

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2020

Venue: @AlvaLibrary Brook Street Alva

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Anne Spruce – Treasurer - JCCF	SR
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Kathrine Graham - Health	KG
Graham Burt - IT	GB	Ewan Craig - Education	EC
Iain Craig – Planning & Licensing	IC	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD
Andrea Harkins - Environment	AH		
Community Councillors in attendance – LC LG IC KG EC AH Minutes – LG			

**In Attendance: Members of Community (MOC) 8**

**Elected Councillors – Cllr Martha Benny, Cllr Donald Balsillie**

**Clackmannanshire Council Flood Officer Stuart Cullen, Environment Senior Manager Ian McDonald.**

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Housekeeping</b> Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting, introduced guests & explained fire procedures etc.	
2	<b>Apologies from AH &amp; GB</b>	
3	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest – None</b>	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by AS Seconded by IC</b>	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Pest shooting near the Boll Farm is still a cause for concern &amp; will continue to be monitored.</b>	LG
6	<b>Police Report – Community Police Officer Report Attached</b>	
7	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
7.1	<b>Chairperson report – LC proposed that Alva CC do not meet in May 2020 as our meeting date coincides with the local public holiday &amp; schools being closed, therefore attendance at the meeting is usually poor. All agreed to the proposal. A reminder of not holding a meeting in May 2020 will be given at our April meeting.</b>  <b>Post meeting note: Due to Covid 19 ACC Meetings have been cancelled until further notice.</b>	LC LG

7.2	<p><b>Secretary's Report – LG</b>  Keep Scotland Beautiful – a call for Scottish groups to carry out projects....  We will put info on Alva CC media</p> <p>CC Folder -Linda has taken the Community Council folder from the library home to do some archiving &amp; updating.</p>	<p>GB</p> <p>LG</p>
7.3	<p><b>Treasurer Report – AS</b></p> <p>Ordinary Account  Payments  Fayre expenses           £14.23  BALANCE                           £2176.42</p> <p>Special Events Account  Receipts  EDF Events and VE75           £3000.00  Lights                               £2500.00</p> <p>Payments  ADT event                           £29.52  Microgrants                       £250.00 (ADT and Rainbows)  Planter flowers                   £29.94  Gazebos                               £343.95  Banners                               £47.58  BALANCE                           £33,946.59</p> <p>Ring fenced  Lights                               £8309.77  Action Plan                       £5146.56  Microgrants                       £1020.00  Events/ VE75                       £3000.00</p>	
8	<b>Convenor Reports</b>	
8.1	<p><b>Potential Flood group for Alva -</b></p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council Flood Officer Stuart Cullen, Environment Senior Manager Ian McDonald attended the meeting. Discussion took place on how to initiate a Flood Group for Alva. It was decided that we would carry out a leaflet drop around the town to raise awareness of the flood risk &amp; hopefully recruit volunteers to respond when there is a flood warning for Alva. Clackmannanshire council will provide a flood pod next to Alva Primary School which will contain resources to prevent flooding &amp; to raise awareness of flooded areas. There were two members of community in attendance who are keen to start the group &amp; another two volunteering to help with the leaflet drop. Stuart will be in touch re the leaflets.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note – Due to Covid 19 all plans for advertising &amp; moving forward with the project were put on hold although the Flood Pod at the Primary School is now full of equipment.</b></p>	<p>LG</p>

9	<p><b>Events</b> – Discussion took place regarding the plans for VE Day celebrations.</p> <p>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March Piper on the Main Street at 3pm followed by ringing of the Church Bells at 7pm.</p> <p>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March Picnic in the Park where attendees can enjoy singing, face painters, bouncy castles for the kids, other activities to be confirmed. Bring your own picnic.</p> <p>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March Church services.</p> <p>Alva Community Fun day will take place on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May with the theme of pirates &amp; princesses.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note:</b> <i>Due to Covid 19 all events have been cancelled. Alva COVID-19 response helped by EDF Renewables Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm community fund</i>  <i>Alva CC receive funding annually from the wind farm. Part of that money, £3,000, was set aside for community events. The money was used to help local people during the Coronavirus pandemic. Alva Community Council used their grant to support work in partnership with community groups including the Alva Development Trust (ADT), Alva Baptist Church, Alva Co-op, Cochrane Foundation, Alva Parish Church, St John Vianney Catholic Church, Alva Community Council and Girl Guiding Scotland. The group is called the Alva Coronavirus Response Group. The funding went towards supporting ADT's existing food bank and extending its services to all vulnerable people in Alva.</i></p>	
10	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillors reports</b> –</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie reported that there will be rise in Council Tax. Clackmannanshire Council are to reduce maintenance of flower beds by planting herbaceous plants or sowing grass seed.</p> <p>Cllr Martha Benny reported that plans for the upgrade of Stirling Street are progressing.</p> <p><b>Post meeting note</b> – <i>Due to Covid 19 meetings to plan for engaging with the community re the upgrade of Stirling Street have been put on hold.</i></p>	
AOB	<p>LG asked if there has been any progress regarding the sign for house numbers for Craiglieth Terrace. Cllr DB said he would ask about this.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding the Jubilee Clock on Stirling Street &amp; how it can be accessed for maintenance. Cllr DB said he would try to find out.</p> <p>EC reported that Alva Academy are making changes to how it manages House Groups.</p>	<p>Cllr DB</p> <p>Cllr DB</p>

**Next Ordinary Meeting – due to Covid 19 Alva CC meetings are cancelled until further notice.**

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **POLICE REPORT**

#### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**09/03/2020**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The community police officer for Alva is PC 247 James Miller and is stationed at Alloa Police Station. You can contact him by calling 101 or by e-mail at [James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Police Scotland recorded 5 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 1 has been detected and the other 4 are currently undetected, 2 of which are still under investigation.

#### **PRIORITIES**

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

There was 1 recorded incident of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, as follows;

On 8<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at Craighorn Road, Alva, garden furniture was set on fire in the rear garden of a residential dwelling. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

##### **VANDALISM**

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

Overnight from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Beauclerc Street, Alva a parked and unattended vehicle was vandalised. All relevant enquiries have been carried out and to date, no suspect has been identified.

##### **VIOLENCE**

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

On 15<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at The Cairn, West Stirling Street, Alva, members of staff were subject to assault which resulted in injury. The persons responsible were apprehended and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

##### **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

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

On 20<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at a residential dwelling at Johnstone Street, Alva, a female stole a mobile phone which was recovered shortly after. The suspect has been identified and efforts are continuing to trace her.

On 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020 at Brook Street, Alva, a number plate was stolen from a broken down vehicle. No suspect was identified and enquiries are now complete.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were no recorded incidents of 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**

None

## **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. PC Miller has spoken with staff at Clackmannanshire Council who have provided an estimated start time of July for the planned streetscape enhancements to Stirling Street, Alva. This will hopefully address many of the parking issues including parking on the pavement and within the bus stop.

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.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via one of the Community Sergeants, who are PS 378 Scott Thomson and PC 089 Cathy Sharkey. Both are based at Alloa Police Office.