

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday December 9th, 2019

Venue: @AlvaLibrary Brook Street Alva

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

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) 12

Elected Councillors – Cllr DB, Cllr Clark

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Housekeeping & Introductions – Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies – Linda Greig	
3	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by GB seconded by AH. Noted that there were missing pages and that the full copy of the Minutes would be posted on the website.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – none	
6	Local Police Report – none available at the time of the meeting.	
7	Office Bearer Reports	
7.1	Chairperson Report - LC ACC Christmas Fayre went well and was well attended. There was a good turn out to the ADT Heritage Day and the Ceilidh. Still trying to find the winner of the soft toy but we have been unable to track down the winner as yet.	LC

7.2	<p>Secretary Report – LC</p> <p>Alva CC has had an enquiry regarding hot food licenses in Alva i.e. is there a limit to the amount of hot food outlets for a town the size of Alva?</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie said there was no limit to the amount of hot food licences only alcohol licences.</p> <p>Update from Cllr Balsillie regarding Street signs for Craigleith Terrace and Alva CC Notice board for the library?</p> <p>Apparently in the system but awaiting permission. Unfortunately, the notice board has slipped from the radar but is now back on.</p>	
7.3	<p>Treasurer’s Report – AS <u>Ordinary account</u> No change Balance £1661.24</p> <p><u>Special Events Account</u> Income Xmas fayre takings £859.59 EDF grant- picnic tables etc £3350.00</p> <p>Expenditure Compost £14.58 Hire of hall £175.00 Booker + fayre expenses £56.07 Balance £31,741.58</p> <p>Ring fenced Action Plan £5146.56 Lights £5984.97 Microgrants £1270.00</p>	
8	<p>Convener Reports</p>	
8.1	<p>Environment including Parks & Alva Glen – AH</p> <p>Nothing to report at the moment just that the concrete bases for the benches between Alva and Tillicoultry have been put in.</p>	
8.2	<p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) - AS <u>JCCF Report from 5/12/19</u> Presentations from Mark Bryce, Fire and Rescue Commander for Stirling, Clackmannanshire and Fife, Drew Sinclair, Area Commander Police Scotland and Fiona Duncan, Chief Social Worker for Clackmannanshire. Mark mentioned that the fire service were introducing a youth volunteer programme for 13- 15 year olds. This will be a 3-year course. Drew gave the crime statistics for the area from April to September and although the policing plan for 2020/21 is not finalised he indicated that something would be included about speeding at the west end of Alva. Fiona spoke about MAPPA, the multi-agency public protection agreement. Used to share information to create a risk assessment and therefore reduce risk to the public.</p> <p>A representative from Tillicoultry had looked at other methods of banking other than cheques. Internet banking and credit cards were an option.</p>	

	<p>They will collate an asset register for all the CCs when the insurance is due in February.</p> <p>Lesley Baillie is happy to hold a half day training for anyone interested in crowd funding.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting. Similar to the money available to groups in 2016 but more targeted.</p>	
8.3	<p>Planning/Licensing Applications – IC</p> <p>There has been an offer made for the Alva Glen Site and we should hear more in three to four months' time.</p>	
8.4	<p>Alva Health Centre Patient Group - KG</p> <p>The Patient Group meetings have been postponed until further notice.</p>	
8.5	<p>Education – EC</p> <p>Nothing new to report but if there are any queries contact Euan as he is part of the school Captaincy.</p>	
8.6	<p>IT Report – GB</p> <p>There are no current major issues with our website or Social Media. The October 2019 minutes and October 2018 AGM minutes have been added to the website</p> <p>As always in recent times, our ever-popular Facebook page continues to be the main source of activity and engagement. Our likes and followers have risen again. To date we have 1254 followers, an increase of 66 and we have now reached 1173 likes, an increase of 64 in the last month. This is a much larger increase than normal which I can only assume is due to the amount of people who seen the Christmas Fayre posts shared by myself and so many others.</p>	
8.7	<p>Micro Grants</p> <p>There are currently no applications. £250 at a time is available to anyone but it must be for the benefit of Alva Community. There was mention of the Christmas lights, but Lynn advised of the costs surrounding the lights and explained that a lot of additional fundraising would be required.</p>	
9	<p>Events Sub Committee Update – Events Group</p> <p>Mr Risk brought up the question of the additional ground that was utilised by the new housing from the Park as we have not heard anything more about it. As far as we are aware there is no further update but will make enquiries.</p> <p>The 8th May 2022 is VE day and the end of May will be the annual fun day. Preparations for these will start in January.</p>	
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Reports</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie was asked about the signs on the Alva to Alloa road up to Collylands crossroads due to the flooding and he suggested that it might be a good idea if Alva had its own flood group, advertise for interested</p>	

	<p>members of the public to form a group through the ACC. Menstrie and Tillicoultry have their own groups and this has been quite successful with the help from SEPA they can get bags for sand, jackets etc. in a flood pod. ACC will look at putting requests for volunteers on the ACC website and Facebook page.</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie also advised that the brown bins would not automatically be collected and there would be an annual cost of £36 per annum. It was to be noted that council house tenants would still get their brown bins uplifted as the cost was already included in their rent.</p> <p>Cllr Clark brought up the situation with Asbestos in some of the garages/lock ups that are owned by Clackmannanshire Council. Also, the fact that Clackmannanshire Council have to find £10 million pounds to balance the budget.</p>	LC GB
11	<p>AOCB</p> <p>Several members of the public brought up their grave concerns with regards to the game/bird shooting that is taking place in the fields south of Brookfield and the Boll Farm. Although there are signs advising of shooting taking place these have been displayed all the time instead of only when there is shooting. Also the shots seem to be directed towards the housing and over some of the Core Paths, causing understandably concern and distress to members of the public walking their dogs. Also lone members of the public have been approached by men on quad bikes and questioned, quite aggressively about the fact that they are walking there at all. The police have been contacted but they don't appear to be breaking any laws. Cllr Balsillie will make enquires and try and speak to someone in Environmental Health/Ranger Service. Cllr Balsillie also recommends that everyone, individually, writes to the actual landowner who we understand is Mr Robert Marshall and the Community Council will also write to Mr Marshall.</p>	
	<p>Next Ordinary Meeting – Monday January 13th, 2020 at 7.30pm</p>	

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

APPENDIX I

POLICE REPORT

09/12/2019

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 17 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 11 are detected and 6 are currently undetected, most of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

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

On 14th November 2019 a male was apprehended for threatening and abusive behaviour for an incident at Carnaughton Place, Alva. He will appear at court for this at a later date.

On 16th November 2019 at Greenhead, Alva, a domestic incident occurred which resulted in a male being apprehended for threatening and abusive behaviour.

On 1st December 2019 at Courthill, Alva, a male was apprehended for threatening or abusive behaviour and a vandalism. He will appear at court for this at a later date.

On 3rd December 2019 at the Woodland Park, Alva, a male was found in possession of controlled drugs and thereafter issued a recorded police warning.

On 5th December 2019 at Southcroft, Alva, a male was traced in possession of controlled drugs. He will be reported for this and other offences against the police officers who attended.

VANDALISM

There were 2 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month, as follows;

On 27th November 2019 at Craighorn Road, Alva, a car windscreen was smashed with a paving slab or similar. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

On 27th November 2019 at The Nethergate, Alva, a porch window was smashed with a rock. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

VIOLENCE

There were 6 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, as follows;

On 16th November 2019 at Minto Gardens, Alva, a minor assault and vandalism occurred which resulted in a female being issued a recorded police warning.

On 16th November 2019 at The Wynd, Alva, an incident occurred which resulted in a male being apprehended for assault. He will appear at court for this at a later date.

On 19th November 2019 at Alva Academy, two pupils were dealt with by the Schools based Officers for assaulting another pupil. Further work will be done with these pupils to address their behaviour.

On 22nd November 2019 at The Wynd, Alva, a male was traced in possession of an offensive weapon and apprehended. He will appear at court for this at a later date.

On 3rd December 2019 at The Nebit, Alva, a domestic incident occurred which resulted in a male being apprehended for assault and a vandalism. He was held in custody to appear at court the following day.

On 6th December 2019 at Myretoungate, Alva, a male was assaulted with a metal pole which surprisingly resulted in no injury to him. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were 4 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, as follows;

On 26th November 2019 at the Back Road, Alva, a complaint was received in relation to an attempted fraud. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

On 3rd December 2019 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a considerable quantity of alcohol was stolen. A male from Stirling was identified as being responsible and has since been charged with this theft.

On 5th December 2019 at St Serfs Walk, Alva, a bank card and cash were stolen from a residential dwelling. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

On 7th December 2019 at The Glebe Alva, a car window was smashed and a wallet stolen from within. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible

ROAD TRAFFIC

There were no recorded incidents of a road traffic offences in the area over the last month.

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

Community Officers will be carrying out additional patrols over the festive period to provide reassurance to communities and local businesses.

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. 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.