

**Minutes of Ordinary Meeting**

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 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		
Community Councillors in attendance – LC, LG, SR, AS, KG, IC, GB Minutes – LG			

**In Attendance:**

**Members of Community (MOC) X 8  
& David Lyon Housing Officer.**

**Elected Councillors – Cllr M Bennie, Cllr D Balsillie**

<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Minutes of Item Discussed</b>	<b>Action By</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b> Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting	
<b>2</b>	<b>Apologies - none</b>	
<b>3</b>	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest - none</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed IC Seconded KG</b>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anne confirmed that we have had our budget for this year and that there was no change to the amount.</li> <li>Notice board. - Alva CC emailed Clacks Customer Service Manager 03/05/2019 re our notice board perhaps going on the external library wall...no response yet</li> <li>Parent council. - Council representative is communicating with the parent council now re the bridge linking the car park to the nursery entrance at Alva Primary School and other matters.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion took place regarding ACC’s disappointment at the lack of response from some departments at Clacks Council when trying to organise community events. Cllr Balsillie would be disappointed if any event didn’t go ahead because of this and asked to be copied in too important correspondence.</p>	Events group
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Police Report – PC Dawn Grant - Community Police Officer</b></p> <p>Police were unable to attend - Report Attached read by KG</p>	

<b>7</b>	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
<b>7.1</b>	<p><b>Chairperson report – Lynn Cameron</b></p> <p><b>Alva Community Council Co-option of Community Councillor</b></p> <p>At the April meeting it was agreed ACC would co-opt one more Community Councillor. (We co-opted 3 in Sept 2018, but one co-opted councillor has since left) However there has been another resignation tonight (see Secretary report) so there is scope to co-opt two more. Anyone interested can email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> Alva Community council will publicise this co-option opportunity over the summer.</p> <p><b>Suspension of Community Councillor</b> - Mary Dalrymple has been suspended from Alva Community Council for 6 months. At the meeting on 17th October 2018 it was unanimously agreed that, in accordance with our adopted Standing Orders and due to repeated breaches of the Code of Conduct, Mary Dalrymple was given a 6-month suspension from Alva Community Council with effect from 9th November 2018. To remain an active community councillor after the six-month suspension Mary was 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 compliance form to agree to abide by all conditions outlined in the Standing Orders and Code of Conduct in future.</p> <p>Lynn wrote to Mary on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to remind Mary that her 6 monthly suspension would end on 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019. Lynn enclosed a second copy of all Alva Community Council documents and the compliance forms. Alva Community Council did not receive a formal written apology from Mary and the compliance form was signed by Mary, but Mary wrote on the compliance form that it was subject to change therefore, Mary did not sign to comply. Discussion followed regarding the terminology Mary uses to communicate with Community Councillors. Mary agreed that Lynn could read some terminology aloud, some community members and councillors expressed their dislike to what was being read out.</p> <p>Lynn asked community councillors to vote on whether Mary should be removed as an Alva Community Councillor, all community councillors agreed.</p>	
<b>7.2</b>	<p><b>Secretary’s Report – Linda Greig</b></p> <p><b>Resignation - Margaret</b> Breingan has this evening resigned from ACC due to personal reasons.</p> <p><b>Charging points</b> – ACC received an email/letter outlining the Councils proposals to introduce new electric vehicle infrastructure in the coming months. They are keen to try and get communities involved in identifying potential locations for charging points with a view to developing a policy with a list of projects to assist us in obtaining funding in the future.</p> <p>As you may already be aware there are several charging points already in the Clackmannanshire area. They are aiming to try to ensure all our communities can access charging infrastructure in the future, especially for those residents who do not have access to off-street parking. For some communities this is proving more difficult than others, therefore we are keen to seek the views of the local communities on where new infrastructure could and should be provided.</p> <p>ACC replied on 02/05/2019 - There are concerns regarding the sites identified at Cochrane Park and asked where exactly these sites are.</p> <p>In the future the nearby Glenntanna site will be developed and the car park people use to access the Cochrane Hall and Park for events including Alva</p>	

	<p>Games will be lost, so all parking spaces at the Cochrane Hall are an asset to the hall and park.  At a recent meeting, members of Alva CC discussed alternative potential locations for charging points in Alva. Two locations were suggested and are as follows</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the new Norton Street car park (a proposal by Clackmannanshire Council as part of improvements to Alva)</li> <li>• the Johnstone Park near the entrance to the hard standing.</li> </ul> <p>Alva has a huge issue with the lack of parking and we have two charging points on Cobden Street already, these don't seem to be utilized at present but have effectively taken away two valuable parking spaces in the town centre. There has been no response to date.</p> <p><b>Bench locations</b>...ACC have applied for funding from EDF for up to four benches along the leisure route from Alva to Tillicoultry. Up to four locations were pinpointed and sent to a council representative on 24/04/2019 and then again on 02/05/2019. There has been no response to date.</p> <p><b>Cobblecrook Lane</b> – A member of the community residing on Cobblecrook Lane has been in contact regarding himself and his neighbours not getting their bins collected at the house, but instead they must take them to the top of the lane at Cobblecrook Gardens. This can be difficult as there is no lighting as the Lane isn't adopted by the Council but lately, their collections of both the blue and green bins have been missed completely on several occasions. Currently, our green bin should have been collected last week, but is still waiting to be emptied and they are having to store full bin bags in the house. Cllr Balsillie said he would investigate this issue.</p>	DB																												
7.3	<p><b>Treasurer Report – Anne Spruce</b></p> <p><b>Ordinary Account</b></p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Consultation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Expenditure</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Consultation T/f to sp. Events</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Table</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£20.75</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>BALANCE</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£1990.30</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Special Events</b></p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Consultation</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£250.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microgrants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Interest</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2.33</td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Expenditure</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Insurance</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£100.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wrist bands</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£37.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Banners etc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£153.78</td> </tr> <tr> <td><b>BALANCE</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>£19825.50</b></td> </tr> </table> <p><b>Ring fenced</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Action Plan</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1776.11</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lights</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£5984.97</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Microgrants</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£2020.00</td> </tr> </table>	Consultation	£250.00	Consultation T/f to sp. Events	£250.00	Table	£20.75	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£1990.30</b>	Consultation	£250.00	Microgrants	£1500.00	Interest	£2.33	Insurance	£100.80	Wrist bands	£37.00	Banners etc	£153.78	<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>£19825.50</b>	Action Plan	£1776.11	Lights	£5984.97	Microgrants	£2020.00	
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8.1	<p><b>Environment – Linda Greig</b></p> <p>We have offered to post information for Alva Glen Development Trust on our Facebook after the fun day to support them to recruit volunteer committee members.</p>	LG GB
8.2	<p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing Applications – Iain Craig</b></p> <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> <p>Clackmannanshire Council Housing Officer David Lyon attended the meeting to discuss how to improve the living conditions “for all” around some areas in Alva. He suggested he might use door entry systems and CCTV cameras. Discussion took place about Craighorne Lane not having any lighting and a member of the community being attacked whilst on his way home. It was suggested that there be a holistic approach taken to offer support to residents. It was also suggested that harsher punishments could be given to those who affect others whilst breaking the law. The discussion ended with the suggestion that encouraging and supporting residents to feel part of the community and asking them what would work for them is probably the best first step.</p> <p>A representative from Alva Development Trust informed us of the Citizen Advice Bureau’s weekly drop in at Cochrane Hall Alva from Thursday June 6th 2pm till 4pm.</p>	
8.3	<p><b>IT Report – Graham Burt</b></p> <p>Once again, our website has seen very little activity other than the approved minutes of the March monthly meeting and the Fun Day. The annual licence for Wordfence, our website security software, was renewed at a cost of \$99 USD (approx. £74)</p> <p>Facebook, I posted the Fun Day in the Events Section of numerous Buy and Sell pages from all over Central Scotland as well as our own page. To date it has reached 8,500 people and 346 people responded. 34% of the audience are women between the age of 36 and 44.</p> <p>There were many other posts, too many to mention. One of the main post is that there will be another drop-in session for The Alva Regeneration Project to give feedback to members of the public. This is this on Sat 18 May from 10am to 3pm in former fruit shop, Stirling Street, Alva</p> <p>Our likes and followers have risen again. To date we have 1088 followers up 41 from 1047 and WHOOPEE!! we have now reached 1011 likes after I asked the public for more likes to take us to 1000 and we achieved an increase of 40 from 971.</p>	
8.4	<p><b>Education –</b></p>	
8.5	<p><b>Health – Katherine Graham</b></p> <p>Alva Patient Group held their Meeting on April 29<sup>th</sup> – meeting minutes will be available at June meeting.</p>	KG
8.6	<p><b>Micro Grants – Linda Greig</b></p> <p>ACC have had two micro grant applications. Alva Swifts and Wee County Crafters have both applied and met the criteria. All agreed to allocate micro grant funding to these groups which will help benefit the community.</p>	LG

	<p>The micro grants (up to £250) are made available to Alva CC from EDF Burnfoot Hill Community Fund. Application forms are available on Alva CC website <a href="http://www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> or email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a></p> <p>Hard copies are available from Alva Library 151 Brook St, Alva FK12 5AW.</p>	
<b>9</b>	<p><b>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</b></p> <p>Martha, Donald and a member of the community confirmed their availability to help marshal the parade on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> May. The parade will lead to the Cochrane Hall and Park for the Fun Day.</p> <p>Events group are meeting on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.</p>	Events group
<b>10</b>	<p><b>Community Action Plan – Sandra Rees</b></p> <p>The CAPlan Group comprises the following members;</p> <p>Community Councillors Sandra Rees (Coordinator), Lynn Cameron, Linda Greig, Anne Spruce, Iain Craig, Graham Burt &amp; Katherine Graham.</p> <p>Members of Public Sheona Craig, Donald Balsillie, David Fraser &amp; Martha Benny.</p> <p>Village and Small-Town Initiative (VSTI)</p> <p>Alva Regeneration Project</p> <p>There was a meeting of the CAPlan Group with Alan Murray, Team Leader, Traffic and Transportation and Gary Fraser, Roads Project Engineer, Clackmannanshire Council on 17/04/19. Lesley Baillie attended and took notes which are available to view tonight and will be an appendix to the minutes of this meeting.</p> <p>Following a very successful 3-day public consultation 21 to 23 Feb 2019 there will be another 1 day drop-in on Saturday 18 May, 10am to 3pm to give feed-back to the public. This will take place in the former fruit shop adjacent to Flowers by Arrangement in the town centre. Members of the CAPlan group and officers from Traffic &amp; Transportation and Planning Departments of Clackmannanshire Council will be in attendance to answer any questions.</p> <p>Relating documents are available to view tonight and will be appendix to the minutes of this meeting and can also be found on Clacks Council consultation pages at;</p> <p><a href="https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/roads-transportation/first-stage-alva">https://clackmannanshire.citizenspace.com/roads-transportation/first-stage-alva</a></p> <p>Documents include;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Main Issues Report – a summary of over 300 comments and 66 completed Place Standard questionnaires from over 600 people who attended the 3-day consultation.</li> <li>• Place Standard Results in full – a summary of comments from the 66 completed Place Standard questionnaires.</li> <li>• Place Standard Diagram – showing the Mean (average) and Median (middle) results.</li> </ul>	

	Note: Works on Brook Street are scheduled to commence on 17 July during school holidays; this includes a speed table with a pedestrian crossing near Hanover's Burnside Court sheltered housing, speed table at Henry Street/ James Street junction and another at George Street as well as road narrowing outside the Primary School. Although part of the overall project, this work will be funded separately by Clackmannanshire Council and Sustrans and will not use the funds earmarked for Stirling Street and the east and west ends of Alva.	
<b>11</b>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillors Report</b></p> <p><b>Cllr Clark (not in attendance)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Report submitted to Council delaying withdrawal of blue waste boxes due to public pressure. Council taking an overview of waste collection in general</li> <li>• Beginning to develop a digital strategy as most people now engage on line. However, I am stressing that the council also has, as part of the strategy, a plan for engaging with those who either cannot or will not use IT.</li> <li>• Trades Unions are anxious about transfer of roads/ cleaning/ Janitorial service to Tayside Contracts (external organisation). This affects 300 staff. I am also anxious for a variety of reasons.</li> <li>• I have met with the Leader of Stirling Council and, on another occasion, the Leader of West Lothian Council to learn from each other. I have also visited East Ayrshire Council with a delegation from Clackmannanshire and remain in contact with them.</li> <li>• I have written to the Audit Commission reflecting on their report and reminding them: That our Council is not out of the woodwork yet. That the capacity of our Council staff to do the work asked of them is reaching breaking point. That due to the Holyrood cuts our local economy is suffering</li> <li>• Since becoming a Councillor, I have fielded 135 Councillor Enquiries.</li> </ul> <p><b>Cllr Balsillie and Cllr Bennie</b> reported they visited Kilmarnock in East Ayrshire and discussion followed regarding the "Serving the People" attitude there and how they are combining their agencies all under one roof.</p>	
<b>12</b>	<b>AOCB</b>	
<b>NOTE</b>	Members of the community were 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 our folder at Alva Library if wishing to have items of business put on the agenda.	

**Next Ordinary Meeting June 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30 pm.**

# **APPENDIX 1**

## **POLICE REPORT**

### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**13/05/2019**

#### **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](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk) or

[Dawn.Grant@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Dawn.Grant@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Police Scotland have recorded 18 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 13 are detected and 6 are currently undetected.

#### **PRIORITIES**

##### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were 5 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, as follows;

- On 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, on the public footpath at Southcroft, Alva, a man was bitten by a dog, who was being walked on a lead at the time. The victim sustained injuries to his arm as a result of this, and the owner of the dog was reported to the procurator fiscal.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a man attended at an address in The Nebit, Alva, and shouted, swore and kicked at the door in an effort to gain entry. Police attended, and the man continued to conduct himself in a disorderly manner and was arrested.
- On 9<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at Caroline Crescent, an intoxicated woman shouted and swore at members of the public, and continued this behaviour on police arrival when she was arrested.
- On 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at Caroline Crescent, a man made threats to harm another man who is unknown to him. He has been charged and warned for his conduct.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019, in Dalmore Drive, a man has threatened to assault another man, whilst in possession of a knife and knuckleduster. He was arrested and charged for these offences.

##### **VANDALISM**

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

- On 18<sup>th</sup> April 2019, something was thrown at a flat window in Queen Street, Alva, causing it to crack. Enquiries are ongoing to identify who is responsible for this damage.
- Between 22-23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019, at The Cochranes, Alva, a plant pot was set on fire by unknown means. At this time, no suspect has been identified.
- Between 27-28<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a window at a house in Cobden Street was smashed by unknown means. At this time, no suspect has been identified.

## **VIOLENCE**

There were 4 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

- On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at an address in Caroline Crescent, Alva, a woman assaulted a man who is known to her, by slapping his face and spitting on him. She was arrested and reported for her behaviour.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019, a man assaulted another man by pushing him after an argument. Due to the minor nature of this, he was issued with a recorded police warning.
- On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2019, within a licensed premises in Stirling Street, Alva, a man acted in an abusive manner, made sectarian remarks and assaulted another man causing slight injury. The man was arrested and charged for those offences.
- On 21<sup>st</sup> April 2019, at within a flat at Dalmore Drive, Alva, a woman was assaulted by another woman who is known to her, who pulled her to the ground causing a minor injury. Enquiries are still ongoing to trace the person responsible.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were no recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were 2 recorded incidents of road traffic offences in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

- On 25<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at The Nebit, Alva, a man drove a car whilst he did not have a license or insurance. He was also found to be in possession of a controlled drug and a hammer and screwdriver, in circumstances to suggest they were intended as weapons. He was later traced and arrested, and the matter has been reported to the procurator fiscal.
- On 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019, on East Stirling Street, Alva, a man crashed his car into a post, and was found to have been driving without a license or insurance. He was charged for the offences and reported.

**It should be noted that other traffic offences are routinely detected and dealt with by police without the need for them to be recorded.**

## **OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

During the month, the Clackmannanshire Community Team executed two drugs search warrants;

On 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019, at an address in The Nethergate, Alva, police found a cultivation of 26 cannabis plants. A man has been arrested and reported for the matter.

On 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, at an address in Craighorn Road, Alva, police found an amount of cannabis and amphetamine, and other items indicative of drugs supply. Two men were arrested and charged for this.

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.



## **ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES**

Police constable Miller will be attending the Alva Fun Day, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2019.

Community officers will continue to address parking and driving issues in Alva including Alva Primary School and Nursery, 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.