project that go out to consultation. We will see draft plans showing the technical layout options. • Discuss ideas and agree how to go about informing and consulting the wider community 	<p>CAPlan group</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports</p> <p>Cllr Martha Benny discussed whether we should have no overnight parking signs at the Cochrane Hall car park. The signs are not legal and some camper van owners have been known to look after the area. It was decided to discuss this again if there were any issues raised.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie hopes that the CAPlan group will discuss with the community on how best to spend any funding available for the Alva Streetscape Improvements and that it is spent wisely.</p> <p>Cllr DB believes that the community will grow to like the new Library facilities. Cllr DB discussed how it may be in the future that Councils work together with the third sector and community groups which will mean having joined up services meeting the needs of local communities and delivering wider strategic objectives.</p> <p>The issue of our blue boxes and whether they will continue to be used is still under discussion.</p>	

Next Ordinary Meeting 14th January 2019

APPENDIX 1
POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
10/12/2018

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 12 crimes in Alva recorded by Police Scotland. There are currently 4 detected crimes and 8 undetected crimes, many 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 20th November 2018, a police found a car parked up, and one of the occupants within was found to be in possession of controlled drugs. The male was charged for the offence, and was eligible for a warning.
- On 21st November 2018, at Stirling Street, Alva, a male's dog has been out of control, and attacked another dog. The male then shouted threatening comments towards the witnesses. Enquires are ongoing to identify the male suspect and the dog involved.
- On 23rd November 2018, at an address in Johnstone Street, Alva, a male was found to be in possession of controlled drugs. The male was apprehended on another matter, and will be reported once the substances have been identified.
- On 28th November 2018, at an address in Dalmore Drive, Alva, a male attended at an address and shouted and swore at the occupants, and struck the door with a hammer. He has been identified and enquires are ongoing to trace and charge him for the offences.
- On 5th December 2018, within a flat at The Nebit, a female was arrested for breaching her bail conditions. She was held in police custody to appear at court the following day.

VANDALISM

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

- On 28th November 2018, at an address in The Nethergate, someone has smashed a flat window, by throwing a stone at it. No suspect has been identified at this stage.
- Overnight between 30th November and 1st December 2018, at The Green, Alva, a parked car was vandalised, and the front windscreen wipers were pulled outwards and the screen was damaged. Enquires are ongoing to identify the person responsible.

VIOLENCE

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

- On 16th November 2018, at Alva Academy one school pupil has assaulted another by punching and kicking him. The victim was left with minor injuries and the child responsible has been reported.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There was 1 recorded incident of acquisitive crime in the area, as follows;

- Overnight between 15th and 16th November 2018, a garden shed at The Nebit was forced open and items from within were stolen. Enquiries are still ongoing, in an effort to identify the suspect.

ROAD TRAFFIC

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

- On 23rd November 2018, police received a report that a male was leaving a licensed premises after drinking heavily and would be driving home. Police traced the vehicle at Brook Street, Alva, and the male driver was arrested for driving whilst over the alcohol limit. The male was reported to the procurator fiscal.
- On 23rd November 2018, at Johnstone Street, Alva, a male driver bumped into an unattended car whilst trying to park. The suspect failed to provide his details at the time and did not report the matter, so enquires are ongoing to identify and charge him.

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

Festive Drink/Drug Drive Campaign -

Police Scotland's festive drink/drug drive campaign started on Saturday 1st December 2018. This campaign aims to enforce legislation in place, reduce the occurrence of road traffic collisions and educate drivers.

Local police will be assisted by the roads policing unit, to target drivers on the roads within Clackmannanshire. This will include carrying out breath tests in the mornings, when drivers may still be over the legal limit from the night before.

Police would like to remind drivers to be aware of their alcohol consumption, if they plan the drive the following day.

Operation Christmas –

Community officers in Clackmannanshire will be carrying out increased patrols around the shopping areas in the county. This will include regular visits to Stirling Street, Alva, in an effort to deter acquisitive crimes.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

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.

Have a happy and safe Christmas from Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team.

FEEDBACK FROM MEETING