

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Venue: Zoom

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Anne Spruce - Treasurer	SR
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 – GG, AS, LG, GB, LC, IC, HC,

Members of Community (MOC) - 7

Local Councillors – Cllr MB, Cllr DB

Minutes – LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Housekeeping</b> LG proposed GG to Chair this meeting IC seconded.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> – BD & KG	
3	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest</b> - none	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – Proposed by IC Seconded by AS	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> – Plant a Tree for the Platinum Jubilee – Alva in Bloom have access to trees for planting. A poll will be put on social media so that the Alva Community can have a say in where the trees should be planted. Using the window of the old Orchard to advertise the project was discussed, GB will make enquiries.	GB
6	<b>Police Report – Community Police Officer Report Attached</b>	
7	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	



<b>8</b>	<b>Convener reports</b>	
<b>8.1</b>	<p><b>Planning – IC</b></p> <p>Completion of road works at east of the village. There has been an amendment to the application for the Brook Street site which was approved and has allowed building to begin during the start of December</p>	
<b>8.2</b>	<p><b>Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) -GG</b></p> <p>Meeting was given a briefing from Chief Inspector Audrey Marsh, local area commander for Police Scotland on their Annual Performance report. On the whole, reported crime numbers are down, including for violent crime and domestic incidents. Acquisitive crime including housebreaking is up slightly, but theft from domestic sheds and garages and from commercial properties is down substantially.</p> <p>There was some concern at the increase in fraud, although bogus callers do not seem to be a particular issue in the area. The concern is with the increase in online crime, which is becoming far more ingenious in how individuals are targeted.</p> <p>The local Police office have now moved to a new unit within Kilncraigs, and there is now a dedicated area to support the efforts of STRIVE, Safeguarding Through Rapid Intervention. This is a multi-agency team made up of police officers, social workers and housing officers as well as a part-time education officer. STRIVE takes a “whole systems” approach to deliver better outcomes, faster, for the most vulnerable people in Clackmannanshire by gathering and sharing information at an early stage to try to address known welfare concerns quickly and prevent the need for further intervention.</p> <p>We were also given an update from Fiona Grinly from Clackmannanshire Council on the ‘Be the Future’ <a href="https://www.clacks.gov.uk/document/5973.pdf">https://www.clacks.gov.uk/document/5973.pdf</a> This is the strategic vision set out by the council for 2022.</p> <p>Other business discussed by representatives of the other Community Councils in particular focused on the removal of public transport services from various communities. Clackmannan now has no link towards Kincardine and beyond, and Dollar and Muckhart will suffer from the withdrawal of the X53 service to Kinross which currently provides a link from Stirling and the other Hillfoots villages. There is a fear that with the withdrawal of COVID related subsidies in March/April 2022, other services could also be affected. Community Councils may want to lobby for the services in their areas to ensure that these are not impacted, or to find ways to replace them.</p>	
<b>8.3</b>	<p><b>IT – GB</b></p> <p>There are no current major issues with our website or social media. As Linda has mentioned in her secretary’s report, the work we would like done to our website page requires hiring a skilled webmaster. I am self-taught and only have enough knowledge of Wordpress to keep it ticking over. As always, our Facebook page continues to be our main source of communicating and engaging with the public and has 2172 followers and 1,900 likes.</p>	

<p>9</p>	<p><b>Subgroup reports – Alva Community Resilience Team (ACRT) – GG</b></p> <p><b>Flood alerts from SEPA</b> Two Flood Alerts from SEPA were received since the last update. On Tuesday 7 December onward, but improving conditions meant this was removed on Wednesday 8th. The second was on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> December onwards, but was removed on Thursday 29 December.</p> <p><b>Training with Water Gates</b> A good turnout of the team attended our first trial with the Water Gates at Henry Street at the end of November. The gates were stretched across the road at the bridge to see how this should be done. Thanks to PC James Millar, the local Community Police Officer who attended on his day off to assist with the road closure to allow us to place the gates. A further training session, possibly with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to test the concept of the barriers being used to channel the water at a safe location will also be arranged.</p> <p><b>Desktop Training Exercise</b> A desk top exercise was run by Karen Kirkwood, Emergency Planning Officer at Clackmannanshire Council to test the Flood Plans of the local Flood Response Groups. This highlighted some points in the plans that needed to be amended, including the early notification of the Police via 101 to alert them to developing issues.</p> <p><b>Flood Pods</b> Two new flood pods have been installed. One in the Cochrane Park, and the other to hold the Water Gates near Henry Street. The Cochrane Park one has some basic kit already installed, but some more equipment including rakes, shovels, etc has been ordered.</p> <p><b>Flooding in Cochrane Park car park</b> On 30 November, members of the team were called on to assist protect the property in the Cochrane Park with flood snakes due to the amount of water pooling in the car park that was threatening the property. No damage to the property was caused, but CC have been asked to check the drains in this area as it has become a regular concern.</p> <p><b>Carnaughton Burn clearance</b> The Carnaughton Burn was cleared several times toward the end of the year as rain washed fallen leaves down toward the culvert. Now that the laves have all falledn, this should no longer cause an issue.</p> <p><b>Storm Arwen</b> While this caused some considerable property damage around Alva including fallen walls, trees and roof damage to many properties at the end of November, it was not accompanied by any significant heavy rainfall and there was no requirement for the team to be mobilised.</p> <p>LG raised a flooding issue on the Back Road with Clacks Council last year, the issue is still ongoing. LG will send up to date photos to ACRT.</p>	<p>LG</p>
<p>10</p>	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor Reports –</b></p> <p>Cllr Martha Benny reported</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the Budget briefing will be presented on Thursday.</li> <li>• The primary six to secondary six School Health &amp; Wellbeing survey is raising some concern regarding the types of questions for younger pupils to answer.</li> </ul> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie reported –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scottish Government presented the budget o 21<sup>st</sup> December will be made public on 21<sup>st</sup> January.</li> <li>• Pleased with progress of the Alva townscape &amp; the Alva Community &amp; Council partnership during this.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Council's focus has been with Covid 19 &amp; the new variant. Muckhart Primary is now open.</li> </ul> <p>Member of the community asked when the new cycle path from Alva to Menstrie will start, this will be at the start of the next financial year.</p>	
<b>AOB</b>	<p>HC asked about the pathway to Alva Academy through the new Allan Water Holmes estate at Silverburn. This was part of the initial plans to give access to the school. Enquiries will be made.</p> <p>As yet there is no play equipment in the Silverburn amenity area. This would depend on the residents &amp; if they want a play area there.</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie intimated that there is a £25,000 developers fund available to Alva for Art project/projects in the town. The decision for the projects to be Art based were made by the planning committee at Clackmannanshire Council. Cllr Balsillie said he would ask the planning committee to send information to Alva CC regarding how these funds can be accessed. Alva CC will work with the community &amp; community groups to use the funds.</p>	<p>Cllr DB</p> <p>Cllr DB Alva CC</p>
<b>NOTE</b>	<p>If you would like an item, put on an Alva Community Council meeting agenda, please email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a> or contact the local library.</p>	

**Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday February 14th, 7.30pm**

## APPENDIX I

### POLICE REPORT

10/01/2022

#### 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, Kilncraigs, Alloa. 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 12 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 4 have been detected and the other 8 are currently undetected, most of which are still under investigation.

#### PRIORITIES

##### ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There was 1 recorded incident of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, it is as follows;

From the 29<sup>th</sup> to the 30<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Southcroft, Alva, a female was found to be acting in a threatening or abusive manner. The female responsible has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

##### VANDALISM

There was 1 recorded incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, it is as follows;

On the evening of 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at Henry Street, Alva, a living room window was smashed as a result of an intentional or reckless act. Enquiries are continuing to identify the person responsible.

##### VIOLENCE

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

Between 1<sup>st</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at various addresses including a residential dwelling in Alva, a female was subject to various domestic offences including assault. Enquiries are continuing.

On 11<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at a residential dwelling in Grodwell Drive, Alva, an allegation of domestic assault was made. The suspect was traced and interviewed but there was insufficient evidence to progress the complaint.

On 17<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Park Street, Alva, a police officer was the victim of a minor assault while apprehending a male who was wanted. The incident has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 1<sup>st</sup> January 2022 at The Nethergate, Alva, a female was subject to an assault by a male which resulted in a significant injury. Police are following a positive line of enquiry and are making efforts to trace the male responsible.

##### ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

Just after midnight on 13<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at business premises in Alva Industrial Estate, a door was forced open in circumstances to suggest that an intended theft was going to occur. Enquiries have been concluded at this time with no suspect identified.

On 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a quantity of goods were stolen. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were 4 recorded road traffic incidents in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

On the 15<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Brook Street, Alva, a collision occurred between 2 motor vehicles. The driver of the offending van failed to stop and provide details or report the matter to police. Efforts are ongoing to identify the driver.

Overnight from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2021 at Dalmore Drive, Alva, a collision occurred between 2 motor vehicles. The driver of the offending vehicle failed to stop and provide details or report the matter to police. Efforts are ongoing to identify the driver.

On 27<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Dalmore Drive, Alva, a male was found to be driving with no insurance or license. The vehicle was seized and the circumstances have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2021 at Stirling Street, Alva, a male was arrested for drink driving. He has been 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 continue to respond to incidents of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour at the Cochrane Park and Alva Golf Course as well as other locations in Alva. Any criminality will be dealt with robustly.

Officers from the Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team have also been involved duties providing support and reassurance to the public and businesses over the festive period.

The Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team continue to support Response Policing in the county while staffing is affected by COVID-19 abstractions.

## **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.

Road improvements are about to commence on the north side of Stirling Street, Alva to reflect the changes on the south side of the road. This will result in some disruption over the coming months. Please drive and park in a careful and considerate manner until these are complete.

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.