

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday June 14th, 2021

Venue: Zoom

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Anne Spruce - Treasurer	AS
Linda Greig - Secretary	LG	Kathrine 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 – LC, AS, LG, KG, IC, BD, HC

Members of Community (MOC) - 3

Local Councillors – Cllr DB Cllr MB

Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies GB, GG	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - LC re agenda item 7.3 (CC trailer) BD re agenda item 9.2.	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed by IC Seconded by KG	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – <ul style="list-style-type: none">• LG has no info from Council re access to bus stop notice board, Alva CC will wait till Stirling Street upgrade is complete.• BD has sent draft updated policies to LG who will send out to all for discussion.• Cllr DB reported that picnic benches have been installed in the park. AS confirmed, this. These were purchased by Alva CC with funding sourced from EDF.• Pedestrian access to Primary School – Cllr DB reported that the education department has said they will look into the school janitor opening the gates in the morning. HC said the gates were closed at 8.40am for security reasons. Cllr DB said he would make further enquiries.	

6	<p>Police Report – Community Police Officer Report Attached</p>	
7	<p>Office Bearer reports</p>	
7.1	<p>Chairperson report – LC</p> <p>LC reported that Alva CC have made many attempts to pay the balance for the putting up, maintenance & taking down of our Christmas Light's, however we are still waiting to clear the balance.</p> <p>This year's Christmas Street Lights probably will not go ahead as the works on Stirling Street include re siting of the lamp posts.</p> <p>Alva CC are looking at having another tree wrapped with small lights at the Tilly end of Alva.</p> <p>Discussion took place regarding the proposed street furniture for Stirling Street (including lamp posts) from Clacks Council. Alva CC are concerned that what is proposed could look very cluttered, which is something that its present appearance has been criticised for. There was also concern that the decisions were being made without consultation.</p> <p>It was proposed that a CAPlan meeting should be organised to discuss the upgrade where those attending could socially distance.</p>	<p>CLlr DB & SR (CAPlan coordinator)</p>
7.2	<p>Secretary's Report – LG</p> <p>Alva CC Zoom - AS confirmed that all CC's have the details for the Alva CC zoom account so we can arrange meetings when necessary.</p> <p>Alva CC trailer - Alva CC purchased a trailer in 2018 with funds sources from EDF. The trailer is necessary for collecting and delivering our hanging baskets, resources for the Fun Day, Christmas Fayre & park clean ups. At the present time no Community Councillor has a towbar to enable the trailer to be used. It was proposed that LC could have a contribution towards a towbar funded from the Alva CC Special Events account. LC is the Community Councillor who uses her car to attend to the tasks that the trailer is required for.</p> <p>A proposal was put forward so that Alva CC could continue to utilise the trailer.</p> <p><i>Proposal - A Community Councillor could receive 75% of the cost of a towbar with professional fitting. If the Community Councillor were to leave the Community Council within one year, they would pay back the full amount awarded. If they leave within 2 years, they pay back two thirds of the amount awarded. If leaving within the third year they pay back one third of the amount awarded.</i></p> <p>IC proposed that LC receives 75% of the cost of a towbar that is professionally fitted. All in attendance agreed.</p> <p>AS proposed that the funds come from the Special Events accounts as the trailer is used for supporting events. All in attendance agreed.</p> <p>LC will put forward 3 quotes at the September meeting.</p> <p>A written agreement will be put in place for all to agree.</p> <p>CLlr DB suggested that he make enquires regarding storage for the Alva CC trailer as its Council policy to provide storage for community groups.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Community Council elections – Community Council elections will take place this year.</p> <p>Timetable for elections -</p>	<p>LC</p> <p>LG AS</p> <p>CLlr DB</p>

8	Convenor Reports	
8.1	Health – KG Next Clackmannanshire and Stirling Health and Social Care Forum Monday June 21,2021 10:00 - 12:00 via Zoom.	
8.2	Planning – IC A full planning application for residential development of 275 houses with associated infrastructure including roads, footpaths, landscaping, drainage, open space and associated works on the land North and South of the A91 to the west of Alva. The applicant’s name is Allan Water Homes. the reference number is 21/00144/FULL. IC & BD will be putting forward a representation for the above. Discussion took place regarding the feedback on the proposed housing development, comments included how the proposed development will put a strain on Alva’s already strained services such as schools & health centre. The overall appearance of the town will change with both ends of the town having all houses looking the same. Alva would be better with smaller homes with a bit of individuality & that there should be a proper community consultation on how the proposed development will look when it is finished. It was also noted that the Local Development Plan for Alva is out of date.	IC BD
8.3	Education – HC Alva Academy’s full school timetable has changed with effect from the August school term. All provisional grades have been revised and gathered for parents to know by the end of this week. Clackmannanshire Educational Psychology Service is inviting parents, primary and secondary age pupils to take part in a mental health and wellbeing survey, open till the 25 th June 2021. This will go on Alva CC media.	GB
8.4	Environment -GG GG gave apologies.	
8.5	JCCF – AS Audrey Marsh was the guest speaker, the new Area Commander for Police Scotland. She spoke about the challenges facing the Police and answered questions on anti-social behaviour. 1. Community events- Muckhart will have Christmas lights instead of a summer event. Dollar are having a gala in September and also fireworks and a Christmas celebration. Menstrie will have a gala at the end of July. 2. PVG changes. James from Menstrie outlined changes are due to come into force in the next couple of years which means PVG checks will be mandatory for community groups. CCs do not qualify for the fee waiver, Lesley will investigate and ascertain the Council stance. 3. Community Council Elections-Aiming to open for nominations on August 11 th and a declaration of results on October 15 th . Dates to be confirmed following the thoughts of CCs. 4. Next meeting- August 26 th at 7.00pm	

9	Sub Committee Reports	
9.1	<p>Alva Community Resilience Team – BD</p> <p>It has been a reasonably quiet period for the team lately, so just a short report.</p> <p>SEPA and Met Office Alerts We have had no weather alerts over the past few weeks.</p> <p>Flood Pods Due to reluctance of residents around Wharry Toad and Grodwell Drive, Clackmannanshire Council have been unable to find a suitable location for a new Flood Pod. We are now looking at possibly siting one around the Cochrane Hall which would help when we are carrying out any maintenance on the Carnaughton Burn.</p> <p>Flood Defenses You may have noticed work has been carried out at the west side of the Cochrane Park. This has been planned as an extension of the existing flood defences to protect properties in Wharry Road and Glenwhinnel Drive.</p> <p>Funding Our funding application to the EDF Burnfoot Fund via Foundation Scotland was successful, and we were awarded just over #3,400.00. This will help kit the team out with wet weather clothing, wellington boots, some small tools and other items to help keep the team safe.</p> <p>Media and Social Media Following the successful award of funding, we appeared in the Alloa Advertiser getting some good publicity for our efforts. Our Facebook page has also continued to engage with the community letting them know what work we are doing.</p>	
9.2	<p>Events – LG</p> <p>Alva Glen Heritage Trust (AGHT) representative Claire attended the meeting to discuss the possibility of Alva CC supporting the trust with organising a small community event around St Andrews Day. It was agreed to organise an event's meeting via zoom to discuss the proposal.</p> <p>POST MEETING NOTE – AGHT sent an email to Alva CC on 26.06.2021 to say that Alva Glen Heritage trustees met this morning, and the consensus decision was to not run the event this year.</p>	LG
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors Reports –</p> <p>Cllr Benny reported there is scam awareness fortnight coming up and suggested it goes on our website and fb.</p> <p>There were 96 Covid cases in Clacks today, i.e., date of meeting. Alva had 31 last week reduced to 12 today. Many cases have been traced to the Tingle Bar in Stirling.</p> <p>In Clacks 90% have had the 1st vaccine and 63% the second. Clacks carry out the highest amount of track and trace in Scotland. 64% of 18 – 29 are vaccinated.</p>	GB
11	<p>Lack of Public Toilets in Alva – BD</p> <p>BD raised concern regarding the lack of public toilets in Alva. This is a problem when trying to encourage visitors to the town. Alva CC will ask Alva Development Trust if there are any plans for the public toilets in the park.</p>	LG/BD

Next Ordinary Alva CC zoom Meeting Monday 13th September 2021 7.30pm

Members of the Alva community are most welcome at all meetings and can request to join a meeting by emailing info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk

Please make your request to join the meeting 2 clear days prior to the meeting date.

APPENDIX 1

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

14/06/2021

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 Catherine.Lawson@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Police Scotland recorded 16 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 7 have been detected and the other 9 are currently undetected, some 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 the 14th May 2021 at Southcroft, Alva, a female acted in a racially aggravated manner and was subsequently charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the 17th May 2021 at Parkgate, Alva, a male was found to have committed firearms offences and was charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the 19th May 2021 at Alva Academy, Alva, a juvenile was found in possession of controlled drugs but the Schools Based Officer. The offence will be dealt with through early and effective intervention.

On 4th June 2021 at Alva Golf Club, Alva, a female was found by police to be in possession of controlled drugs. The offence was disposed of by means of a Recorded Police Warning.

On 7th June 2021 at The Nethergate, Alva, a female acted in a threatening or abusive manner. The female responsible has been identified and will be charged and reported in due course.

VANDALISM

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

On the 21st May 2021 at the Cochrane Park, Alva, the Scout Hall was damaged as a result of the wilful or reckless act. No suspect has been identified but officers will be carrying out extra patrols in the area.

On 10th June 2021 at The Nebit, Alva, a window at a residential dwelling was smashed. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

VIOLENCE

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

On 25th May 2021 at Greenhead, Alva, a male committed several sexual offences including assault. He was arrested and will appear at court at a later date.

On 27th May 2021 at Alva Academy, Alva, a pupil was dealt with by the Schools Based Officer for an assault on another pupil.

On 12th June 2021 at Stirling Road, Alva, a male was assaulted and conveyed to hospital for treatment. Enquiries are ongoing to establish the full circumstances and identities of those involved.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

On the 16th May 2021 at Braehead, Alva, a theft of keys and cash occurred from an insecure residential property. All lines of enquiry have been carried out but no suspect has been identified.

On the 21st May 2021 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of goods was stolen. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

On the 20th May 2021 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of foodstuffs was stolen by a local male who has been charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On the 5th June 2021 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a considerable quantity of foodstuffs was stolen by a male. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the male responsible.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There were 2 recorded road traffic incidents in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

On the 21st May 2021 at West Johnstone Street, Alva, a road collision occurred after which the driver failed to stop and provide details or report the matter to the police. Enquiries are ongoing to identify the driver.

On 11th June 2021 at The Stables, A91, Alva, 2 males were found in circumstances where several road traffic and misuse of drugs offences were being committed. Both males will be 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

Police Scotland continue to deal with reports of breaches of the COVID regulations albeit these are starting to reduce as restrictions are being eased. Police Officers are still having to expose themselves to potential risk from this deadly disease so we would encourage all to abide by the rules and regulations to help protect all.

Community officers have just concluded a week long road safety operation targeting all manner of road traffic offending. Several vehicles were seized and persons charged and reported for road traffic offences.

The Community Policing Team at Alloa were also responsible for the detection of a substantial cannabis cultivation in the county which is still under enquiry.

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.