

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

**Venue: Alva Library**

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

**In Attendance:**

**Members of Community (MOC) X 7**

**Elected Councillors –Cllr Martha Benny (Cllr MB)**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome, introductions and housekeeping</b> Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies</b> GB and SR	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest -</b> None	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting proposed by IC seconded by KG</b>	
<b>5</b>	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –none</b>	
<b>6</b>	<b>Police Report – PC James Millar - Community Police Officer</b>  Report Attached	
<b>7</b>	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<b>Chairperson report – Lynn Cameron</b>  <b>Information and invite from Alva Development Trust – Heritage Celebration Event 2019</b> 2019 marks the 90th anniversary of the Cochrane Hall’s opening. To commemorate this date, and to celebrate Alva’s rich heritage, the Alva Development Trust will be holding a two-day Heritage Celebration Event in November 2019.  Friday 29 November – Heritage Day The Heritage Day will take place in the Cochrane Hall, with multimedia exhibitions of Alva’s history. We hope Alva Community Council will be keen to participate. Some of the other groups who have been approached to participate at the event include:	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alva Glen Heritage Trust - confirmed</li> <li>• Alva Games - confirmed</li> <li>• Alva Co-op - confirmed</li> <li>• Alva Academy – been passed to Mr McDowall - Depute head Teacher for S5 &amp; S6</li> <li>• Alva Guides – confirmed</li> <li>• Alva Primary School</li> <li>• Alva Scouts</li> <li>• Alva Army Cadets</li> <li>• Alva Golf Club</li> <li>• Bowling Clubs</li> <li>• Alva’s churches and faith organisations</li> </ul> <p>Each group has been invited to showcase the history of their organisation in their chosen format – expect to see photographs and movies depicting Alva’s history, as well as dramatic, musical and spoken word performances!</p> <p>Alva Development Trust plans to exhibit the history of the Cochrane Hall, which was so generously gifted to the people of Alva in 1929 via a donation by the Cochrane brothers.</p> <p>We also plan to exhibit photographs and illustrations of the old Alva Railway from 1923, the Silver Mine circa 1715 as well as the many woollen mills which used to populate the town. We have some footage of Alva from the 1940s that we plan to show on the large TV screens in the hall.</p> <p>ADT are looking for any photographs, newspaper clippings etc of Alva from 1929 onwards. (Great care will be taken). Sandra will ask Ian Anderson who we know has loads.</p> <p>Saturday 30 November – St Andrews Day Ceilidh</p> <p>We will invite the community to celebrate with us as we hold a family Ceilidh with, music from the Jack Delany Band. Tickets will go on sale later in the year.</p> <p>Each exhibit at the Heritage Day on Friday 29th November will be given 2 complimentary tickets for the Ceilidh.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alva CC will discuss if they wish to participate and how, some research will need to be done. SR will be an organiser for ADT so will not be available for ACC contributions</li> </ul>	ALL
7.2	<p><b>Secretary’s Report – Linda Greig</b></p> <p>ACC members are in the process of reviewing and signing ACC policies.</p>	ALL
7.3	<p><b>Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce</b></p> <p><u>Ordinary Account</u></p> <p>Income</p> <p>Reimbursement of Alva Baptist donation £160.00</p> <p>Balance of Admin grant £250.00</p> <p>Balance £2077.65</p>	

	<p><u>Special Events Account</u></p> <p>Income</p> <p>Light collection boxes                      £159.49</p> <p>Interest    £2.57</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p>Trailer    £750.00</p> <p>Balance     £18857.12</p> <p><u>Ring fenced</u></p> <p>Action Plan                                        £1630.40</p> <p>Lights     £5984.97</p> <p>Microgrants                                        £520.00</p> <p>Planters etc                                         £91.52</p> <p>Linda commented that using facebook to thank those who have donated to the Christmas lights using the collection boxes was a good thing as it has raised awareness of the locations of the boxes and shows our appreciation.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Convenor Reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing Applications – Iain Craig</b></p> <p>144 Brook Street      Installation of Rooflights, Installation/Enlargment of Windows and Internal Alterations</p> <p>138 West Stirling Street      Alterations and Conversion Of 2 Flats To Form 1 Flatted Dwelling With Attic Dormer Extension (passed)</p> <p>Land to South East Stirling Street      Erection Of 95 Houses With Associated Infrastructure And Landscaping (passed)</p> <p>38 Erskine Street      Alterations to Dwelling house to Partially Remove Loadbearing Wall between Lounge &amp; Kitchen (passed)</p> <p>Alva House Gardens      Erection of shed (passed)</p> <p>The Arns Back Road      Alterations to Dwelling house to Change Conservatory Roof to Solid Roof</p> <p>Flats 1 To 5 Strude Mill      Installation of Replacement Front And Rear External Doors</p> <p>140 West Stirling Street      Change of Use and Alterations To Vacant Shop Unit to Form 1 Flat (passed)</p> <p>138 west Stirling street      Proposed Conversion of Existing Upper Flats to 2, 2-Bed Maisonettes (First Floor Right &amp; First Floor Middle Right + left sides) (passed)</p> <p>Cairn 183 West Stirling      Alterations to Licenced Premises</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ACC discussed and decided that from tonight we will no longer include general planning applications in our minutes. We will only include planning and licencing applications that are of interest to the wider local community.</li> </ul> <p>All local planning applications can be seen by visiting Clackmannanshire Council website <a href="https://www.clacks.gov.uk/">https://www.clacks.gov.uk/</a></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cllr MB reported she is trying for affordable housing at the former Alva Glen Hotel site.</li> </ul>	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>IT Report – Graham Burt</b> Graham gave apologies.	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Education – Sheona Craig</b> Clackmannanshire rep for National Parent Forum for Scotland Sheona sent the following report <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Currently progress being made with the choices going into years S3 &amp; S4. Scottish Government currently have consultation in place looking at subject choices. Follow the link for more info  <a href="https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/110962.aspx">https://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/110962.aspx</a></li> </ul>	
<b>9</b>	<b>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</b> Alva community Council Funday is on Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2019. Events meeting is on Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> February. LC will book the snug at No 5.	Events group LC
<b>10</b>	<b>Community Action Plan – Sandra Rees</b> The CAPLan Group comprises the following members; Community Councillors Sandra Rees (Coordinator), Lynn Cameron, Linda Greig, Anne Spruce, Iain Craig, Graham Burt, Katherine Graham and Margaret Breingan. Members of Public Sheona Craig, Donald Balsillie, David Fraser & Martha Benny. Village and Small-Town Initiative (VSTI) – Alva Regeneration Project There was a CAPLan Group meeting on 23/01/18 with officers from Clackmannanshire Council. Notes of meeting attached to these minutes. The next CAPLan meeting will be on 18 February, 7pm, Alva Academy. The main (only) item on the agenda is the Alva Regeneration of the town centre / Brook Street. The public consultation will take place in the former fruit shop (adjacent to Flowers by Arrangement)  Thurs 21 Feb            11am to 4pm 6pm to 8pm  Fri 22 Feb            11am to 4pm 6pm to 8pm  Sat 23 Feb            10am to 4pm  A member of Clacks Council will be there at all times as will at least one or two members of ACC. Members of the public dropping-in will be asked to complete a 'Place Standard' booklet which asks them how they rate various aspects of the town as it currently is as well as giving thoughts, on separate comment cards, about the proposed alterations to the town centre as well as Brook Street.	GB, LG, AS, DB, IC, MB, SR, LC

	<p>As well as the public we hope that Sustrans will be happy with the proposals as if, so they may give a significant boost to the £650k Clacks Council have for the project.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Alva Community Council have stated categorically that if there is no Sustrans money the £650k should be spent on the town centre, in keeping with the CAPlan Report, and not Brook Street.</b></li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place about advertising the drop-in sessions. Linda will email Sandra regarding info going on social media and perhaps the paper. Sheona reported that Alva Academy are willing to advertise the sessions.</p>	<p>LG SR</p>
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillors Report</b></p> <p>Cllr MB reported that the discussions for the reduced school hours are ongoing.</p> <p>A member of the community asked if the schools could accommodate new pupils with regard to new housing development. MB confirmed when asked that there is plenty room for more pupils in both schools at present.</p> <p>LG asked if there were any updates on the feasibility of lights for Craighorne Lane Alva, a request made by a local resident. Martha explained there is no money at present, but enquiries could be made regarding any links with Craighorne Lane and other cycle paths. LG will feed back to local resident.</p> <p>Cllr MB confirmed that the former Ochil community garden has been sold.</p>	<p>LG</p>
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p><b>Alva Medical Practice Patient Group – Kathrine Graham</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Diabetes UK Update</li> </ul> <p>BMcQ had completed two further update sessions in Alva and Tullibody since the last meeting and had made 22 contacts. He had also attended a meeting with the Podiatrists at NHS Forth Valley.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Practice Updates</li> </ul> <p>CB told the group of the latest changes in the practice:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr Collier was giving up her regular day in the Practice at the end of February. However, we would be getting lots of new faces; Dr Zach was now working with us 2 days a week, Dr Williams would be here on a Wednesday from 6th February and we would also have a new Specialist trainee Dr Novani who would be with us full time from February for 6 months.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Dr Hay explained that two ANPs working with the practice were still to complete their training. The locality were also going to supply another ANP to us on a regular basis. He noted that due to the lack of doctors the way that practices all over the country were working would change as more professionals came into the mix to help us cope without GPs. Alva had two mental health nurses working most days and also two pharmacists who were going to do clinics reviewing medication such as HRT and pain medication.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Carol asked if there was any feedback on the appointments system or the telephone message. No-one present had any issues and knew how to bypass the message by pressing 1. However, one member noted that a relative of hers had not received a call back when they had been promised it. CB offered to investigate if she was given the details.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tullibody Healthy Centre</li> </ul> <p>It was nearly a year since the practice had been promised an extra consulting room in Tullibody and to date no work had started. CB had contacted Estates that morning and had been promised a start date soon. The Patients' Group voiced their considerable concern about the lack of progress with this provision and will continue to support the Practice in its' discussions with FV Health Board. Given the inordinate delay the Chair is considering writing to the appropriate Department, seeking clarity on timescales.</p> <p>Any other business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input type="checkbox"/> The wart clinics would continue for the present</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> Tullibody Healthy Living was now closed although it was thought that the Singing group and the Community Garden were still functioning with volunteers. BMc to visit the garden next week. All agreed it was a great initiative and it would be a loss to the community.</li> <li><input type="checkbox"/> CTSI information sheet for the Hillfoots had not been produced. BMc had chased this up and hopefully printed copies would be sent to the practice at some point in the next week.</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting will be held on Monday 29th April 2019 at 7pm in Alva Health Centre.</p> <p><b>EDF Funding</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LC will make some posters to advertise the EDF funding that is available for Alva.</li> </ul> <p>Sheona included in her report that the head of business has provided pictures etc for the published report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LG will send EDF the report re micro grants.</li> </ul> <p>Member of community (MOC) asked if there was going to be any provisions of public toilets in Alva. There are no plans at present</p> <p>MOC asked if there will be a sign for the new library. LG was informed the signs are on order.</p> <p>MOC asked if the former CAP building was being rented out as he was led to believe the building was to be sold. Cllr MB confirmed the Glentanna building is no longer fit for purpose and the former CAP building is being rented out.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the future of the Glentanna site. There are no definite plans now but there is a possibility of the area being developed for adaptable housing in the future.</p> <p>A representative from the Alva Games committee will find out if there are any updates on the embankment at Johnstone park.</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>LG</p>
<b>NOTE</b>	<p>Members of the community are reminded that they can contact Alva CC via the email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> or leave information in the folder in the library if wishing to have items of business put on the agenda.</p>	

**APPENDIX 1**  
**POLICE REPORT**

**ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11/02/2019**

**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 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 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area, they are as follows;

- On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019, a female was found in possession of controlled drugs within a vehicle at the Woodland Park, Alva. The substances will be sent for forensic examination and a report may be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.
- On 5<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Brook Street, Alva, a male was reported to have breached a non-harassment order. The incident was investigated by police but no person has been charged or reported at this time.
- On 6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at addresses in Alva and Menstrie, domestic incidents occurred resulting in a male being arrested for various offences including threatening or abusive behaviour.

**VANDALISM**

There were no recorded incidents of vandalism in the area.

## **VIOLENCE**

There were 5 recorded incidents of violence in the area, they are as follows;

- Between April 2018 and January 2019, a female reported being subjected to several domestic assaults, one of which occurred in an address in The Nebit, Alva. Efforts are continuing to trace the male responsible.
- Overnight from 11<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> January 2019, various incidents of disorder including an assault occurred between male associates at several addresses in Alva. Enquiries are still ongoing to fully investigate this disorder.
- On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 on a footpath near to Coblecrook Gardens, Alva, a male was subjected to a minor unprovoked assault by an unknown male. Efforts are ongoing to identify the male responsible.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at addresses in The Nebit and The Nethergate, Alva, domestic incidents occurred including an assault to injury. The suspect has been identified and is being sought by police.
- On 11<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at residential dwelling in Cobden Street, Alva, an incident occurred between family members resulting in a male being apprehended for assault with a knife.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were 2 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area, they were as follows;

- On 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a male stole a quantity of foodstuffs. Efforts are ongoing to identify the male responsible.
- On 30<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at West Johnstone Street, Alva, a male made off from a taxi having failed to pay for his fare. Efforts are ongoing to identify and trace the male responsible.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

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

- On 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at Greenhead, Alva, a female driver was stopped by police when driving her vehicle and found to have no insurance, road tax or MOT. The vehicle was seized and uplifted by police and the driver has been reported for various offences.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at Glebe Crescent, Alva, a male driver was found to be driving under the influence of alcohol and arrested. A report will be 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**

Campaign to target motorists flouting basic motoring rules -

Police Scotland will conduct a week long campaign targeting speeding motorists and those who still choose not to wear seat belts and those who continue to use their hand held mobile phones while driving. Community officers will participate in this campaign in a bid to improve the safety for all road users in our community.

Police Scotland along with most public sector organisations are carrying out preparations to address any issues raised by the forthcoming Brexit date on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

## **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.

Community officers will continue to address parking and driving issues in Alva including Alva Primary School and Stirling Street. Numerous tickets and warnings have been issued and will continue to be issued where appropriate.

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**