

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Venue: Zoom

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Anne Spruce - Treasurer	SR
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Katherine Graham	KG
Graham Burt	GB	Iain Craig	IC
Bryan Denny	BD	Holly Craig	HC
Graham Gilmour	GG	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD

### In Attendance:

Community Councillors – BD, KG, GG, GB, IC, AS

Members of Community (MOC) - 2

Local Councillors – Cllr Benny

### Minutes -

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Housekeeping</b> Bryan welcomed everyone to the meeting	
2	<b>Apologies</b> Holly Craig, Lynn Cameron and Linda Greig gave apologies.	
3	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest -</b> None	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Proposed by IC and seconded by AS	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes -</b> BD requests item 6.2 Alva CC Policies Review be carried forward from the previous minutes of the 12 <sup>th</sup> April 2021.	
6	<b>Police Report – Community Police Officer</b> Report Attached Please see attached they were not available at the time of the meeting so have been added.	
7	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
7.1	<b>Treasurer Report - AS</b> <b>Treasurer's Report- September 2021</b> The accounts have been checked and are ready for the AGM. <b>Ordinary Account</b> Expenses Poppy wreath £37.40 Accounting £20.00 Travel Expenses £44.00	

	<p>Information Commissioners £40.00 BALANCE £2524.44</p> <p><b>Special Events Account</b> Income Xmas light boxes £96.50 ACRT £3447.12 Interest £3.98</p> <p>Expenditure Sec Expenses Plants/ prizes £40.12 ACRT equipment £226.86 Paint/ brushes etc (Cochrane Park) £494.09 BALANCE £36,976.93</p> <p><b>Ring fenced</b> Xmas lights £10,369.86 Action Plan £2,552.47 Microgrants £1,770.00 Events £2,500.00 ACRT £3,469.76</p>	
<b>8</b>	<b>Items for Discussion</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<b>Tow Ball for using Alva CC trailer</b> – LC provided 2 quotes and it was agreed (all 6 ACC's approved) to go with the quote from Discount Trailers Falkirk of £350. It was agreed that ACC would pay 75% of the cost and the outstanding amount of £87.50 would be paid by LC. It was also agreed that if LC left the ACC within a year the 75% would be paid back to the ACC, within 2 years 50%, 3 years 25%, 4 years the remaining 25% as previously discussed.	
<b>8.2</b>	<b>ADT achieving ownership of Cochrane Hall Toilets</b> – GB raised the issue of funding for the refit of the Toilets and as it is for the benefit of the Alva community, to be used by locals, ACC Event's and visitors alike and encourage the use of the park it was agreed (all 6 ACC's approved) that a donation of £2500 would be given to the ADT for this purpose. It was also suggested if there was still a shortfall the applying for micro grants, EDF might be a solution.	
<b>8.3</b>	<b>Guid Reads</b> – GB If it was possible to give some funding for the shop "Guid Reads" but we will need to investigate whether it is possible if it is a registered charity or not.	
<b>8.4</b>	<b>Potential friends of the park group</b> – GG Discuss setting up a "Friends of the Parks" group as there has been a lot of discussion on Social media etc referencing litter, gardening and maintenance of the Parks and although Clackmannanshire Council is ultimately responsible there seems to be suggestions for the local community to be involved in litter picking for example and it was agreed that the ACC would try and organise an event something similar to what had been done previously to help clean up the parks for Remembrance Sunday etc. Vandalism seems to be a frequent occurrence and Cllr Benny recommended that these are always reported to the Police.	
<b>8.5</b>	<b>Potential to reinstate ALVA CC face to face meetings</b> – BD  Although we are currently having "Zoom" meetings the AGM on the 11 <sup>th</sup> October will be in the Cochrane Hall with the following meeting on the 8 <sup>th</sup> November also in the Cochrane Hall.	

<p><b>9</b></p> <p><b>9.1</b></p> <p><b>9.2</b></p> <p><b>9.3</b></p> <p><b>9.4</b></p>	<p><b>Convener Reports</b></p> <p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing – IC</b></p> <p>As agreed at previous ACC meetings, I was in communication with planning and raised our concerns about the new housing development at the west end of Alva. (Allanwater Homes). Concerns were first raised on planning 23.06.21 and then by Mark Grant on the 24.06.21 as an official ACC response. Cllr Balsillie still has a concern with regards to flooding outstanding and SEPA are awaiting new calculations on flooding.</p> <p>Stirling Street – Change of use of former shop to a tattoo parlour which has been approved. 75 Stirling Street – Change of use of an existing vacant Licensed bookmakers Class 2 to hot food takeaway which has been approved. Change of use of former car showroom (Alva Motors) to form shop Class 1 with parking which has been approved.</p> <p><b>Education – HC</b> – Nothing to report</p> <p><b>Health – KG</b> – Nothing to report. Will enquire to the restarting of the Alva Medical Practice Patient Group.</p> <p><b>IT – GB</b></p> <p>IT Report 13/09/2021</p> <p>As of yesterday (12/09/2021) I am pleased to report that I was able to fix the problem I had with making changes to pages on our website, in particular the minutes page which requires making changes in the coding editor rather than just text on the page. Providing I have no future problems, I will try posting more info on our website even though it has very few visitors, we owe it to the people who don't have Facebook or Twitter. Facebook continues to be our main source of communication with 1,824 likes and 2079 followers (data from 13/09/2021).</p>	
<p><b>10</b></p> <p><b>10.1</b></p>	<p><b>Sub-Committee Reports</b></p> <p><b>ACRT – GG</b></p> <p><b>Flood warnings from SEPA</b></p> <p>Despite us all enjoying a fairly dry summer, we have still had three flood warnings issued by SEPA for the Central area with risk of heavy rain and flooding, two in July and then again in August. Thankfully, there were no serious issues, although we were alerted to a flooded garden in Coblecrook Place, as a result of surface water. We visited the property, and offered some initial advice, and followed this up with a visit from Stuart Cullen, Flooding Officer from the Council to also carry out a survey. The householder was given additional contact details for the Scottish Flood Forum.</p> <p>We were also made aware of flooding in the George Street/Queen Street area that was related to surcharging drains, and potential sewage issues. This was passed to Scottish Water, buy the team will monitor this.</p> <p><b>Wider Flooding Issues</b></p> <p>The team, like many others noted, with sadness the terrible flooding that affected many areas of Europe during July. This is a reminder of why we</p>	

<p><b>10.2</b></p>	<p>are here to help, and to make sure we can do all we can to alert and aid the community in case of such events.</p> <p><b>New Flood Barrier</b> The new flood barriers have now arrived and are in our storage unit. These are to be used should the Alva Burn ever threaten to overflow at Henry Street, and a suitable storage area has already been identified close to the bridge on Henry Street so that if needed, it will be immediately on hand.</p> <p>Members of the team attended a training night organised by TiDeCo at the Sterling Furniture car park in August, where their similar system was put through its paces with the help of the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. This event also helped to demonstrate to local residents of Hareburn Road, who had been affected by severe flooding twelve months earlier that a protection system was now ready to be used.</p> <p><b>Training</b> With the easing of COVID restrictions, we have held our first indoor face-to-face meeting to establish some initial working practises for the team, and as an introduction. Further training will be arranged to let the team see the new flood barrier, and how to use it. This will hopefully be followed by a similar test involving SFRS at Henry Street.</p> <p><b>Burn Clearance</b> Members of the team met in early August to carry out a clearance of the Carnaughton Burn. Much of the overhanging branches were cleared allowing access the full length through the park, and four bags of rubbish was removed from the burn. The burn has been dry over the summer, and this intervention will hopefully help reduce the risk of blockages later. The removed cuttings from the cut bushes were later removed by the Community Payback Team.</p> <p><b>Events</b> Unfortunately, due to the current situation we would cancel this year's Christmas Fayre (all 6 ACC's agreed). We have confirmed with ADT Bookings that we can have the Fund Day on the 4<sup>th</sup> June 2022, as the 28<sup>th</sup> May was unavailable, and provisionally booked next year's Christmas Fayre for the 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022.</p>	
<p><b>11</b></p>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports</b></p> <p>Currently not much to update still taking most meetings in "Teams". Cllr Benny did want to address the issue of the recent press surrounding the emptying of the green bins. She stressed that the media reports were misleading and that what was being discussed was a few bins a month that the council could not uplift as they were too heavy, an example being a bin that contained concrete slabs. So, it was more about the disposal of extremely heavy waste appropriately and not in the green bins.</p>	
<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>GG was unfortunately unable to attend the JCCF meeting at the end of August but would be able to attend in future.</p>	
<p><b>13</b></p>	<p><b>Next Alva Community Council meeting – AGM Monday October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, 7pm followed by a short Ordinary meeting. Venue Cochrane Hall Alva.</b></p>	

**ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**13/09/2021**

**APPENDIX 1**

**POLICE REPORT**

**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](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk) and [Catherine.Lawson@scotland.pnn.police.uk](mailto:Catherine.Lawson@scotland.pnn.police.uk).

Police Scotland recorded 14 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 5 have been detected and the other are currently 9 undetected, some of which are still under investigation.

**PRIORITIES**

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

On 21<sup>st</sup> August 2021 at Myretoungate, Alva a named suspect was found to be breaching their bail conditions, and thereafter acting in a threatening and abusive manner. The suspect was arrested and taken to custody to appear at court the next day.

On 29/08/2021 at Back Road, Alva a named youth issued abusive language towards Police officers. He was issued a formal juvenile warning.

On the 5<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at West Johnstone Street, Alva a male was arrested for obstructing Police officers as they were dealing with a different incident. He thereafter issued officers verbal abuse. He was charged and will be subject to a report to the PF.

**VANDALISM**

There were 5 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

Between 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> of August 2021 at The Wynd, Alva a window of a property was smashed. Enquiries continue.

On 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Coblecrook Place and West Stirling Street, Alva a named person smashed a window with a rock and was thereafter traced in the possession of cannabis. He has been charged and reported to the PF.

Between the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at East Stirling Street, Alva there was damage caused to a vehicle cover. Enquiries continue.

On the 28<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Johnstone Park and West Stirling Street, Alva there was damage caused to a window of a property, and a tree with a large amount of glass smashed in a nearby car park. Several suspects have been named and enquiries progress.

Between the 10<sup>th</sup> and the 11<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at Alva Glen, Alva paint was applied to the large water pipe. The paint was able to be removed but enquiries continue to trace the perpetrator.

## **VIOLENCE**

There were 1 recorded incident of violence in the area over the last month, they are follows;

On the 10<sup>th</sup> of September 2021 at Cochrane Hall, Alva a named youth assaulted two other youths to their non-injury and injury respectively. Enquiries continue into this and he will be spoken to by officers.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

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

Between 14<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Beauclerc Street, Alva there was an attempted housebreaking into a garden shed with nothing stolen. Enquiries continue.

On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at Erskine Street, Alva a DVLA clamp had been removed from a parked vehicle and stolen. Enquiries continue.

On 26<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at The Nebit, Alva a person had reported money being taken from their bank account without their permission. Enquiries continue.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were 0 recorded road traffic incidents 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**

## **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.

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. One drugs search warrant was executed this month.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via one of the Community Sergeants, currently PS 378 Scott Thomson and PS 752 Alisdair Goldie who are based at Alloa Police Station.