

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 13th June 2022

Venue: The Cochranes

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 – LC, BD, LG, KG, IC, HC,

Members of Community (MOC) - 5

Local Councillors – Cllr DB, Cllr FL

Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & Housekeeping	
2	Apologies – AS, GB, GG	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest – item 8.6 BD	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting – proposed by IC, seconded by HC	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – Item 5 -Art for Alva. Alva CC have had one main contender for the Art for Alva project. BD will contact the artist & Clackmannanshire Council with a view to moving forward with the project. 7.2 Update on Xmas lights – we have had a reply from the supplier and an apology for not getting annual invoices. We have an offer of free installation for this year as a gesture. However, it's still not clear what we owe so I have emailed again for an exact cost and asked if he would be in the area to meet to discuss this year's lights re the new street furniture. 7.3 EDF - Application for August – BD will send LG info on applying to EDF for potential funding for a public bike repair station for the town.	BD LG BD
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer Police not in attendance but sent a report delivered by LG. Report attached.	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chairperson report – LC Lynn received a letter inviting Alva CC to register with the co-op's community fund. Lynn will find out more information.	

	Alva CC wish to take part in the upcoming interim elections. It was agreed to request we start this process on 14.09.2022. LG will email Lesley.	LG								
7.2	<p>Treasurers report – AS AS gave apologies but sent a report for the Ordinary account. AS has not been available to update the events account since the Funday.</p> <p>Ordinary Account Expenses</p> <table> <tr> <td>Laptop</td> <td>341.99</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Tow bar</td> <td>345.00</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Word fence</td> <td>83.56</td> </tr> <tr> <td>BALANCE</td> <td>2066.29</td> </tr> </table>	Laptop	341.99	Tow bar	345.00	Word fence	83.56	BALANCE	2066.29	
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7.3	<p>Secretary’s report – LG Where to have next meeting – LG has been trying to get Alva CC meetings reinstated at the library. Now it seems that this is a problem due to a shortage of leisure staff at Clackmannanshire Council. LG has emailed to confirm that Alva CC only need to be let and out of the library. We are awaiting a reply. Cllr Balsillie has offered to take this up & LG will update with any news.</p> <p>GDPR registration- expires 27th August, AS will renew</p> <p>Hanging baskets- There was concern that the hanging baskets may not be maintained. An email was sent to Principal Project Engineer at Clackmannanshire Council who replied to say - <i>I have arranged for the contractor to water the plants initially to cover the first few days and following that the environment services manager is arranging for his ground maintenance team to carry out the function.</i> <i>As discussed previously, I understand that with the height the baskets are set at to accommodate the Christmas lights it is not practical for the Alva CC to do the watering.</i></p> <p>Replacement of barrels – Alva CC have got some replacement half barrels for the primary school, the bridges, & old Dalmore centre entrance. These are ready to go out when we have the time.</p> <p>Alva Games quiz night – AS sent a request asking if anyone wanted to join a quiz team for Alva Games quiz nights. LC, IC, HC, & others agreed to join if available. LC will send a reminder.</p> <p>Outstanding issues- Any broken brackets to be removed from shop fronts asap. LC will contact joiner.</p>	<p>Cllr DB LG AS LC LG LC LC</p>								
8	Convener reports.									
8.1	<p>Health – KG KG is waiting for the patient group meetings to start up again. We have had no notification of this yet.</p>	KG								
8.2	<p>Planning - IC Allan waters resubmission of revised application Also, there will be upcoming meetings regarding Allan Water. Just to remind people they have to put any objections or concerns in writing to Sam Bracewell as stated in public notice. Just a reminder people have to be patient with the waits up Stirling Street due to road works.</p> <p>An application for a house to be built on Cobden Street between George and James Street. 5 Apartment.</p> <p>Members of the community commented on how they felt the street looks cluttered due to too many benches and planters being very large and just placed in no order. LC reported that she requested a meeting with the planners to discuss placement of planters and benches but that the furniture</p>									

	<p>just appeared on the street with no consultation. Cllr Balsillie said that we should work together and have a snagging meeting to discuss these frustrations. It was also stated that some of the street furniture can be moved once we see how people use the street when works are complete.</p> <p>Discussion went on to how we can improve the appearance of some of the lanes leading of Stirling Street. Most of these properties are rented and finding out who owns them has proved problematic. Once the street works are finished businesses and community members could work together with Clacks Council & Alva CC to try and improve the shop fronts and lanes.</p>	CAPlan group.
8.3	<p>Education - HC</p> <p>Prize giving happening on 21st, exam season is fully over, and years have moved up, prom is happening on Thursday as well.</p> <p>Alva Academy were awarded two awards this year. Voluntary fundraising group of the year and Teacher of the year award. HC said that most of the Academy news can be seen on Twitter.</p> <p>Member of the community informed us that Alva Academy has a blazer swap at the school if you go to the school reception they will help. The school collect all unwanted uniforms and shoes.</p>	
8.4	Environment – GG gave apologies	
8.5	IT – GB gave apologies	
8.6	<p>Micro grants – LG</p> <p>There are three application forms for EDF micro grants.</p> <p>AGHT – repair electrical equipment in the Glen. All in favour, grant awarded.</p> <p>AGHT – Start up fund for Alva illumination event on September 10th, 2022. All in favour, grant awarded.</p> <p>ADT – outside weatherproof notice board. All in favour, grant awarded. LG will start processing these asap.</p> <p>SC who is on the EDF panel representing Alva will try to find out if the amount of the EDF micro grant has been increased to £500. LG Emailed re any increase in the grant allocation & received a reply from Community Funds advisor saying <i>“she is not aware of the individual grant allocation amount being increased from £250.00. The Panel did agree to increase the micro-grant annual amount to £2,000.00”</i>. Until we have in writing that the amount that can be awarded has increased, we will continue to award a maximum £250 per application.</p> <p>No signed terms and conditions received from Alva in Bloom yet, terms and conditions sent again on 28.05.2022. Cheque will be sent as soon as these are received.</p>	<p>LG SC</p> <p>LG</p>
9	<p>Subgroup reports – ACRT</p> <p>Flood Alerts from SEPA and status of burns</p> <p>There have been no flood alerts or warnings from SEPA since the last report. The main Alva Burn continues to run at about 10cm (4 inches) on the RiverTrack sensor. Carnaughton Burn is dry. Other watercourses remain clear.</p> <p>Training</p> <p>Two training sessions are being organised with Clackmannanshire Council and The Scottish Fire and Rescue Service to familiarise the team with the WaterGate system. The first, to be held in August, will be a dry test at Henry Street so that all concerned can see how the barriers are deployed. The second, to be held at Alloa Fire Station will be a wet test to see how the barriers perform guiding water through the channel.</p> <p>The Dry test at Henry St proposed for Sunday 28th August 9-10am. Wet test at Alloa Fire Station proposed Wednesday 28th September at 8:00pm</p> <p>Road Closures</p>	

	<p>The road closure protocol for Henry St in Alva has still not been agreed and currently is with the Chief Inspector for discussion / approval. It is hoped that full agreement can be reached which will allow members of ACRT under prescribed conditions to close the road at Henry St to prevent the flooding of properties.</p> <p>Funding The final report for our EDF funding to purchase PPE and small tools has been submitted. We still have a small amount unspent, and an extension has been granted. This is to allow us to upgrade the current radio system already purchased to a more powerful set that will give better coverage in poor weather. This is being looked into along with TIDECO (Tillicoultry, Devonside and Coalsnaughton Flood Team) and Fife Raynet. The aim is for ACRT and TIDECO to have the same system so they can be pooled in any potential incident.</p> <p>Monitors A further monitor has been installed at Alva Primary School to help educate the children at the school about the Alva Burn conditions. The monitor has been placed in a temporary location at the moment until it can be securely fitted over the glass bridge section above the burn. In its current location it cannot pick up the radio signal and is currently operating via Wi-Fi. It is hoped that it will pick up the radio signals when it is placed in the glass bridge section.</p> <p>SEPA Flood Forecast SEPA in association with the MET Office have launched a new Flood Forecast service online https://scottishfloodforecast.sepa.org.uk/public. This provides a three day forecast highlighting potential issues across Scotland. This compliments the existing flood warning system which can send alerts and warnings by email or text message. Members of the public can check the forecast when they have concerns over the weather and potential flooding threats to take any necessary actions.</p> <p>EVENTS – Alva Funday was a great success. The group may meet over the summer.</p>	
10	GB - gave apologies item will be carried to next meeting.	
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Fiona Law gave a brief account of the code of conduct that elected councillors need to follow and how this can impact the time needed to support some community requests. Cllr Donald Balsillie – reported that local government are facing challenging times ahead. He reiterated that the street furniture can be moved and Alva CC should be involved in a snagging meeting of the street works. Members of the community asked if Allan Water Homes have so many issues at one end of town should they be allowed to go ahead and build at the other end? Seemingly this is not taken into account on a new application. Cllr DB is in favour of the Art for Alva project and would like to know more. BD will send information.</p>	BD

Next Alva Community Council meeting – September 12th, 2022, 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL** **13/06/2022**

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 16 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 7 have been detected and the other 9 are currently undetected, most of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 6 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

Between 15/04/2021 and 28/05/2022, a local male was acting in a threatening another male, issuing threats towards him over several dates. Enquiries continue into this.

On 09/05/2022 at Alva Academy, 2 students created a disturbance within the school toilets. They were issued with juvenile warnings by the local school based officer.

On 12/05/2022 at Johnstone Street, Alva, a local individual was found to be in possession of an amount of cannabis that would elude to being involved in the supply of same. The person was charged and a report will be submitted to the courts.

On 21/05/2022 at The Nethergate, Alva a local resident had damage caused to her motor vehicle overnight. Enquiries continue into this to establish a suspect.

On 30/05/2022 at Greenhead, Alva a local resident was arrested for breaching their non-harassment order by contacting a named person by means of conversation. They were arrested, charged and taken to custody where they were kept to appear at court the following day.

On 07/06/2022 at Dalmore Drive, Alva a local male threatened a family member of his, therefore also breaching his bail conditions as he is not meant to contact this member. The accused was arrested, charged and taken to custody where he was held to appear at court the following day.

VANDALISM

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

On 21/05/2022 at Alva Primary School, several youths gained entry into the building via an insecure door and caused damage to property inside. The youths were traced and have all been charged and reported to the relevant departments.

Between 05/06/2022 and 06/06/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva a property was subjected to spray paint vandalism. Enquiries continue into this.

VIOLENCE

There was 2 recorded incident of violence in the area over the last month; as follows;

On 05/06/2022 at The Cairn, West Stirling Street, Alva a local youth was assaulted by being pushed to the ground and kicked to the head resulting in injury. The accused was traced, arrested, charged and taken to custody where he was released on a Police Undertaking to appear at court.

On 06/06/2022 at Cochrane Park, Alva a youth assaulted another youth by pulling her headscarf from her head, scratching her scalp as he did so. The father of the youth responsible thereafter attended and issued racial abuse towards children present. There is sufficiency of evidence to charge both father and son but he is evading officers. Efforts continue to trace.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were 6 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, they are as follows;

Between 21/05/2022 and 22/05/2022 at Stirling Road, Alva, an electronic scooter was stolen from the rear garden of a property. Enquiries continue into this.

Between 24/05/2022 and 07/06/2022 at Brookfield Place, Alva a local resident had their bank card stolen from their purse and this was used to withdraw and spend money locally using the PIN. Enquiries are continuing into this to establish a suspect.

On 29/05/2022 at Burnside Farm, Alva a local resident was defrauded a large value of money by an individual posing to be a member of Bank Staff. Enquiries are ongoing into this to establish the identity and whereabouts of the suspect.

On 31/05/2022 at Bevan Drive, Alva. A male paid funds to a payday loan provider using his partner's bank account without her permission. The accused was arrested, charged and taken to custody where he was released on a Police undertaking to appear at court.

On 06/06/2022 at The Nebit, Alva a local female had her mobile phone stolen from her handbag whilst she slept. The suspect has been identified and enquiries continue into this.

On 06/06/2022 at Stirling Street, Alva, 3 youths have been named as responsible for the theft of vape sticks. They have been identified and efforts continue to trace and charge them.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There were 0 recorded road traffic incidents in the area over the last month.

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 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.

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.