

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday April 11th, 2022

Venue: The Cochranes

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Bryan Denny – Vice Chair	BD
Anne Spruce - Treasurer	AS	Linda Greig – Secretary.	LG
Graham Burt - IT	GB	Iain Craig - Planning	IC
Kathrine Graham - Health	KG	Holly Craig - Education	HC
Graham Gilmour – JCCF - Environment	GG	Mary Dalrymple (suspended indefinitely)	MD

In Attendance: LC, BD, AS, LG, GB, IC, HC, GG.
Members of Community (MOC) - Five
Local Councillors – None Cllr DB emailed report.

Minutes -

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping	LC
2	Apologies - KG	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – Proposed by GB Seconded by IC	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – The project Art for Alva was discussed. Clackmannanshire Council (CC) will be liaising with the artist applicants. BD produced poster & sent to CC. The project will also be advertised in the paper & Forth Valley radio station & local schools.	BD & HC
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer Report Attached Unfortunately, PC Miller is on rest day on 11/04/2022, and will be working 0800-1600 hours - working as response cover so will not be able to vary shift to attend. We do apologise for not being able to attend and would appreciate if the minutes could be forwarded to us. If there are any issues raised that we could assist with, please do not hesitate to let us know.	LG
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chair Report – LC Our Funday is on June 4 th "A Right Royal Funday" as coincides with the platinum jubilee celebrations.	
7.2	Treasurer report – AS Ordinary Account No Change	

	<p>BALANCE £2836.84</p> <p>Special Events Account</p> <p>Expenses</p> <p>Banners 209.00</p> <p>Compost 77.00</p> <p>Plants and compost 53.96</p> <p>Plants 142.00</p> <p>Bunting 77.94</p> <p>ACRT 623.75</p> <p>BALANCE £30,576.73</p> <p>Ring fenced</p> <p>Lights 10,369.86</p> <p>Action Plan 2,552.47</p> <p>Microgrants 3,270.00</p> <p>Events 562.20</p> <p>ACRT 843.88</p> <p>We have received invoices for the Christmas lights for the last 5 years. There was no covering letter, so we are in the process of investigating. This amounts to £14, 895.00.</p> <p>LC is trying to find out where the council will store the hanging baskets. It was also reported that the Christmas lights will still only go on one side of the street despite Alva CC requesting that we have this facility on both sides.</p>	<p>LC AS LG</p> <p>LC</p>
7.3	<p>Secretary report – LG</p> <p>Accessibility for web – GG is raising this with the JCCF See IT report.</p> <p>EDF -The next meeting to discuss funding is in August and all agreed that a cycle station may be something we could apply for. We will liaise with ADT re potential site.</p> <p>Micro Grants – Alva in Bloom – still waiting on the signed terms & conditions, cheque not processed yet.</p> <p>Guid Reads update – Shop sign is on order but waiting for the sale of the property to go through prior to placing the new sign.</p>	<p>GG</p> <p>LG</p> <p>LG</p>
8	Convenor reports	
8.1	Health – KG no report this month	
8.2	<p>Planning – IC</p> <p>Planning is withdrawn by Allan Water Holmes. This is most likely temporarily. When the get back to us for a discussion we will recommend a public meeting.</p>	IC
8.3	<p>Education- HC</p> <p>Last couple of days before end of term we raised money for Ukraine and wore blue and yellow. The school also gathered collections of Alva Development Trust and the Gate foodbank.</p> <p>Exam prep is now underway for the start of study leave on 25th April.</p>	
8.4	Environment – GG no report this month	
8.5	<p>IT – GB</p> <p>It's been a much busier month with a lot of investigation carried out into how to make our website conform to the Accessibility Regulations. Basically, that means the design and layout should make it easy for anyone with any kind of reading disability, be able to retrieve information from our website. This includes screen readers that read aloud content, and screen magnifiers that</p>	

	<p>enlarge content.</p> <p>I spoke to the webmaster at Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton and Devonside C.C. whose website is accessibility compliant but they have their website built on a different platform so that wasn't an option. On the advice of our previous IT Convener, I contacted a company called Stirling IT who kindly got one of their website designers, free of charge to have a quick look at our website. He gave us a couple of links to guidelines to look at plus an opinion that at a glance, we are missing an accessibility statement so that is what we aim to do going forward.</p> <p>Fellow Community Councillor Graham Gilmour also has a background in IT but not in website design and kindly did a few checks using a browser testing tool. That test came back with a score of 100% on accessibility. I'm extremely grateful to everyone who helped me on this and hope to get our website fully compliant very soon by adding the forementioned accessibility statement and investigate the screen reader option. We already had the ability to enlarge the text.</p> <p>I posted the information for the Fun Day yesterday and that has already created a good bit of interest.</p>	
8.6	<p>Micro grants – LG It may be that the micro grant amount has increased, I will try to get this in writing.</p>	LG
9	<p>Subgroup reports</p>	
9.1	<p>ACRT – Flood alerts from SEPA There were no Flood Alerts issued by SEPA in the last month.</p> <p>Drainage clearance Team members have again continued to keep the Carnaughton Burn flowing cleanly, removing a large amount of silt and stones from the lower reaches of the burn leading to the culvert under the main road.</p> <p>Road Closures Final draft of the road closure protocol for ACRT at Henry Street, and TiDeCo at Hareburn road has now been issued for review. A second flood pod to contain cones, sandbags and road closure signs will be placed next to the existing pod in Henry Street in the near future.</p> <p>Funding Report We are preparing the report to EDF for the second and larger grant which will be submitted shortly. There is some underspend, but this will be addressed by purchasing spare PPE (jackets, boots, etc) for potential new members. We are also looking to purchase a new set of radios that will operate over a greater range than our existing ones. TiDeCo are also looking at a similar model to our new ones, so there is the possibility both teams could establish contact if there was a significant event in both communities.</p> <p>New Kit We have been given the donation of a petrol generator recently and have purchased an electric puddle pump. This would be used in the event we have to deploy the barriers across Henry Street to allow us to pump out any water remaining between them at the end of the incident, rather than just allowing it to disperse into the road drains which could potentially cause secondary flooding.</p>	
9.2	<p>Events – Plans are underway for the Funday on Saturday June 4th, 2022. We will advertise on our Facebook page for volunteers for the event. Next year's Funday will go back to our usual time, the last weekend in May. Saturday 27th 2023.</p>	

10	<p>Items for discussion – BD Alva Glen Heritage Trust are holding their Illumination event on Saturday 10th September 2022.</p>	
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Council reports – Cllr Donald Balsillie sent his report by email. LG read the report.</p> <p><u>Final Councillor report for Alva Community Council.</u></p> <p>Covid rates although high are now reducing in Clackmannanshire and we are ranked approximately 13th out of 32 local Authorities in terms of incidents of recovery.</p> <p>As previously indicated, this is still having an impact on Council service delivery as well as demands on the track and trace welfare team.</p> <p>Over £13 Million has now been distributed in Business grants and individual welfare isolation payments. This figure is continuing to increase.</p> <p>I have raised my concerns about the colour and design of bus shelters at senior level and Iain McDonald has indicated that he would prefer if the Community Council could wait to see all the finished work before pushing for change.</p> <p>A number of issues were raised at the last, but one Community Council meeting and I forwarded and reported on these at the last meeting by Councillor inquiry.</p> <p>As indicated Allan Water Homes have withdrawn their housing application for Alva East but are likely to resubmit once they feel they have the required information to address flooding issues.</p> <p>I am sorry I had a prior commitment for your meeting at the Cochrane Foundation and would like to add it has been a pleasure working with the Community Council to secure improvements for Alva.</p> <p>If any matters arise, please do not hesitate to e-mail me before 5th May 2022 and I will see what can be done to address these.</p>	
12	<p>AOB – Member of the community intimated that there are field studies being carried out around the mines on the Ochils.</p>	

Next Alva Community Council meeting – AGM Monday October 11th, 2021, 7pm followed by a short Ordinary meeting. Venue Cochrane Hall Alva.

APPENDIX 1
POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
11/04/2022

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 11 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 6 have been detected and the other 5 are currently undetected, most of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

Between 16/03/2022 and 18/03/2022 at Alva Primary School, racial abuse was given to two teachers from pupils. The child was identified and charged, and details forwarded to the relevant departments due to his age.

On 17/03/2022 at Southcroft, Alva a named suspect issued threats and verbal abuse towards her neighbour. This was caught on CCTV and so she has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 23/03/2022 a male and his vehicle were searched in the Alva Golf Club car park and was found to be in possession of cocaine. He was issued a recorded Police warning.

VANDALISM

There were 2 recorded incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month, it is as follows;

On 23/03/2022 at Greenhead, Alva damage was caused to a window of a ground floor flat. Enquiries continue into this.

On 25/03/2022 at Erskine Street, Alva a window of a property was smashed by a rock being thrown at same. Enquiries continue into this.

VIOLENCE

There was 1 recorded incident of violence in the area over the last month; as follows;

On 23/03/2022 at The Nebit, Alva two individuals were assaulted by two named suspects. Both suspects have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

Between 20/03/2022 and 21/03/2022 a motor vehicle and trailer were stolen from an address in Erskine Street, Alva. Enquiries continue into this.

On 02/04/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva a young male stole a vape pen from a local convenience store. The male and his parents have since returned to the store and paid for same.

On 07/04/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva a garage was forced open and an unknown quantity of alcohol was stolen from within. A suspect has been identified and Police are making efforts to trace him.

ROAD TRAFFIC

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

On 22/03/2022 at West Stirling Street, Alva a local female was caught exceeding the 20mph speed limit by travelling at 39mph. She was charged and 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

On 27/03/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva a male approached a young female and grabbed his to her buttock over her clothing. The suspect was identified through CCTV, traced, arrested, charged and reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

Police continue to respond to incidents of youth disorder and anti-social behaviour at the Cochrane Park and at Alva Golf Course as well as other locations in Alva. Any criminality will be dealt with robustly.

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

PC Lawson's Road Safety Operation which ran from 22nd to 25th March to 2022 within the Hillfoots area has been carried out with successful results. This targeted 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. Numerous drivers were stopped and charged with these offences.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

Community officers have continued to address parking and driving issues in Stirling Street, Alva which has been more restrictive during the period of the road improvements due to the absence of the yellow lines. These will be re-instated at the end of the works. 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.