

Alva Community Council (ACC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 9th January 2023

Venue: Cochrane Foundation, Alva

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Kathrine Graham- Treasurer	KG
Bryan Denny – Vice Chair & ACRT	BD	Linda Greig – Secretary & Micro Grants	LG
Graham Burt – IT & Website	GB	Iain Craig- Planning	IC
Anne Spruce – Health & Education	AS	Graham Gilmour – ACRT & JCCF & Environment	GG
		M Dalrymple (suspended for duration of this Community Council)	

In Attendance:

Community Councillors –KG, LC, GG, IC, AS

Members of Community (MOC) - 2

Local Councillors – Cllr Balsillie Cllr Law

Minutes - AS

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
2	Minutes of Previous Meeting Proposed by KG Seconded by AS	
3	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes - AS has visited Alva Academy and asked for a volunteer to join ACC. Donald Has contacted housing about the parking at the Parklands Centre. He has also visited the site and didn't see a problem with parking. Outstanding snagging issues on the main street include the parking/ loading bays, bollards at the meat factory, missing finger signposts and noticeboard, parking in Cobden street, new glass in a bus shelter and grills at the bus stops to prevent rubbish gathering, no finials on the hanging basket posts. Email Linda if there is anything else so a meeting can be arranged ASAP.	LG
4	Police Report – Community Police Officer Report received after the meeting. Report attached to minutes.	GB
6	Office Bearer reports	
6.1	Chair Report No report	
6.2	Treasurer's Report – Ordinary Account Officers Expenses (ink) £67.22 BALANCE £1,736.31	

7.4	Post meeting note – all agreed to getting professional help.	GB
8	<p>Events – Christmas Fayre was very successful, it was well attended and well received by all who attended. 2023 Funday will be on Saturday 27th May. Lynn will ask a few young Mums if they would like to join the events group.</p> <p>ACRT – GG Alva Community Resilience Team Flood alerts from SEPA There have been seven Flood Alert and one Flood Warning issued by SEPA since the last report (November 2022): Flood Alerts:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issued Tuesday 15 Nov for Central area and updated on Wednesday 16 and again on Saturday 19 November. Cancelled on Sunday 20 November. 2. Issued on Friday 25 November for Central area and cancelled on Sunday 27 November; 3. Issued on Monday 19 December for Central area and cancelled on Tuesday 20 November; 4. Issued on Thursday 29 December for Central area and cancelled Sunday 1 January; 5. Issued on Monday 2 January for Central area and cancelled Wednesday 4 January. 6. Issued on Thursday 5 January for Central area and cancelled Friday 6 January. 7. Issued on Monday 9 January for Central and currently active. <p>Flood Warnings:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Issued on Friday 30 December for River Devon at Alva and cancelled on Saturday 31 December. <p>Team Call Outs The RiverTrack Community Action level has been breached on three occasions since the last meeting requiring team members to be called out to potentially take action.</p> <p>On Friday 18 November at 12:07, the alarm was triggered showing a level of 688mm on RiverTrack. Persistent heavy rain from early morning and continuing through till about 3pm caused the Alva Burn to rise and the level starting to hit the underside of the road bridge at Henry Street. Flood pod was opened, and barriers moved adjacent to the road in case levels kept rising. Alva primary school were kept informed. The rain eased around 3pm, and levels dropped, although they had reached about 720mm. Readings at the bridge were between 5.6 and 6.2 at the maximum, but the burn remained in bank.</p> <p>On Monday 19 December the alarm was triggered again with a reading of 688mm at 11:46am reaching a high of 759mm by 12:39pm. This was caused by a sudden rapid thaw after a heavy snow fall the previous Friday. Members of the team responded with a physical check of the Alva Burn. The readings from the board again showed we were good, and as the rain was starting to ease, no further was needed, but members remained on scene to check that the levels did fall.</p> <p>On Friday 30 December just after 7:00am following heavy overnight rain, the alarm was triggered with a very rapid rise to over 688mm. Alva burn was checked again and was still in bank at this point and levels remained steady. We had cause to check the Cochrane Park and found the car park under water to a depth of >10cm (4 inches). This was threatening the cottage in the park, so flood snakes were taken from the adjacent flood</p>	

	<p>pod to protect property. The cause of the flooding was a surcharging drain next to the burn, so more flood snakes were used to divert the flow way from the car park which seemed to resolve the issue. The team were also made aware of other issues with flooding, particularly in Wharry Road, although we had limited help, we could offer. RiverTrack readings at the Alva Burn peaked at 849mm (a new record) around 11:00 am but the burn remained in bank.</p> <p>Drainage clearance Due to the high number of flood alerts and amount of water flowing in the Carnaughton Burn, the team have been proactively keeping it clear to allow fast clearance of the water and prevent it from coming out of bank.</p> <p>Community Assistance The team have been asked by Paul Laidlaw of The Scottish Flood Forum to assist with training of a new flood team in Edzell who have had WaterGates purchased by Angus Council. Dates are to be arranged.</p>	
9	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Fiona Law Lighting in Glebe Crescent is now fixed. She will look into the flooding and road closed signs.</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie SEPA objection to the Alva West site is still in place. The Local Development plan is now out of date and a new plan will consider flooding and environmental issues. There are still lots of snagging issues for Allanwater to sort on the Silver Glen development. Budget- very difficult decisions will have to be made. It will be put out for consultation but there is very little “wriggle room”.</p>	
10	<p>AOCB A MOP asked about the venue for our meetings. Donald had been asked to look into meeting at the Primary School. He had done this, but Linda was told a different story when she asked. Donald will follow this up again. A MOP asked where the minutes for Sept and October can be viewed. He was directed to the noticeboard at Alva PS. GG mentioned a brick store in the park. It contains live electrical wiring, and the door has rusted. GG has contacted the Council.</p>	Cllr Balsillie
	<p>Next Alva Community Council meeting -February 13th 2023. 7.30pm Cochrane Foundation, 5 Croftshaw Rd, Alva FK12 5ES</p>	

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

09/01/2023

INTRODUCTION

The community police officer for Alva is PC 247 James Miller and is stationed at Alloa Police Station, Kilncraigs, Alloa. You can contact him by calling 101 or by e-mail at James.Miller@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

Police Scotland recorded 6 crimes in the last month for Alva. Of these, 4 have been detected and the other 2 are currently undetected, both of which are still under investigation.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 5 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On 12/12/2022 at Alva Academy an incident occurred between pupils which resulted in two pupils being involved in threatening or abusive behaviour. The school based officer at the locus has dealt with those involved.

On 26/12/2022 at Craighorn Road, Alva a male was found to be in breach of his bail conditions and was subsequently arrested. A report has been submitted to the Procurator Fiscal for this and for resisting arrest.

On 29/12/2022 at George Street, Alva, a dog was reported to be out of control and bit a member of the public. Enquiry is still ongoing into the incident.

On 02/01/2023 within a residential dwelling at Dalmore Drive, Alva, a domestic incident occurred which resulted in a female being arrested and held in custody for threatening or abusive behaviour.

Overnight from 05/01/2023 to 06/01/2023, a domestic incident occurred within a residential dwelling at Stirling Street, Alva. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are continuing.

VANDALISM

There were no recorded incidents of vandalism in the area over the last month.

VIOLENCE

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

On 12/12/2022 within a residential dwelling at The Nebit, Alva, a domestic assault occurred which resulted in minor injury. The female involved was arrested and charged and will appear at court at a later date.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were no recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month.

ROAD TRAFFIC

There were no 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, in some cases fuelled by the consumption of alcohol. In one incident this month, a 12 year old male consumed alcohol purchased in Alva which resulted in him being conveyed to hospital by ambulance. Please do not purchase alcohol for youths and report any concerns regarding the same to the police.

Several incidents of concern were reported to police regarding potential fraudulent activity by males stating they were employees of Scottish Power. Enquiry was carried out by PC Miller and the activity was found to be genuine. Please do not allow strangers access to your property unless you are 100% satisfied with the identification provided.

ANY OTHER COMMUNITY ISSUES

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.

Facebook and Twitter – Community Messages can be placed on local Police sites via the Community Sergeant, currently PS 752 Alisdair Goldie who is based at Alloa Police Station.