

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday February 14th, 2022

Venue: Zoom

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	HC
Graham Gilmour	GG	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD

In Attendance:

Community Councillors – LC, GB, AS, KG, IC, HC,

Members of Community (MOC) - 4

Local Councillors – Cllr DB,

Minutes - KG

	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping LC introduced and welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	Apologies – LG & GG	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - none	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by AS Seconded by GB	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Art Projects – Concrete Panels in new Ogilvie Homes but no artwork not sure if run out of funds. Cllr Balsillie not aware of any correspondence between CC and Ogilvie but will chase this up. <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Footpath to the Academy, Silverglen & Greenhead lighting etc still further work to be completed.• Further discussion required around £25k spend discuss with the community and CAPlan group.• Hanging Baskets – LC spoke to a joiner and to remove and make good the brackets would be £168 inc vat, all approved. Will contact shop owners about who wants to keep them?	Cllr DB Cllr DB LC
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer Report Attached – was not available at the meeting.	
7	Office Bearer reports	

7.1	Chair Report – LC Nursery happy to plant up 54 Hanging baskets. Planters can be planted up but not the big, tall ones they need to wait for the trees to be planted will contact Alva in Bloom. Have spent some time responding to queries from the community regarding the regeneration of Stirling Street.	LC
7.2	Treasurer’s Report- AS Treasurer’s Report- February 2022 Ordinary Account Expenses IT hosting 57.60 BALANCE £2,836.84 Special Events Account Income Bank Interest 4.58 BALANCE £31,760.38 Ring- fenced Lights 10,369.86 Action Plan 2,552.47 Microgrants 3,270.00 Events 562.20 ACRT 1,467.63	
7.3	Secretaries Report – LC for LG Received an email with no return email address to be noted in minutes so that the interested party can contact to confirm return email address.	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	Health – KG – nothing to report	
8.2	Planning – IC – nothing to report	
8.3	Education – HC Mr McEwan (head teacher) has been in contact with Alloa Academy librarian on how to run and what books to include within the library. He has also been in contact with builders regarding the renovations, previous due to restriction could not properly begin but it is hopefully going to start soon. He did say that study leave could potentially be a good time due to less pupils being within the school and less disruptions. However, he does say that it hopefully it should be up and running soon as the s6 captaincy trans is doing main communications between pupils and senior management.	
8.4	Environment – GG no report	
8.5	IT – GB We had some complicated technical problems near the end of January with our email system which required me to call on former IT Convener Phil Ward for assistance which thankfully he managed to fix. As always, our annual hosting fee was renewed this month via Phil as well and I’d like to say many thanks for his continued support whenever we need him.	

9	<p>Subgroup Reports – Alva Community Resilience Team - BD</p> <p>Flood alerts from SEPA Nil flood alerts from SEPA. No alerts for team members.</p> <p>Flood Pods Kit for the flood pod in the Cochrane Park has been delivered and now placed in the flood pod. Along with flood snakes, new shovels, rakes and grabs have been added. In addition, 2 pairs of waders have also been stored in the pod.</p> <p>Carnaughton Burn clearance The Carnaughton Burn has been continued to be cleared of leaves and twigs through the winter. The channel is in a very tidy state allowing water to flow freely. A group of our volunteers have carried out works to remove the small stones and silt from the bed of the channel brought down over the years from storm events. This should help to ensure that the water flows well and the park does not get flooded by any water coming out of channel. Further work is still required through this year.</p>	
10	<p>Events Update – Send out email to organise a meeting to discuss the Fun Day on 4th June 2022.</p>	LC
11	<p>Items for discussion – Defibrillator BD, EDF Funding – LG.</p> <p>Lighting in the Alva Glen as there are no electrics on west side of the burn only on the east.</p> <p>Looking at another defibrillator to be placed in the Alva Glen, although Mountain Rescue say no urgent need it would be a good idea to have another one in the car park for instance.</p> <p>Notice and map where the nearest defibrillators are to be found placed in Car Park notice board.</p> <p>Cllr Balsillie looking for funding for memorial for loss of life due to Covid, The Cascades (100-year-old photo) discussed looking into a turbulent power generator to generate electricity. AGHT stated this would be a large undertaking and approach EDF for possible funding. There is a substantial grant available for each Council area put forward this and other ideas from local artists etc require to set up a steering group to set criteria</p>	
12	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillors reports</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie reported –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Covid appears to have plateaued • Storm Dudley 80mile an hour winds caused storm damage in Cochrane Crescent and elsewhere CC had to put a lot of work into replacing/repairing heating panels, cladding etc. Storm Eunice expected later in the week and possibly worse. • Alva West Development – SEPA still not approved, although amended plans were requested, this is a major issue. Kids play area in doubt because of flooding. Still didn't appear to be any change in placement of the roundabout. • 3% up to 5.1% increase in rates, increase in gas prices extra £899k in extra heating costs, Wages £5.9m increase into the reserves more. Increase in Council Tax still to be agreed. • Funds for the Wellbeing Centre from the Capital Budget, swimming pool and other facilities. • Stirling Street still to be completed. • Omega Diagnostics taken over by a Chinese firm article in "The Times" <p>MOP JC confirmed that there had been no revision to the June application from Allanwater Homes even although apparently "new" plans had been sent to Alva CC. ACC replied to Allanwater and Clackmannanshire Council advising of the AWH of the appropriate channels as their approach directly to Alva CC appeared to be underhanded and AWH apologised. Cllr Balsillie will check to see if new plans have since been submitted to the Council</p>	Cllr DB

<p>13</p>	<p>AOCB</p> <p>LC had complained a few months ago about the rubbish at Greenhead which has since been removed but is now as bad as ever. Travelers’s site appears to have quite a build-up of rubbish around the fence again. The Council Special Pick Up seems to be failing dismally with the right hand not knowing what the left hand is doing and items for uplift to be left available for up to 3 weeks.</p> <p>GB received a message via Facebook with regards to the junction with George Street and Brook Street difficult to see if Brook Street is clear as there is also the added complication of parking and the Primary School Entrance. Look into the possibility of a mirror discuss with the Roads Department.</p> <p>MOP raised the question of the road surface at the New Development at the east of Alva e.g., end of Lovers Loan water doesn’t drain away the road surface very patchy and uneven there is still a snagging list. Was pointed out that the resurfacing work in Church Street in Alloa was far superior and that considering this was the main road surely it should be the same quality.</p>	<p>Cllr DB</p> <p>Cllr DB</p> <p>Cllr DB</p>
<p>Note</p>	<p>Next Alva Community Council Meeting – Monday 14th March 7.30pm</p> <p>If you would like an item, put on an Alva Community Council meeting agenda, please email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk or contact the local Library.</p>	

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10/02/2022

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

Police Scotland recorded 10 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 3 have been detected and the other 7 are currently undetected, most of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There was 2 recorded incident of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, it is as follows;

On 15/01/2022 at James Street, Alva a local resident had reported their neighbour opening their mail, contrary to the Postal Services Act 2000. Enquiries are still continuing into this.

On 23/01/2022 at Henderson Place, Alva a local female reported that an out of control dog bit her to her upper arm to her slight injury whilst she was working as part of her occupation as a carer. Police are currently in communication with the local Dog Warden and enquiries continue into this.

VANDALISM

There was 3 recorded incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, it is as follows;

Between 08/01/2022 and 15/01/2022 at Viewfield Drive, Alva there was damage caused to a local resident's parked motor vehicle by unknown means. All valid enquiries were carried out into this but unfortunately no suspect has been identified for this.

Between 12/01/2022 and 13/01/2022 at Coblecrook Gardens, Alva scratching damage was caused to the bonnet of a parked car. All relative enquiries were carried out and no suspects were named.

On 19/01/2022 at Silverburn Gardens, Alva damage was caused to an individual's laptop using an unknown implement. The suspect is completely unknown and so enquiries continue.

VIOLENCE

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

On 19/01/2022 at Craighorn Road, Alva two local youths were charged with punching the victim to the back of their head and spitting on him, and also repeatedly kicking at the front door to the victim's address placing them in a state of fear. They were issued with a formal youth warning and relevant details were provided to involved agencies.

Also on 19/01/2022 at Craighorn Road, Alva the victims of the previously mentioned dmatter were charged with assaulting the suspects; grabbing them to the clothing and punching her. A report has been sent to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 31/01/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva a local youth was reported to have punched another to the head causing swelling. Enquiries continue into this to trace additional witnesses.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There was 1 recorded incident of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, as follows;

Between 24/01/2022 and 25/01/2022 at The Nethergate, Alva a local male has reported that there had been an attempt to fraudulently obtain money from him through an adult entertainment site. All possible enquiries have been carried out into this but due to it being through a “pop-up” advert, it has proven difficult to ascertain a suspect.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There was 1 recorded road traffic incident in the area over the last month, as follows;

On 14/01/2022 on the A91 in Alva a driver was caught travelling at 51 mph in an area with a 30 mph speed limit. Due to the excessive speed, the driver was not offered a ticket and was directly 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

PC Lawson is organising another Road Safety Operation which will run from 22/03/2022-25/03/2022 within the Hillfoots area. This will target ongoing traffic issues such as speeding, illegal parking, and the use of vehicles without necessary documentation such as insurance, a relevant license or a valid MOT. The areas mentioned previously by residents and CC members will be included and monitored during this operation as much as possible.

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.