

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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Minutes of Inaugural and Ordinary Meeting

Monday 8th November 2021

Venue: Cochrane Hall

In Attendance:

Alva Community Councillors – Bryan Denny, Holly Craig, Graham Burt, Linda Greig, Lynn Cameron, Anne Spruce, Iain Craig, Kathrine Graham, and Graham Gilmour

Members of Community – 10

Council Officers – Evelyn Patterson Deputy returning Officer and Lesley Ballie Community Council Liaison Officer

Local Councillors – Cllr M Benny - Cllr D Balsillie

Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome and Introductions from Evelyn Patterson, Depute Returning Officer, Clackmannanshire Council. Accompanied by Lesley Baillie, Community Council Liaison Officer.	
2	Apologies – None received. Mary Dalrymple was not in attendance.	
3	Opening remarks – Evelyn Patterson explained the process for electing a chairperson. Lesley Baillie explained that she would organise an induction for Community Councillors. The sessions will be designed for new community councillors but that could include people who have been community councillors for a while, so everyone is welcome. Lesley reminded the Community Council that a point of contact would be required for council business and for publication on the Council's website.	LB
4	Election of Chairperson for this meeting. Alva Community Council (Alva CC) chose to elect Community Councillor Brian Denny as Chairperson for item 6.	BD
5	Deputy Returning Officer hands over to Chairperson for this meeting and agrees to stay at the meeting for item 6.	

<p>6</p>	<p>Proposal for Community Councillor suspension – Elected Chair for this meeting.</p> <p>Bryan gave a brief preamble of item 1 on the agenda - Apologies to the members of the public for having to air this subject. However, due to the re-election of one of the Community Councillors for Alva, Mary Dalrymple, a situation has arisen which places the future continuation of Alva Community Council in jeopardy.</p> <p>Mary Dalrymple was previously indefinitely suspended as a Community Councillor during the last term for disruptive behavior and breaches of the Code of Conduct. There has been a number of attempts to resolve this situation in the past in a manner acceptable to all parties. However, failure in that process ultimately led Mary’s indefinite suspension from the Community Council.</p> <p>Following the latest round of elections numerous members of the newly elected Community Councillors have stated that they are not prepared to serve alongside Mary should she continue as a serving member of the Alva Community Council.</p> <p>This would mean that Alva Community Council would be below the minimum number of Councillors required to function and be forced to dissolve until fresh elections could take place. The earliest this is likely to happen would be at least one year from now due to other elections in the coming year taking precedence.</p> <p>Therefore, we see that there is no other option than to propose the following motion: “In order for the future existence of Alva Community Council to continue and to serve the community, it is proposed that the suspension of Mary Dalrymple as a Community Councillor for Alva be renewed for the remaining term of this Community Council.”</p> <p>The Chair asked for those in favor of this motion to raise their hands.</p> <p>The Chair announced that it was a unanimous decision to suspend, Mary Dalrymple, as a Community Councillor for Alva and this suspension will be in place for the remaining term of this Community Council.</p> <p>Alva Community Council will write to inform Mary Dalrymple of this decision.</p> <p>Deputy Returning Officer Evelyn Patterson & Community Council Liaison Officer left the meeting at this point.</p>	<p>LG</p>
<p>7</p>	<p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Chairperson – Bryan Denny nominated Lynn Cameron to take over as Chair, seconded by Iain Craig. Lynn accepted the post of Chairperson.</p> <p>Vice Chairperson – Anne Spruce nominated Bryan Denny, seconded by Graham Gilmour. Bryan accepted the post of Vice Chairperson.</p> <p>Treasurer – Lynn Cameron nominated Anne Spruce, seconded by Linda Greig. Anne accepted the post of Treasurer.</p> <p>Secretary – Lynn Cameron nominated Linda Greig, seconded by Anne Spruce. Linda accepted the post of Secretary.</p> <p>Minute Secretary – Anne spruce nominated Linda Greig and Kathrine Graham, seconded by Bryan Denny. Linda and Kathrine accepted and agreed to share this post.</p>	

8	<p>Nomination of Conveners –</p> <p>Community Councillors put themselves forward to volunteer for the following posts, no Convener posts were contested by Community Councillors.</p> <p>Education Convener - Holly Craig accepted.</p> <p>Environment Convener - Graham Gilmour accepted.</p> <p>DATA Protection Convener - Linda Greig and Anne Spruce accepted and agreed to continue to share the post.</p> <p>Information technology (IT) Convener – Graham Burt accepted.</p> <p>Health Convener – Kathrine Graham accepted.</p> <p>Planning Convener – Iain Craig accepted.</p> <p>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) Convener – Graham Gilmour accepted.</p>																																											
9	<p>Declaration conflict of interest - None</p>																																											
10	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting – small correction re time of this meeting from 7.30pm to 7.00pm. Minutes of October 2021 proposed by GG, seconded by IC</p>																																											
11	<p>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - None</p>																																											
12	<p>Police Report – Community Police Officer No report available at time of meeting.</p>																																											
13	<p>Treasurer’s report – AS</p> <p>November 2021 Ordinary Account</p> <table data-bbox="343 1265 1165 1332"> <tr> <td>No change</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td></td> <td>£2,294 44</td> </tr> </table> <p>Special Events Account</p> <table data-bbox="343 1400 1165 1624"> <tr> <td>Income</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Bank Interest</td> <td></td> <td>4.70</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Expenses</td> <td></td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Insurance for park clean up</td> <td>15.90</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACRT equip</td> <td></td> <td>945.12</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACRT equip</td> <td></td> <td>516.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Balance</td> <td></td> <td>£33,693.60</td> </tr> </table> <p>Ring fenced</p> <table data-bbox="343 1691 1165 1848"> <tr> <td>Lights</td> <td></td> <td>10,369.86</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Action Plan</td> <td></td> <td>2,552.47</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Micro grants</td> <td></td> <td>3,270.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Events</td> <td></td> <td>2,500.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>ACRT</td> <td></td> <td>1,467.63</td> </tr> </table>	No change			Balance		£2,294 44	Income			Bank Interest		4.70	Expenses			Insurance for park clean up	15.90		ACRT equip		945.12	ACRT equip		516.56	Balance		£33,693.60	Lights		10,369.86	Action Plan		2,552.47	Micro grants		3,270.00	Events		2,500.00	ACRT		1,467.63	
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<p>14</p>	<p>Secretaries Report – LG</p> <p>LG asked if all Community Councillors would agree to read & review the Alva Community Council policies when she forwarded them out to all to support the review process. All agreed.</p> <p>LG suggested that the policies that Alva CC have in place will likely differ from the policies required by the Alva Community Resilience Team (ACRT). All was agreed that BD would forward the ACRT policies & everyone would read & respond to these to support the process. All agreed.</p> <p>LG asked if everyone wanted to continue holding the Alva CC meetings in the Cochrane Hall. All was agreed to continue to use the hall as a venue for the time being.</p> <p>LG asked if members would think about what Alva CC could do to support the community to take part in the Platinum Jubilee Weekend Thurs 2nd – Sunday 5th June 2022. Alva CC community Funday is scheduled for Sat 4th June 2022. It could be that we incorporate something for that day.</p> <p>AS thought, we might be interested in the Official Launch of The Queen’s Green Canopy: “Plant a Tree for the Jubilee” www.queensgreencanopy.org AS will send out the info for consideration at the next meeting.</p>	<p>LG All</p> <p>BD All</p> <p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>AS</p>
<p>15</p>	<p>Wreath for Remembrance Sunday – AS</p> <p>AS has purchased a wreath for the Community Council to lay on remembrance Sunday. AS asked if anyone would like to volunteer to do this. GG agreed to lay the wreath on behalf of Alva CC.</p>	<p>AS GG</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>Alva CC representative for EDF Panel – AS</p> <p>Anne explained that the EDF panel requires two members of Alva CC & one member of the community or one Community Councillor & two members of the community. Presently there is one of each as a panel member for Alva has resigned. All agreed that a member of the community at the meeting would apply. LG will send out the application form & documents.</p> <p>Discussion followed on Alva CC keeping a bank of suggestions on what the community would like to access the funding for.</p>	<p>LG</p>
<p>17</p>	<p>Alva CC Convener Reports</p>	
<p>17.1</p>	<p>Planning – IC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New shop Bugdens have applied for a License to supply alcohol. • Stirling Street pharmacy has approval to alter the shop front. 	
<p>17.2</p>	<p>IT – GB</p> <p>All is well no issues.</p>	
<p>17.3</p>	<p>Education – HC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Macmillan total so far £51,500.83 • New café has been installed and opened in Academy. This will be open to the public eventually. • New library has been approved within the Academy. • Health & wellbeing hub is now open. • Remembrance events have now started. • Academy has now agreed to donate food to ADT. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dyslexia awareness week has just finished. This should become an annual event. 	
17.4	<p>Environment – GG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> GG coordinated a clean-up day in the Cochrane Park in preparation for remembrance Sunday. It was well attended & attendees are working towards a Friends of the Park group. There is a Facebook page & a WhatsApp group. Mary Lang from ADT raised the issue of the bags of litter that were collected, they were added to a bonfire in the park on the Saturday evening. The bags were left in a designated place for Clackmannanshire Council to collect on the Monday. Any future bags of litter collected at the weekends could be collected using the Alva CC trailer. Discussion followed regarding the mess on Stirling Street at the weekend. It was reported that the street was remarkably busy with pedestrians & that the street looked tidy on the Friday evening. It was a windy day on the Saturday. Sandra Rees Community action plan Coordinator reported that the Stirling Street contractors were hoping that the Brook Street housing developers would be finished their work when they reached that part of the Street. If not, then they would start on the other side & finish Brook Street area later. The contractors will have a Christmas break. The street has some trees incorporated into the design. The hanging baskets are going to be watered by Clackmannanshire Council. LG expressed concern about whether this would be a task they would take on. Other councillors & Sandra said that this was discussed at a CAPlan meeting & they were told that Clacks council would be doing this. GG is meeting with the Chair of the Silver Glen residents' group on the 8th of December representing Alva CC & ACRT. LC is going to find out about the feasibility of water refilling stations for Alva. Mary Lang from the Alva Development Trust (ADT) reported that the toilet block will be turned into a kiosk. Volunteers will be welcome to help clean and paint in preparation. 	<p>GG</p> <p>LC</p>
18	Sub Committee Reports	
18.1	<p>Alva Community Resilience Team – GG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flood alerts from SEPA. Two Flood Alerts from SEPA. On Wednesday 13 September covering Thursday onward, but improving conditions meant this was removed on Friday 15th. The second was on Thursday 28th October covering from Friday. It was removed on Monday 1 November. Near miss at Henry Street bridge. RiverTrack started showing an alarming rise in the Alva Burn on the afternoon of Wednesday 27th October. No SEPA alerts were in place at this point, but there had been heavy persistent rain during the afternoon. Due to the rising levels, members of the team went out and checked on all the known hot spots in Alva, and then congregated at Henry Street at around 7pm. By this time, the rain had eased off, and water levels in the burn started to reduce. It was decided to stand down for the evening. 	

	<p>Over the course of the next few days, several members of the team visited the Carnaughton Burn south of the Scout Hall multiple times to clear debris and ensure that the burn remained flowing freely. We continue to actively monitor this area. The Silver burn has also been regularly visited too and continues to be largely clear.</p> <p>We have produced a full report with more details on water levels and timing which we can provide if requested.</p>	
19	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports</p> <p>Cllr M Bennie reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleased with the progress on Stirling Street. • The new benches & crossings were being used at the West end of Stirling Street. <p>Cllr D Balsillie reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid 19 cases in Clackmannanshire are high & that Council staff are being redirected from their posts to areas where support is needed. • Allan Waters homes are waiting for SEPA's additional info re the potential Alva West development. • Investment going into Alva with the regeneration of Stirling Street & works at the West & East of the town. 	
AOB	<p>A member of the community raised issue with housekeeping in Alva. He reported that he had a walk about with a Council representative to point out areas he saw as being neglected. It was confirmed by Cllr Balsillie that members of the community, if they find urgent problems causing an immediate danger should be reported immediately by phoning the contact centre on 01259 450000 (24 hours).</p> <p>Any non-urgent issues can be reported to Clackmannanshire Council online - https://www.clacks.gov.uk/council/reportit/</p> <p>If members of the community do not use email, they can report the issue to Alva Library Located in: Alva Primary School Address: 151 Brook St, Alva FK12 5AW Phone: 01259 760652</p> <p>Another member of the community asked about the Glentanna development. There are no confirmed plans set yet, but it looks like the site could be developed for Housing with Care.</p> <p>GB said he was concerned regarding the development of Alva West as Alva Medical Practice is full to capacity.</p>	
NOTE	<p>Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday January 10th, 2022, 7.30pm - Venue Zoom 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 two clear days prior to the meeting date. If you would like an item placed on an Ordinary meeting agenda, please email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p>	

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