

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021, 7.30pm

Venue: Cochrane Hall, Alva

### Community Councillors Present:

Lynn Cameron Chairperson	Graham Gilmour
Anne Spruce Treasurer	
Graham Burt	
Holly Craig	
Katherine Graham	

### In Attendance:

Members of Community x 14 Elected Councillors - Cllr Balsillie  
Council Representative Lesley Baillie

Minutes - KG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome</b> Lynn opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> – Linda Greig and Bryan Denny	
3	<b>Minutes of 2020 AGM</b> Minutes of the 2020 AGM were proposed by Graham Burt and seconded by Anne Spruce	
4	<b>Matters Arising from 2020 AGM minutes</b> - None	
5	<b>Chairperson Annual Report – Lynn Cameron</b> In the last year we have not been able to do very much so I don't have much to report. It is good to be having a face-to-face meeting again after so many months on Zoom. We shall be reviewing the face-to-face meetings at our November meeting. Some of the planters required some work to make them presentable and we were able to do this unfortunately some of the planters had to be removed.	
6	<b>Treasurer Annual Report – Anne Spruce</b> We would like to thank Alison Fyfe for checking the accounts. Copy of annual report attached to these minutes. Proposed by Lynn Cameron and seconded by Katherine Graham. Please see attached.	

<p><b>7</b></p>	<p><b>EDF MICRO GRANT REPORT AGM OCTOBER 2021</b></p> <p>There have been three micro grants allocated in the last year and a report has been sent to EDF</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Ruth Galloway Guid Reads 10/11/2020 £250 To provide a sign for above door of community led second-hand book shop &amp; community hub.</li> </ol> <p><i>Update from Ruth on 11th August was that there has been a hold up due to a change in the design.</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Alva Community Resilience team 28/01/2021 £250 To provide maintenance cost of RiverTrack system for local flood group.</li> <li>3. Local lady for Bear Hunt 13/03/2021 £250 The Alva Bear Hunt benefited all children &amp; families within Alva and the Clackmannanshire area. This was a Lockdown &amp; COVID friendly activity to keep the children entertained when there is nothing else to do.</li> </ol> <p>EDF Micro grants are available from Alva community Council for more information email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a></p>	
<p><b>8</b></p>	<p><b>The Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Group Report for Alva CC AGM 13/09/21</b></p> <p><b>Alva Regeneration Project</b></p> <p>At long last regeneration works have commenced in Alva town centre on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2021 and what has been done so far is looking great with darker grey paving for pedestrian areas and lighter grey for vehicle area.</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council and the CAPlan Group issued a joint press release in March to say Alva Regeneration Project would start on 12<sup>th</sup> April 2021 but due to supply issues with materials needed for the town centre the contractor started on traffic calming measures at the west of the town at that time.</p> <p>The COVID-19 pandemic and lockdown has meant many delays as it had previously been hoped to start on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2021. Four members of the CAPlan Group met, socially distanced, with Council Officers, from Clacks Council Traffic and Transportation and Planning Department, at Council Chambers, Kilncraigs, on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 to discuss progress to date.</p> <p>The CAPlan Group met on Zoom on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2021 to discuss choices of Street Furniture suggested by Council Officers and following more email communications the Group met with the officers in the Cochrane Hall on 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021.</p> <p>Most of the street furniture i.e. benches, lampposts, bins, hanging basket columns, bus shelters, bollards, planters are going to be a black and gold heritage style. However, Council Officers want a few of the benches that will be around the Cobden Street area to be pomery granite as they will be more appealing to younger members of the community.</p> <p>Five of the heritage style benches will be bespoke and reflect the history of Alva. The CAPlan Group ran a competition and one of the winning designs, for the Alva Games bench, has been developed by David Ogilvie Engineering in Kilmarnock. Anne and Sandra visited their site on 26<sup>th</sup> July and discussed ideas for the other 4 benches, we now have draft designs and we can promise they are going to be excellent.</p> <p><b>Former Alva Glen Hotel Site</b></p> <p>One good thing about the delays to town centre works is that building works</p>	

at the former Alva Glen Hotel site is well underway and will hopefully be complete before the regeneration contractors reach that area to lay new paving etc adjacent to the new houses. The houses belong to a private developer who will either be selling or renting privately.

The development is a welcome improvement to the previous eyesore that was on this town centre location.

### **Asset Mapping Workshop**

As Co-ordinator of CAPlan Group Sandra attended an "Asset Mapping Workshop" on Wed 5<sup>th</sup> May 2021 via MS Teams being led by Grant Baxter of Clacks Council.

Clackmannanshire Council, supported by Architecture & Design Scotland and Scottish Futures Trust are seeking to develop proposals for the regeneration of Alva, and specifically how best to redevelop the prominent Glentana Mill site. Towards the end of 2020 they carried out an online survey using the Place Standard Tool and the workshop was the next step to help identify a shared understanding of key assets, opportunities and actions for Alva/Alva Town Centre, shared priorities for the development of the Glentana Mill site and a share understanding of what a place-based approach looks like in this context.

There was 40+ participants including Janice Chalmers from ADT, Carol Broadfoot from the Medical Practice, Shona Ulrichsen from OYCI, reps from Architecture Design Scotland, Scottish Futures Trust, Health and Social Care Partnership, Dementia Design at Stirling University, Place Standards and loads of officers from various departments of Clackmannanshire Council.

Started off looking at results from the Place Standard questionnaire we issued at the Regen Drop-in in February 2019(92 participants) and the school one (46 participants). School results were more positive (5/7) than the adult one (3/7). There were 14 elements to look at, but the first element generated discussion lasting 2 of the 3 hours and covered many issues already being addressed at the town centre regeneration. We only got as far as the 2<sup>nd</sup> element.

Glentana was hardly mentioned until the third hour and it appears the site will be developed into housing for older people and/or younger disabled people. They are also keen to link up the cycle network which could mean utilising some of the land for that. It was made clear that parking will need to be kept for Parkland Centre users. Having an area for local history, local identity was also mentioned.

There will be a follow up workshop in due course.

### **Alva Development Trust - Mary Laing**

ADT have secured a 19 ½ year lease for the toilet block to the rear of the Cochrane Hall. The building requires a lot of work to bring it up to standard. The Plumbers and Electricians have undertaken extensive work to install water heater, rewire the obsolete electrics and link cameras to the Hall. Was discovered that the heating had been left on. There were also some roof repairs carried out and now that ADT have secured the lease everything is covered by their insurance. Still a lot of cleaning required. Received £10k from the Leeder Fund of the £20k required to upgrade everything including the kiosk.

Update on the Cochrane Hall and the Boiler and Control Panel have been changed, the floor refurbished and hall decorated as well as the kitchen area.

**Alva Community Resilience Team Report – Graham Gilmour**

Alva Community Resilience Team came into existence almost exactly one year ago as the flood defence volunteers looking after Alva. In that time, we have recruited around 25 members.

We have secured funding through a number of sources, including EDF Burnfoot Hill Wind Farm (Foundation Scotland), Clackmannanshire, Stirling and Falkirk Lottery Association, Alloa and District Round Table, and ACC micro grant totalling in excess of £5,500. These funds have allowed us to install a RiverTrack monitoring system on the Alva Burn at Henry Street, Covid protective equipment for all members (facemasks, eye shields, hand sanitiser, surface wipes, disposable gloves), head torches for all members, waterproof handheld radios for communication. We are also currently in the process of ordering wet weather, Hi-Viz personal protective equipment for all team members.

Through Clackmannanshire Council, we have been supplied with two flood gates which will be used to protect properties along Henry Street adjacent to the bridge over the Alva Burn in cases where there is a risk of this flooding.

Going forward, we are looking to increase our face-to-face training as the team has not really been able to get together in person properly due to Covid restrictions, and to engage more with the public, particularly in relation to trialling the flood gates. Some may have seen the training carried out by the Tideco team (Tillicoultry, Devonside and Coalsnaughton Flood Group) who have similar barriers, who set them up in the car park at Sterling Furniture and had the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service use their hoses to pump water at them. We will look to do something very similar, and at that time, will invite the public to observe.

**End of AGM**