

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 14th October 2019

Venue: @AlvaLibrary Brook Street Alva

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Sandra Rees– Vice Chairperson	SR
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Anne Spruce – Treasurer	AS
Graham Burt	GB	Kathrine Graham	KG
Iain Craig	IC	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD
Andrea Harkins	AH	Euan Craig	EC
Community Councillors in attendance – LC SR LG IC GB KG EC AH			
Minutes –			

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) 4

Elected Councillors – Cllr Martha Benny

Lesley Baillie – Community Council liaison officer.

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<p>Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping</p> <p>Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced that due to an admin error Alva CC's AGM would be postponed until November 11th, 2019, as a result of this the record of items discussed may not match the items on the agenda produced for the ordinary meeting for 14th October 2019.</p> <p>Lynn introduced newly elected community councillors Euan & Andrea to the committee & introduced Lesley Baillie, Community Council Liaison Officer from Clacks Council.</p> <p>Lesley explained that as usual after an election she is offering a general introduction to community councils for the benefit of the newly elected community councillors. Dates were discussed later at the meeting.</p> <p>Lesley left the meeting at 7.45 pm.</p>	
2	<p>Apologies - Apologies received from AS</p>	
3	<p>Declaration of conflict of interest – SR agreed not to take part in item 8.1</p>	
4	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting - September minutes were approved subject to a couple of spelling corrections and a couple of confirmed items to the education report. Proposed by Sandra & seconded by Kathrine.</p>	LG
5	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – LG asked Cllr Benny if she had any information regarding the traffic congestion at Greenhead during school collection time. Martha had no updates, but LC explained that the congestion did not seem as bad since the completion of the work on Brook</p>	

	<p>Street. Lynn also explained that videos and photos of the congestion were sent to both schools, so the head teachers were made aware of the potential dangers. The photos and video showed that pupils had to walk on the road alongside moving traffic as cars were parked on the pavements. Lynn also explained that there was a Police presence at Greenhead some mornings and she felt that a Police presence on the days when both schools finished at the same time would be beneficial to the pupils and residents in the area.</p>	
6	<p>Police Report – Community Police Officers were unable to attend but their report is attached</p>	
7	<p>Office Bearer reports</p>	
7.1	<p>Chairperson report – LC Clackmannanshire Council recently held Interim Elections for those Community Councils who were at or near their minimum number; this included Alva CC. We still have scope for 4 more Councillors to be co-opted so if anyone is interested please let us know. The term of office for all existing Community Councillors in all towns in Clackmannanshire, including Alva, ends approx. October 2020 (including those who joined at Interim Elections). Clackmannanshire Council will hold Elections at that time when current councillors, as well as any other resident of Alva, may apply for one of the 14 places on Alva Community Council.</p>	
7.2	<p>Secretary’s Report – LG LG asked if all community councillors could check their community council email inbox at least once per week and to read and answer the email if the subject is relevant to our activities. Also, could councillors respond to reminders for meeting dates, if you cannot attend a meeting please ask if anyone can attend on your behalf, and if no one is attending we can give apologies. As our meetings now finish at 9pm it is important to prioritise items on the agenda so if we have a guest speaker at a meeting or are holding our AGM, there is not enough time for a full ordinary meeting so please can you let me know if you have a report for that meeting’s agenda.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan. Email from the principle planner at Clacks council. They are hoping to put the Clackmannanshire Local Development Plan to Council on 19th December 2019, and to consult between January and March 2020. He asked whether we would want them to attend the Community Council meeting on the suggested date to discuss the Main Issues Report and If we are aware of any reasons why we couldn't book the same venue used by the community council earlier in the day, say from 3pm onwards. Dates are Monday 13th January and Monday 10th February the preferred date being Monday 13th January. I have said yes to either date but depends on preferred date of another CC that meet at the same day and time as us. All agreed to Council representatives attending our meeting in January and or February. Linda will send any updates to all councillors.</p> <p>INTRODUCTION TO COMMUNITY COUNCILS – LB The dates for an introduction to community councils for new councillors were discussed and Andrea and Euan both agreed on Wednesday November 13th, 2019 7pm – 8.30pm at Alva Academy These sessions are also open to recent co-opted members on community councils which have not undergone an election since the co-option and to your volunteers who are waiting for a vacancy. Longer-serving community councillors are of course welcome too!</p>	<p>LG</p>

	<p>Glentana Mill – Linda explained that she had received the following update on the Glentana Mill building from Cllr Donald Balsillie and a copy of Historic Environment Scotland report on Glentana.</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie’s update referring to the HES report - The HES report provides a progress report on the Mill and recommends that the building is transferred to the housing service and that it is demolished using funds from the Housing account. Future options for the redevelopment are to be explored with the housing service with particular emphasis on special needs, transgenerational housing (along the lines of that being developed at Primrose Street, Alloa-in Partnership with Stirling University and Kingdom Housing).The Glentana site along with other surrounding Council owned land will be zoned mixed use in the main issues report of the Local Plan (due to be consulted on by the Council IN THE EARLY New Year 2020).The reason for this recommendation is that the building has not been listed and is viewed by council officers as not being economically viable for rental or repair for other uses due to its condition.</p> <p>The Historic Environment Scotland report is an appendix to these minutes.</p>	LG
7.3	<p>Treasurer Report – Anne prepared her report for the AGM but as this was postponed till November 11th, 2019 the report will be included at the AGM meeting.</p>	AS
8	Convenor Reports	
8.1	<p>Micro grants – LG</p> <p>LG produced an application for an EDF micro grant from Alva development Trust, SR abstained from the discussion to ensure no conflict of interest.</p> <p>Alva development trust applied for the maximum grant of £250 to support Alva Community Heritage Celebration Events- Friday 29 & Saturday 30 November 2019. The grant will help to fund Advertising, tickets, public engagement materials and refreshments.</p> <p>All councillors present agreed to award the grant. LG will complete the micro grant process with ADT.</p> <p>Linda asked if ACC could think about what contribution they could make towards the event. The idea of resourcing some archives from the Speirs Centre was discussed & GB said he would do some research.</p>	LG GB
9	<p>Events – events group Alva Community Council Christmas fayre is on Saturday 23rd November 2019. LG asked if anyone could help find a Santa for the fayre and reminded everyone that any donations for the tombola are welcome. Sauchie Community Choir and Alva Brownies have agreed to perform. Events group meeting to be arranged.</p>	Events group
10	<p>CAPlan – SR 'The next CAPlan Group meeting will be on Tues 22 Oct with Council Officers to discuss Alva Town Centre Regeneration'</p>	CAPlan group

<p>11</p>	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Donald Balsillie apologised for not attending the meeting but reported At least 18 Council papers are likely to be discussed at the full Council meeting on 24th October 2019. Of specific Interest to Alva residents are-</p> <p>1) Updates on overspend in Health and Social care partnership-£1.6 Million and Annual Performance report 2018-19.</p> <p>2) Update on Council Organisation Redesign- approval of 37K towards further work to identify efficiencies and licence for a commissioning tool (specialist care) for Children’s services.</p> <p>3) Integration of Local Police Services with Council Headquarters at Kilncraigs- (Closure of Alloa Police Station-to provide integrated public services along line Christie Commission Report (2011)).</p> <p>4) Parking Strategy-to pursue decriminalised Parking Powers with necessary consultation and subject to evidence of financial sustainability for whole of Clackmannanshire. Application to be made to the Scottish Government with business case. The recommendation is to create and fund a “Special Parking Area” (SPA) by implementing a management Strategy for Public Car parking and Town Centre Streets. This will include the option to fund enforcement through parking Charges. Management options include free short stay parking. The main focus is on Alloa Town Centre however-on street parking in Alva, Tillicoultry and Coalsnaughton as well as our other towns and villages can be addressed under the Clackmannanshire wide SPA.</p> <p>6) A report on measures to reduce Single use Plastics will be considered by Council and an undertaking that a policy will be produced for approval in early 2020.</p> <p>7) Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme- report details the successful involvement of the Council in resettling 24 Families from war zones and recommends we continue this initiative.</p> <p>In discussion at political group level it is anticipated that most of these reports will be approved by Council.</p> <p>Finally, I add my congratulations to Alva Academy pupils and their magnificent fund-raising efforts-£45,168.22 for Macmillan Cancer support.</p>	
<p>12</p>	<p>AOB – at the discretion of the Chair. Brook Street - A member of the community commented on some issues concerning the works on Brook Street. There seems to be a tarmacked area on the west side of Brook Street that appeared during the works and was not included in the original plan, the lighting is quite poor, and several other issues were discussed. It was decided to discuss these issues with Council representatives at the next scheduled CAPlan meeting. (Tues 22nd Oct)</p> <p>Alva Academy suspected design fault – EC explained that after an on-going foul smell within the Academy it was discovered that there is damp within the cavity of the school wall and that it may be, that part of the school roof will have to be removed, in order to correct the problem.</p>	<p>CAPlan group</p>

Next Meeting Alva CC AGM November 11th 7.30pm followed by a short Ordinary meeting.

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14/10/2019

INTRODUCTION

The community police officers for Alva are PC 247 James Miller and PC 492 Steven Carrie, who are both stationed at Alloa police office. You can contact them by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk or Steven.Carrie@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Police Scotland have recorded 15 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 8 are detected and 7 are currently undetected, some of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 8 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

On 18th September 2019 a male was arrested and charged in The Nebit, Alva for failing to comply with conditions of bail prohibiting him from being there or contacting a named person.

On 28th September 2019 the same male was arrested and charged in The Nebit, Alva failing to comply with conditions of bail prohibiting him from being there or contacting a named person.

On 14th October 2019 a further complaint was received by Police of this male again breaching his bail in The Nebit, Alva and setting a small fire there.

On 12th October 2019 a separate male was arrested and charged in The Nebit, Alva for failing to comply with conditions of bail.

On 27th September 2019 a male was arrested and charged for an offence committed in The Wynd, Alva, contrary to S1 Domestic Abuse (Scotland) Act 2019 - Engage in a course of behaviour which was abusive of your partner or ex-partner.

On 10th October 2019 Police searched a male and female in Erskine Street, Alva having received intelligence in relation to drugs offences. Drugs were recovered from the pair and they are being investigated for being concerned in the supplying of controlled drugs.

On 29th September 2019 Police arrested and charged a male in East Stirling Street, Alva for failing to comply with bail conditions. He was reported for this offence. Police also searched the male and recovered a quantity of tablets from him believed to be class C controlled drugs. These will be tested and a further report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for this.

VANDALISM

There was 1 recorded incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, as follows;

Between 27th and 29th September 2019 the Scout Hall in Alva was subject to damage whereby a window, a section of guttering and coping stones were damaged. PC Miller is progressing this enquiry.

VIOLENCE

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

On 20/09/19 a domestic assault was reported in Caroline Crescent, Alva, for which a male was arrested and charged.

On 28/09/19 two females were assaulted within an address at Minto Gardens, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to trace and arrest the suspect for these offences.

On 02/10/19 a male was arrested and charged in the Nebit, Alva for threatening and abusive behaviour whilst in possession of a knife.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

- On 13th September 2019 at the CO-OP in Alva a male stole a large quantity of steak. He has subsequently been charged by PC Carrie with this theft and two earlier thefts by shoplifting which also occurred at the same CO-OP.
- On 27th September 2019 a theft by shoplifting occurred at the Bottle Shop, Alva whereby a male stole two bottles of spirits. This offence is still under investigation with enquiries ongoing to identify the male responsible.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There was 1 recorded incident of a road traffic offence in the area over the last month, as follows;

Overnight between 26th and 27th September 2019 a parked un-attended motor vehicle was struck and damaged on James Street, Alva. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the offending vehicle and driver.

Police also attended and investigated a road traffic collision on the A91 roadway between Alva and Menstrie on 28th September 2019 involving a pedestrian and one motor vehicle. Unfortunately the 33 year old pedestrian involved in the collision died.

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

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

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.