

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 9th November 2020

Venue: Zoom

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

In Attendance:

Members of Community (MOC) 5 Elected Councillors – Cllr D Balsillie Cllr H Lewis

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping	
2	Apologies - KG Cllr M Benny	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by GB Seconded AS	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Graham updated the meeting dates & events pages of the Alva CC website. This will be ongoing to inform those who do not use social media.	GB
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer Report not available at the meeting but Alva CC have received a report since, see attachment 1	
7	Alva CC – Planning for co-opting community councillors – As section 8.10 of the “Scheme of Establishment” referring to number of co-opted members, not exceeding one third of the number of community councillors, has been suspended during the COVID-19 pandemic. Alva CC can co-opt up to six community councillors to take the quorum up to our maximum of 14. It was agreed to use the same method as in 2018. We will advertise within the community using social media, our website & local newspaper. LG will gather the information & paperwork required in preparation for advertising within the community with a view to co-opting at the January meeting.	LG

	The order of the agenda changed during the meeting.															
7	Office Bearer reports															
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8	<p>Alva Community Response Team (subcommittee) Brian Denny</p> <p>Brian delivered the monthly report – see appendix 2 Discussion followed re how ACRT are working with other Hillfoots villages & sharing information. The ACRT group have 12 volunteers but are currently looking to recruit additional members. In the future ACRT will be looking to work with the local schools to create an interest with young people to support their education.</p>															
9	Convenor Reports															
9.1	<p>IT Report 09/11/2020 – GB</p> <p>There are no current major issues with our website or social media. Our Facebook page continues to be our main source of communicating and engaging with the public with over 1550 likes now. I have added more content to the website when seems relevant as per a request from a member of the public who doesn't use Facebook</p>	GB														
9.2	<p>JCCF Report – AS</p> <p>The following topics were discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Council support for Test and Protect- not a huge need for this at present. <i>Update on this is that the Test & Protect was rolled out on the 22nd October</i> 2. Scheme consultation- this was in the form of a questionnaire but there has not been huge public support. Lesley Baillie will attend any CC meeting if wanted to speak about the scheme. The scheme can only be changed after this lengthy process of consultation. 3. Community Council guidance for new councillors. There is not a Clacks Council document for this, but Lesley has created a basic model that can be customised for each CC (i.e. take bits out or add bits to apply to individual CCs) 4. Information Exchange- Menstrie passed on info to the Alva flood group and were willing to share it with other groups. They also asked about a JCCF website. 5. Updates- Council Officers have been taken away from their usual jobs again because of the rise in Covid 19. The Police are moving into Kilncraigs to be closer to Social Work and will be based near 															

	<p>reception on the ground floor. There will be no CC elections before September 2021</p> <p>6. Next meeting, on December 3rd, will be attended by waste recycling representative and the Police Area Commander.</p>	
9.3	<p>Events Group – Update & plans for Christmas.</p> <p>The Alva CC Halloween event was well received by the community, thanks to members of the community Neil Gault & Steven Greig for their motivation.</p> <p>Alva CC have organised extra lights for the tree at the Cochrane hall, a tree at Parkgate & also at Dickies Wells to brighten up each end of the town.</p> <p>Alva CC Christmas fayre is cancelled this year re Covid 19 pandemic. Discussion took place regarding holding an event-brite event like the Alva CC Halloween event. It was decided that any event will not be a competition. There may be the option to have a social media poll, this will be discussed further.</p> <p>A further zoom meeting will be held by the events group.</p> <p>The group will also discuss the Global Christmas Eve bell ringing event.</p>	Events group.
9.4	<p>Alva CC EDF Micro Grants - LG</p> <p>One application received for the Guid Reads community project. The application met the criteria for benefiting the community & all agreed to award the grant of £250 for shop signage.</p>	LG AS
10	<p>Planning/Licensing Application – IC Proposed Residential Development and infrastructure including roads, footpaths, landscaping, drainage, open space & associated works – Land North & South of A91 to the West of Alva.</p> <p>LC expressed concern that this Green Site would be developed before the Brown Sites in Alva.</p> <p>The land being proposed is Alva West Alva Proposal H41 on the 2014 Local Development Plan.</p> <p>The Proposal can be found https://www.clacks.gov.uk/property/Case number20/00235/PAN</p> <p>Discussion took place about some of the following concerns</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding • Sewage and drainage • The effects on local infrastructure such as health and education • The increased volume of traffic • The impact on local wildlife • Loss of green belt areas • Affordable Housing • Development Design • Size of Development <p>It was agreed that IC would write to the Developers agent to highlight the issues raised & to seek assurances that the agent would be willing to effectively communicate with the local community.</p>	IC

<p>11</p>	<p>Elected Councillors reports –</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie contributed to discussions throughout the meeting.</p> <p>Cllr Lewis said she is impressed with how local communities have reacted to each other during pandemic. She also thanked the Alva Community Response Team & said how she appreciates their efforts.</p>	
<p>11</p>	<p>AOCB – LG asked for confirmation that all CC’s were in favour of donating to the Alva Development Christmas Appeal. All agreed that a donation of £1000.00 would be made to assist with the appeal.</p> <p>LG thanked Cllr Balsillie for his input into the residents of Craiglieth Terrace getting the Street sign with house numbers. This was an outstanding action for quite some time.</p> <p>AH – Explained how she had been concerned about the construction built at the Wetlands in Alva & how it is unstable & seems unsafe. This is an ongoing issue within Alva.</p> <p>AS – concern was raised about the lack of cleaning of the roads around the Silver Glen development this will be monitored as it is part of the works to clean the main road.</p> <p>LC – asked on behalf of a member of the community when the Alva Library would be opened to the public. Cllr Balsillie said he would find out.</p> <p>Meeting closed at 9.15pm</p>	<p>AS LG</p>

Next Ordinary Meeting on Zoom at 7.30 pm – 9pm January 11th, 2021

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10/11/2020

INTRODUCTION

The community police officers for Alva are PC 247 James Miller and PC 245 Katie Lawson and are both stationed at Alloa Police Station. You can contact them by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk and catherin.lawson@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Police Scotland recorded 19 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 9 have been detected and the other 10 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, they are as follows;

On 15th October 2020 at The Nebit, Alva, a local resident was charged with multiple offences including threatening and abusive behaviour. A report of the circumstances has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 18th October 2020 at Southcroft, Alva, a resident failed to comply with the conditions of their bail. The person was arrested and held in custody to appear at court the following day.

On 30th October 2020 at Craighorn Road, Alva, a female resident was arrested for threatening and abusive behaviour towards police. A report has been submitted to the procurator Fiscal for this and other offences towards the attending officers.

On 4th November 2020 at Greenhead, Alva, a male was found in possession of drugs. These will be tested and if found to be controlled drugs, a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 6th November 2020 at Johnstone Street, Alva, a male was found in possession of drugs. These will be tested and if found to be controlled drugs, a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

VANDALISM

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

On 11th October 2020 at the rear of the Cochrane Hall, Alva a parked and unattended vehicle was vandalised. All enquires and have been concluded with no suspect being identified.

VIOLENCE

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

On 20th October 2020 at Brook Street, Alva, a male was pushed from his pedal cycle resulting in injury to him. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

On 1st November 2020 at Brookfield Place, Alva, a juvenile was involved in an assault and has been reported for this.

On 8th November 2020 at Stirling Street, Alva, a male was arrested for a domestic assault and other offences and will appear at court at a later date.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were 7 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

On 16th October 2020 at West Stirling Street, Alva, a purse containing cash and cards was lost and then found by another who failed to return it to the owner. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

On 24th October 2020, a resident at Caroline Crescent, Alva was a victim of the winterwonderlandstirling.co.uk fraud. There have been numerous victims in this fraudulent scheme and enquiries are continuing to identify the persons responsible.

On 24th October 2020, a resident at East Stirling Street, Alva was the victim of an online banking fraud. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

On 25th October 2020 at Stirling Road, Alva, a phone was reported as being stolen while the victim was travelling on public transport. Police have a positive line of enquiry and efforts are continuing to trace the persons involved.

On 1st November 2020 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a male stole a quantity of meat and made off from the store. Police are reviewing CCTV and enquiries are continuing.

On 3rd November 2020 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, persons have committed multiple offences by using found cards to purchase goods. Police are following a positive line of enquiry to trace the persons responsible.

On 4th November 2020 at The Wynd, Alva, a quantity of goods were stolen from a domestic dwelling. The persons responsible were traced, arrested by police and appeared from custody the following day.

ROAD TRAFFIC

The Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team and the Road Policing Unit carried out an operation on the A91 for a week resulting in numerous offences being detected. The following incidents were recorded for Alva;

On 3rd November 2020 at Beauclerc Street, Alva, a driver was stopped and will be reported for numerous road traffic offences.

On 4th November 2020 at East Stirling Street, Alva, a driver was issued a conditional offer fixed penalty for driving without a valid MOT.

On 4th November 2020 at West Stirling Street, Alva, a driver was found to be driving without valid insurance. The circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

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

Numerous reports of anti-social behaviour involving youths have been reported over the last few weeks which coincide with Halloween and Guy Fawkes Night. The incidents reported include smashing bottles and throwing eggs at cars and houses. Community officers are carrying out high visibility patrols to engage with youths and provide some reassurance to the community. This behaviour will not be tolerated and all incidents should be reported to the police.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community officers have continued 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 been liaising with residents and with Clackmannanshire Council about dangerous and illegal parking on Queen Street, Alva with its junction at Stirling Street, Alva. This has resulted in the lines being repainted on the north side of the street and the lines on the south side will be repainted this coming week. Strict enforcement has and will continue to be carried out to increase the safety to pedestrians and road users.

Of note, a request from community police to repaint the lines of the bus stop on Stirling Street, Alva, at Baynes, has also been carried out. Police Scotland would encourage all road users to comply with the current restrictions.

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.