

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday October 12th, 2020

Venue: Zoom

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

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) 4 Elected Councillors – Cllr MB, Cllr DB, Cllr DC

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Housekeeping & Introductions – Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	Declaration of Conflict of Interest - none	
3	Minutes of Previous Meeting on 9th March 2020 – Proposed by AS seconded by GB	
4	Matters Arising from Previous Meeting – Pest shooting near the Boll farm although the structure has been removed there is still barbed wire AH is co-ordinating with the Council. Cllr Clark mentioned that he had mentioned this to the police as it could be considered as wildlife crime and would continue to bring it up.	Cllr Clark
5	Local Police Report – None available.	
6.1	<p>Secretary Report – What Works best for Your Community - Clackmannanshire Council is initiating a statutory 8-week public consultation inviting the public to make suggestions as to the areas and composition of community councils. To comment on the boundaries of your community council or on the number of members, you will find the consultation on Clackmannanshire Council website or find the direct link on Alva CC face book page.</p> <p>Alva CC meeting dates 2020/2021... proposed dates are...November 9th, Jan 11th, March 8th, April 12th, June 14th. All in attendance agreed to the proposed dates.</p> <p>Alva CC EDF Micro Grants Update... In February 2019 Alva CC awarded an EDF Micro Grant of £125 to Alva Development Trust & a grant of £125 to Alva Rainbows. Both grants were for an Easter event</p>	LG

	<p>at the Cochrane Hall but due to Lockdown the event was unable to go ahead. Both micro grants were put towards buying Easter eggs for many families in Alva to support them with keeping some normality for the children. A report for both grants has been received.</p> <p>Defibrillators in Alva...There are now three defibrillators in Alva, one at the Parish Church, one at the Cochrane Hall & the latest at The Cochranes - east wall of the social centre. All three were the initiatives of members of local groups including Alva Parish Church, Alva Community Council, Alva Development Trust & residents of the Cochrane Foundation.</p>	
6.2	<p>Treasurer's Report- October 2020</p> <p>Ordinary Account Poppy Wreath 36.00 Accounting 22.00 Balance £1995.61</p> <p>Special Events Account Income Christmas Lights 2500.00 Microgrants 1500.00 Light boxes 137.95 Balance £35,264.84</p> <p>Ringfenced Lights 8309.77 Action plan 3146.56 Microgrants 2520.00</p>	
7	Alva CC Convener Reports	
7.1	<p>IT/Website Not much change GB keeping website updated with essentials. Facebook seems to be reaching more people with 1500 likes.</p>	GB
7.2	<p>Health KG was unable to join the zoom meeting on the 21 September for the Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Forum but has requested a copy of any meeting notes etc.</p>	KG
7.3	<p>Planning Only 1 planning application of note and that is the application from the Crown Inn for planning permission to have a permanent extra licenced outdoor area to the rear of the licenced premises. As we have not had anyone from the houses surrounding the premises approach us with concerns it was not thought appropriate to make any comment and mention of this on the ACC webpages could be seen as unfair.</p> <p>The discussions etc. around the Glentanna and Alva Glen site are still on going.</p>	
7.4	Environment – See Item 8	
7.5	<p>Joint Community Council Response Forum (JCCF) JCCF Report May – September 2020</p>	

	<p>There have been monthly JCCF zoom Microsoft teams meetings. The following topics have been discussed: Plan for post Covid recovery- this will be via questionnaire Grass cutting Green food bin bags Community Payback Scheme CC election Use of Microsoft teams No 23 bus to St Andrews Local Place Plans Christmas Lights Tillicoultry have taken over the bus shelters to allow local groups to advertise.</p>	
8	<p>Update on Potential flood group for Alva – Graham Gilmour (Alva Resilience Community Team representative) – report attached Cllr Benny suggested that ARCT should become a sub-group of the ACC as this seems to work well for other teams such as Menstrie and LC approved. Cllr Clark also mentioned the sewage works and the issues surrounding this with regards to Scottish Water.</p>	ALL
9	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors reports</p> <p>Cllr Benny: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mary Laing @ ADT doing an amazing job as are the rest of the ADT team. • Alva Community Resilience team now set up which means that all the Hillfoot towns have flood awareness/teams in place. • City Deal not going away and was in the planning stages and there are issues with the money that was coming from the local due to Covid. So, City Deal has stalled but not forgotten. <p>Cllr Balsillie: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanked the Community Councillors for taking up their ACC roles. Also thanks to the ADT and Graham Gilmour of ARCT and supports the ARCT as a sub-group of the ACC. <p>There have been no formal full council meetings but there has been an Emergency Decision Making Forum set up.</p> <p>Some of the other points made:- Deferring Business Rates Government grants issued over £13 million Council Tax deferred on 2nd homes Distribute grants to 3rd Sector Interface and ADT for foodbanks etc. Main Gas Main under threat from flooding, Council have already dug out some of the burn on Henry Street. Council lead on Tract and Trace. £500 self-isolation grant available(check CC website Self Isolation Support Grant for the details) Refuse Collection – Clackmannanshire was one of the first councils to open their Waste Recycling Centre at Forthbank. Still don't know what the budget will be from either Westminster or Scottish Government. Clackmannanshire is currently a light blue area for Covid with a population of just over 51K but would not take much to change that.</p> <p>LC asked about litter that has built up in people's gardens and Cllr Balsillie reminded us that it is really up to the individuals to sort that out as there are no appointments required at Forthbank and you have the option to request special uplifts. LC also asked about supplying skips placed around the village but Cllr Balsillie didn't recommend it as it</p>	

	<p>causes additional waste being left beside the skips and this hasn't worked in the past. Cllr Balsillie will speak to housing about any larger items that have been left on Council property.</p> <p>Cllr Clark agreed with the previous comments but also pointed out that with the current circumstances the economy was in a desperate state and there could possibly be closures in the future. Thanks to all the staff in the Council, IJB, Social and Health Services for all their hard work during this difficult time. Cllr Clark also expressed sadness at the density of deaths due to Covid in the Clackmannanshire area.</p>	
10	<p>AOB</p> <p>Pumpkin Hunt Competition proposed by Neil Gault and it was agreed that Neil would organise, and the ACC will support as required.</p> <p>Poppy Wreath – Ian Craig will lay the wreath.</p> <p>Member of the public requested that the website be updated with all the relevant messages as not everyone had or used Facebook and they felt that both sites should be updated as required.</p> <p>Bus Stop – it had been mentioned previously about the use of a bus stop as a noticeboard, which was thought to be a good idea and we were assured by Cllr Balsillie that there would be no cost to ACC.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>IC</p> <p>GB</p>
	<p>Next Ordinary Meeting – Monday 9th November, 2020 at 7.15pm</p>	