

Alva Community Council (ACC)
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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 14th January 2019

Venue: Alva Library

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

In Attendance: Members of Community (MOC) X 9

Elected Councillors – Cllr Balsillie

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions Lynn welcomed everyone to the first Alva Community Council meeting at the new Alva Library	
2	Apologies - None	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed Sandra Seconded Anne	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –	
6	Police Report No Police Officers in attendance.	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chairperson report – LC Clacks Council Budget Engagement Clacks Council will be £11m short in funding for 2019/20. They have made £43m in savings over the last 8 years and this year proposals include savings that will impact individuals and communities. The aim is to save at least 20% of current expenditure to ensure financial sustainability. Discussion followed about the proposed savings including;	

Alloa Leisure Bowl

Cease contract from October 2019 to save £273,000 – this could result in closure of the centre.

Community Groups & Voluntary Sector includes;

Cease funding to Community Councils – it was confirmed that this refers to the admin grant and not provision of a meeting place.

Cease funding to the food bank and soup pot.

Cease grants to OAP groups which support individuals to attend at Christmas lunch, trips etc

Reduce the annual grants to Devonvale, Clackmannan and Coalsnaughton Village Halls over a two year period.

Schools

Consult on the closure of Coalsnaughton and Fishcross Primary schools.

Reduce secondary school pupil week from 27.5 hours to 25 hours. This would result in pupils being able to study fewer subjects at SQA level and may also impact on pupil attainment.

Environment

Winter Maintenance - There would be a significant reduction in the length of paths gritted – estimated 80% reduction. Gritting would continue at shopping areas, primary schools & public buildings

Reduce grass cutting.

Bins - Introduce a permit scheme for those who wish to pay to continue to receive Brown Bin (Garden Waste) service from 2020. Food Bin Bags - stop providing bags for food waste caddies.

Colaborate with other Councils - deliver services such as roads, waste, cleaning, catering and environmental health by working with other councils to reduce overheads (figures represent initial estimates).

Please give Feedback to proposals

Please consider the information presented in the booklet and then go online to the Council's website www.clacks.gov.uk and tell them

- what impact will proposed savings have on you and your community
- are there any amendments or mitigations to the proposal we should consider

Deadline for responses is 5pm on Friday 1st February 2019.

Christmas Lights

	<p>Someone contacted Clacks Council via Social Media about Christmas Lights still being on. The problem is that most towns use the same company for putting lights up and down and ACC were in the queue, however, the Alva lights were taken down on 14 January.</p>																	
7.2	<p>Secretary's Report – LG</p> <p>Interim elections We were asked by Lesley Baillie if we would like to an interim election. It was decided that we would not do this now.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Community Transport Association Meets Tuesday February 19, 2019 CTSI Connect Centre, Burgh Mews, Alloa 10:00 - 12:00 am</p>																	
7.3	<p>Treasurer Report – AS</p> <p>Treasurer's report January 2019</p> <p>Ordinary Account</p> <p>Expenses</p> <table> <tr> <td>Equipment (filing Cabinet)</td> <td>77.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Donation, Alva Baptist</td> <td>160.00</td> </tr> </table> <p>Balance £1667.65</p> <p>Special Events Account</p> <p>Expenses</p> <table> <tr> <td>Christmas fayre (FB advert)</td> <td>10.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Compost, toys, raffle tickets</td> <td>130.49</td> </tr> </table> <p>Balance £19,445.06</p> <p>Ringfenced</p> <table> <tr> <td>Action Plan</td> <td>£1630.40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lights</td> <td>£5825.48</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microgrants</td> <td>£520.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Planters/trailer</td> <td>£841.52</td> </tr> </table>	Equipment (filing Cabinet)	77.99	Donation, Alva Baptist	160.00	Christmas fayre (FB advert)	10.00	Compost, toys, raffle tickets	130.49	Action Plan	£1630.40	Lights	£5825.48	Microgrants	£520.00	Planters/trailer	£841.52	
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8	Convenor Reports																	
8.1	<p>Environment - LG</p> <p>A family have been considering for some time what to do in memory of a late family member. They are looking to plant a small grove of native Scottish trees/plants perhaps in the glen or somewhere overlooking Alva. They were querying where to start in terms of contacting landowners for permission. I contacted AGHT for their thoughts and they are already liaising with the family. AGHT will inform us of any updates.</p>																	
8.2	Micro Grant Applications – LG																	

	<p>Alva Academy held their European Christmas market and it was a success. The event was part funded with an EDF micro grant issued by Alva CC.</p> <p>ACC have invited a group from the art department to perhaps have a stall at this year's Christmas Fayre. We will keep in touch with the school.</p>	LG
8.3	<p>Planning & Licensing Applications – IC</p> <p>138 West Stirling Street Proposed conversion of existing upper flats to 2 no, 2-bed maisonettes (1st floor right & 1st floor middle right)</p> <p>14 Keir Hardie Road Alterations to change conservatory roof to tiled roof</p> <p>67 Caroline Crescent Extension to dwelling house to create family room & WC</p> <p>138 West Stirling Street Proposed conversion of existing upper flats to 2 no, 2-bed maisonettes (1st floor left & 1st floor middle left)</p> <p>138 and 140 West Stirling Street Proposed conversion of existing upper flats to 2 no, 2-bed maisonettes (1st floor left & 1st floor middle left)</p> <p>14 Brookfield Place Extension to dwelling house to create family room</p> <p>Cochrane Park Cottage West Stirling Street Erection of rear extension & conversion of attic to form living accommodation</p> <p>2 Park gate Erection of wooden boundary fence (retrospective) & erection of freestanding garage to side of house</p> <p>25 Glebe Crescent ` Erection of double garage</p>	
8.4	<p>IT Report – GB</p> <p>Website Activity has had just 3 posts since last meeting including a Merry Christmas post to our followers so again it is Facebook that rules the roost and will probably do so for a long, long time to come.</p> <p>Facebook followers are up again slightly with 941 likes which is up 7 from last month so we continue to edge towards the 1000 mark which would be nice to see.</p> <p>Old pictures I sourced from a webmaster of another Facebook group, posted pictures of the Alva Woollen Mills back in their heyday.</p> <p>Also popular is photos and videos taken of the Ochil Hill's during regular walks by a local man whose a keen walker.</p> <p>The most popular was of the hand glider rescued by helicopter on Dumyat Hill that had many Alva residents wondering why the helicopter was searching the Ochil's nearby.</p> <p>Today I posted screenshots of the proposed budget cuts forthcoming by Clacks Council so it is a bit early to see what the response to that is going to be.</p> <p>A link to the online feedback form is provided in the post.</p> <p>We still have the same 3 ACC emails to be setup and again I would ask again that we work together to get these completed a.s.a.p so we are fully GDPR compliant.</p>	

8.5	<p>Alva Health Centre Patient Group – KG</p> <p>Next meeting January 28th</p>	KG
8.6	<p>Education – Update from Sheona Craig rep for Clacks national Parent Forum for Scotland</p> <p>Alva Academy are hoping to hold there Christmas European Market every two years.</p> <p>The School held their Christmas Concert.</p> <p>There is concern regarding the possible change for transport availability for pupils of Alva Academy re the Clackmannanshire budget consultation.</p>	
9	<p>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</p> <p>Alva CC Fun Day Date is Saturday May 25th, 2019 an events meeting will be in February.</p>	Events group
10	<p>Community Action Plan – SR Village and Small Town Initiative (VSTI) – Alva Regeneration Project</p> <p>There was a CAPlan Group meeting on 12/12/18 with officers from Clackmannanshire Council. <i>Notes of meeting attached to these minutes.</i></p> <p>The next CAPlan meeting will be on 23 January, 7pm, Alva Academy</p>	CAPlan Group
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Report</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie spoke positively about Alva retaining the library facility and confirmed that local business Scotcrest will be operating from the old library building.</p> <p>A member of the community asked what the future for the Glenntanna building was. DB informed us that the building currently leaks and that there will be discussions regarding the future of the land. It could be that the land is used for housing for all needs including adapted sheltered housing. If this is the way forward then Clackmannanshire Council would likely work with specialist housing associations.</p> <p>DB confirmed that teachers will get a pay rise funded by the Scottish Government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussion followed regarding the Clackmannanshire budget consultation and how people are worried about losing the hospital bus H1/H <p>The budget consultation closes at 5pm on Friday 1st February 2019.</p>	
12	<p>AOCB.... time did not allow for any other business. Members of the community were reminded that they could contact Alva CC via the email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk or leave information in the folder in the library if wishing to have items of business put on the agenda.</p>	

Next Ordinary Meeting - Monday February 11th, 2019 7.30pm

Appendix 1

Meeting notes Alva Regeneration Project

12th December 2018

Present: Alva Caplan Steering Group (SR -Chair, GB, LC, AS, IC, SC, KG, LG)

Elected Members : MB, DB

Officers: LB, AM, GF, GB

For Reference:

- On 13th September, 2018, the Council Place Committee approved :
 - a) the preparation of a traffic management/parking/streetscape enhancement scheme on the A91/Stirling Street for consultation.
 - b) the preparation of a roadwork scheme at Alva Primary School/relocated CAP (Brook Street) for consultation.
 - c) the preparation of a town centre/streetscape enhancement plan for Alva.
- **Project Scope:**
To improve pedestrian and road traffic management and relevant community priorities in the Alva CAPlan within the constraints of funding available and take advantage of wider opportunities to improve how it feels to live in and visit Alva.

		Action
Purpose of Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ To update on the opportunity identified for additional funding and what this means for the proposed options▪ To agree the preferred option▪ To discuss and agree the first steps for community consultation	
Preferred layout option 3	Layout in Option 3 is the preferred option. It satisfies the criteria for Sustrans funding which could double the amount of funding available to the whole Project and allow streetscaping which meets priorities in the Alva CAPlan.	
Factors and Considerations	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Releasing parking spaces being used all day will increase the availability of convenient parking without the need to create more parking spaces, so we should plan ahead on the basis enforcement will be possible in the future.<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Behaviour-changing Australian headlight rule. The solution is not always the obvious one!• Opportunity to make lanes more useable. Co-op has already indicated willing.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to engage business owners, especially front-serviced Stirling Street shops and Brook Street businesses • Need for position and design of crossings in Brook St element to accommodate variety of types of pedestrians and travel purposes • Effect of Stirling Street pavement changes on street-lighting • Funding for Project will be released in April 2019 	
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Wider community engagement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Place Standard tool useful in guiding consultees to think about more than just traffic aspects of streets; applicable also to eventual refresh of Alva CAPlan ▪ Small budget available for information day/s, publicity, visuals 	
Opportunities this Project presents for future consideration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Campus approach to pedestrian access to the academy and primary school ▪ Shop-front improvements ▪ Creation of cycle hub ▪ School credits for young people using Place Standard tool 	
Agreed	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Option 3 with agreed tweaks is the preferred option 2. Informal conversation with owners of lanes. Letter from Council to initiate. 3. Give nibs and crossings in Brook St element of the Project further examination, making it easiest for pedestrians walking to schools 4. Look at alternatives for improving street-lighting (technically and environmentally) 5. Place Standard tool to be used as part of consultation, linked from Citizenspace and at information day/s in the town. 6. Put local graphics expert and Council in touch to establish which sources of graphics can supply which visuals 7. Consider choice of venue (CAP, shop unit, Cochrane Hall)for information day/s in early February, engagement methods, advertising methods, spread the word and opportunity to other groups (meeting w/c 14th January) 	<p>AM</p> <p>GF</p> <p>AM ACAPlan & CC</p> <p>IC/GF</p> <p>ACAPlan</p>

	8. Investigate and suggest preferences for streetscape features such as paving and street furniture and identify existing features which should be removed.	ACAPlan
Next Steps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Next meeting w/c 21st January to finalise methods and arrangements for consultation. 	LB