Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting Monday 11th October 2021

Venue: Cochrane Hall, Alva

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	нс
Graham Gilmour	GG	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD

In Attendance:

Community Councillors – LC, KG, GG, GB, HC, AS Members of Community (MOC) - 14 Local Councillors – Cllr Balsillie

Minutes - KG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping Continued from AGM	
2	Apologies Continued from AGM	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed by GG and seconded by GB	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - Alva CC Policies Review be carried forward from the previous minutes of the 12 th April 2021.	
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer None available at time of the meeting.	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Treasurer's Report - October 2021	
	Ordinary Account Expenses IT copyright fee £230.00 BALANCE £2,294.44 Special Events Account Income	

	EDF Microgrant grant £1,500.00	
	Expenditure	
	Donation to ADT (toilets) £2,500.00	
	ACRT equipment £540.45	
	Hanging baskets £270.00 BALANCE £35,166.48	
	E33,100.46	
	RING FENCED	
	Lights £10,369.86	
	Action Plan £2,552.47 Micro grants £3,270.00	
	Events £2,500.00	
	ACRT £2,929.31	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	Planning & Licensing – IC Nothing new to report.	
8.2	Education – HC – McMillan Fundraising Friday 22 nd and there will be a	
	discussion week beginning the 18 th if it will be open to the Public.	
8.3	IT Report - GB 11/10/2021	
	Unfortunately, I posted an image on our website which was subject to copyright which I was not aware of and admit to not even considering it	
	may have.	
	On the 23 rd September, I received an email addressed to our webmaster	
	email address from a company called PicRights claiming ACC had breached copyright of an image I posted on an article on our website on the 28 th	
	Feb. The image was of Nicola Sturgeon, which had to be taken down and a	
	fee of £230 had to be paid. After investigation it was found to be a	
	legitimate claim.	
	I am extremely sorry that I made this genuine mistake and extremely	
	grateful to the support and understanding of my fellow Alva Community	
	Councillors. It goes without saying that extreme care will be taken the next	
	time there is a public article of interest that has an image included.	
	Apart from that everything else on our media is ticking over nicely and our	
	Facebook page as ever, is gaining followers each month.	
8.4	Health – KG – Nothing to report.	
	Nothing to report.	
8.5	Environment - GG	
	Garden Waste tipping adjacent to cycle path.	
	Clir Clark has raised an issue shout the volume of sandar waste hairs	
	Cllr Clark has raised an issue about the volume of garden waste being disposed of in the fields adjacent to the new cycle path.	
	and the mental day decire to the new cycle path.	
	Litter pick in Cochrane/Johnstone parks Saturday 6 November	
	There have been a few responses to our Facebook post about the planned	
	litter pick in the parks prior to Remembrance Sunday, but it is possible	
	more might turn up on the day. We will need to ensure that we have	

sufficient bags to dispose of the litter and grabs so that people don't have to use their hands. Do we also need to have hand gel or wipes available. and do helpers need to sign forms for insurance? State of Alva There have been various complaints, both raised by Cllr Clark, and by members of the community on the state of housekeeping in Alva, relating to amongst other things, the planting of flower beds, untidy-ness of the parks, broken planter barrels, dead hanging baskets, potholes and the Cochrane Hall fencing that is in need of repair. Silver Glen Residents Association We were contacted by this group last month who were forming in order to address points with the developer on issues they were facing. I have offered to act as a contact from ACC in case they need any assistance, and have offered to attend future meetings that they might have on behalf of ACC. So far, I have not been aware of any more meetings that have planned. 8.6 JCCF - AS - no update Clackmannanshire Councillor reports - Cllr D Balsillie 9 Clacks Council facing tough challenges during Covid-19 assisted local business with £16 million funding in Clackmannanshire. Funding Hardship Grants and assisting ADT with the food banks. £2 million for the high street but shortage of materials has presented some issues. Alva to Menstrie Cycle route underway and looking at developing Alva to Fishcross next year. Allanwater homes have not to additional concerns with regards to flooding and landscape in the development in the East. There is still updated information required from Allanwater homes for the development in the West. There has also not been a response by Allanwater regarding the roads/roundabout for the development in the West. There was no discussion regarding the closure of the Library at the High School with the Parents and the staff had a short time to remove books that would still be required. The Parents have always maintained that the Library was underfunded and under supported and that they had offered to support for 5 years but this was refused. Cllr Balsillie will take the complaints back to Clacks Council. £19 million being spent on a Wellbeing Centre which will include Public Baths as replacement for the Leisure Bowl. Dollar Academy swimming pool available for some public sessions and there is to be a meeting at Clacks Council to discuss a temporary swimming pool. Some discussion about the speed limits in and around Alva and people are not convinced that they will be adhered too or that there is a easy way to police the speed limits. There was a request that the "Give way to oncoming traffic" signs at both bridges going out of Alva towards Alloa should be moved further back and that some trees needed to be removed to allow drivers to see the vehicles. Cllr Balsillie will contact the Roads Department. 10 **AOB**

11	Next Alva Community Council meeting – Inaugural meeting November 8 th 2021 7.00pm Cochrane Hall, Alva	
	Lights are out in Johnstone Street between Number 61 and 65. This is on the path that leads from James Street to Johnstone Street. KG will contact Clacks Council to try and get this sorted.	
	Parking – Parking spaces require to be repainted in the car park at the top of Cobden street and along Johnstone Street as this is causing problems for residents of the Johnstone Street due to bad parking so that the space can be dully utilised.	
	Armistice Day – ADT will supply tea, coffee and soup here at the Cochrane Hall	