

# Community Council (Alva CC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Venue: The Cochranes

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Bryan Denny – Vice Chair – Alva Community Resilience Team (ACRT)	BD
Anne Spruce - Treasurer	AS	Linda Greig – Secretary – Micro Grants	LG
Graham Burt - IT	GB	Iain Craig – Planning & Licensing	IC
Katherine Graham - Health	KG	Holly Craig - Education	HC
Graham Gilmour – Environment – Alva Community resilience team (ACRT) – Joint Community Council forum (JCCF)	GG	Mary Dalrymple (suspended for the full term of this Community Council)	MD

### In Attendance:

Community Councillors - LC, BD, GG, GB, KG,

Members of Community (MOC) - 3

Local Councillors - None

### Minutes - KG

Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action by
1	<b>Welcome, Introductions &amp; Housekeeping</b> Lynn welcomed everyone.	LC
2	<b>Apologies</b> – IC, AS, LG.	
3	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest</b> - None	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – Proposed by Graham Gilmour Seconded by Graham Burt	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –</b> <b>Christmas lights</b> - LG LC & AS met with supplier and the old lights should fit on the new columns. Still not received a balance of what we owe but have been promised that this year the lights will go up free of charge. The street work contractor has arranged for the 15 hanging basket posts to have electrical units fitted within the next 2 weeks. Idea to have a competition in the schools to design new lights for next year. <b>Civic Pride Benches</b> – Painted and will go into the park facing the hills. <b>Promoting Alva Businesses</b> – On the completion of the roads we are looking to place a “wrap” in the Alloa Advertiser promoting Alva Businesses this is going to cost approximately £4.5k we have requesting help with the funding from Clackmannanshire Council but have had no reply as yet it was agreed (show of hands vote all 5 agree) that we should get the request for this started as we have the funds available. LC will contact the Alloa Advertiser.	LC

	<p><b>Brackets to be removed from shop fronts</b> – LC will chase up Joiner MR to have this completed.</p> <p><b>Interim Elections</b> – Nomination forms must be returned no later than 4 pm Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2022.</p>	LC
6	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
6.1	<p><b>Chair report -LC</b></p> <p><b>Christmas Lights, Civic Benches &amp; Advertising Alva Businesses</b> – all covered above in matters arising.</p> <p><b>Resignation</b> – from Holly Craig, Holly is undertaking her studies at university. We thank her for her time and wish her well in the future.</p>	
6.2	<p><b>Treasurers report – LC for AS</b></p> <p><b>Ordinary Account</b> Expenditure Poppy Wreath                    £38.40 BALANCE                            £1849.63</p> <p><b>Special Events Account</b> No Change BALANCE                            £34757.03</p> <p><b>Ring Fenced</b> Lights                                £10194.66 Action Plan                        £2552.47 Microgrants                        £4770.00 Events                                £630.55 ACRT                                 £843.88</p>	
6.3	<p><b>Secretary’s report – LC for LG</b></p> <p><b>Alva CC meeting venue</b> – I have asked if we can book in here at the Cochranes for our full term of this Community Council – we are booked in but will need to confirm monthly.</p> <p><b>Sauchie Tower</b> – I have explained that no individual Community Councillor has the time to be involved in the project. GB has posted the survey re Sauchie Tower on our Facebook page.</p> <p><b>Alva CC Wreath</b> – Volunteer required to lay Alva CC wreath, AS has the wreath. There will be a rehearsal on the Friday night at the Church, usually about 7.00pm for 30minutes. GG is interested.</p> <p><b>Litter on the main street</b> – on the pavement at the Cross Keys. Member of the public has been complaining and recommended that they have a visit from someone from the Council/Cleansing Department to recommend they fit a bin and clean up at closing time.</p> <p><b>Alva CC AGM</b> – November 14th. If everyone could consider what roles, they would like to have prior to the meeting. Can we also consider if we would like the role of treasurer as AS would like to step down from this role.</p>	<p>LG</p> <p>GG</p> <p>LC</p>

<b>7</b>	<b>Convener reports</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Health – KG</b>  Unable to attend meetings as they are during the day. Still trying to find out if the Alva Medical Practice will be starting up the Alva Medical Practice Patient Group.</p>	KG
7.2	<p><b>Planning &amp; Licensing - IC</b>  There has been an amended Planning Application for Alva West Submitted and IC recommends that we all have a look at it.</p>	ALL
7.3	<p><b>Education</b>  GG suggested that we contact Alva Academy to see if the Head Boy or Girl would be interested in taking this role forward.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>Environment – GG</b>  <b>Climate Change Forum</b>  Robert Seale, Climate Change and Energy Officer, Clackmannanshire Council has advised the date of the first Climate Change Forum for Ward 2 (Nort) as Tuesday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October from 6pm-7.30pm at Alva Academy.</p> <p>There are forums that have been set up in each Ward of Clackmannanshire Council to gather input and feedback on environmental initiatives in Clackmannanshire over the next six months.</p> <p>Climate Change Forums that have been held in other wards include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Ward 5 (East) on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> of September at Dollar Academy.</li> <li>-Ward 4 (South) on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> of September at Hawkhill Community Centre.</li> <li>-and Ward 1 (West) on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October at Menstrie Community Centre.</li> </ul> <p>We also have a provisional date for the first Climate Change Forum for Ward 3 (Central) at Lornshill Academy in the evening of Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October (time to be confirmed).</p> <p>BD mentioned COP26 – Carbon Omissions and getting the public involved, spread the word, getting ideas about recycling, lighting etc.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>IT - GB</b>  There are no issues with our website or social media accounts.</p> <p>After a few weeks of our Chairperson LC not being able to send and receive emails to and from our email system, I asked our previous IT Convener Phil Ward who is an IT professional, to have a look at it. This kind of problem is beyond my self-taught knowledge. I am delighted to report that once again Phil has come to the rescue and Lynn is sending and receiving emails again. Thank you so much Phil.</p> <p>I asked Phil if at any point the ACC Councillors agreed to hire a professional to do this work when required if he was interested in that. He said no as he couldn't commit to it, but he did say he will continue to help on a voluntary basis, and it will have to be when he has the free time to do it. There was a discussion around how sustainable this was as we currently use "word press" and if neither GB not PW are available there is no cover now or in the future. GB will contact Lesly Baillie at Clackmannanshire Council and ask for advice.</p>	GB

7.6	<p><b>JCCF – GG</b></p> <p><b>Special Single Agenda Item Meeting 29 September 2022</b>  Meeting was attended by Stuart Crickmar, Strategic Director (Partnership and Performance) and Karen Kirkwood (Safety Advisory Group) to advise on the need for Public Entertainment Licenses for Community Councils and groups who are planning outdoor events.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Groups who are planning regular annual events can apply for a 3-year license, rather than apply for a single one-off license for each event.</li> <li>• Indoor events would be covered by the Public Entertainment License held by the venue. CC's and groups should ensure that a venue does have a PEL.</li> <li>• Churches are exempt from PEL, but a church hall is not exempt. This is an important distinction.</li> <li>• CC's and groups should give plenty notice (at least 4 weeks) for applying for a PEL to ensure that it is dealt with in time.</li> </ul> <p>Other items that were discussed were road closure applications and parade licenses. These need to be done with sufficient notice too.</p> <p>Martyn's Law (Protect Duty Legislation) was also discussed. This is government legislation looking to define, among other things, the evacuation procedure in place for spaces and places with public access. This is likely to place a greater burden on the organisation of events.</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Micro Grants</b></p> <p><b>Bear Hunt</b> – I intend on hosting a very special Halloween themed Bear Hunt for the children and families of Alva. The Bear Hunt has proven to be extremely popular and is a free day out full of fun. During the special Bear Hunt, I plan to make lots of Spooky Paws, a special treasure hunt with collectible tokens which will earn a sweetie bag and I also plan to run a costume competition to win an extra special prize! I think it is a great way to allow everyone to enjoy the fresh air and appreciate our beautiful little village and it's Glen.</p> <p><b>Show of hands vote 5 agreed</b></p>	
8	<p><b>Subgroup reports –</b></p> <p><b>Alva Community Resilience Team</b>  <a href="https://www.facebook.com/Alvacommunityresilience/">https://www.facebook.com/Alvacommunityresilience/</a></p> <p><b>Flood alerts from SEPA</b>  Two flooding alerts were received from SEPA within a few days of each other. The first was on Thursday 29 September, and the second one a few days later, on Monday 3 October.</p> <p>The levels of the main Alva Burn were noted to have had some steep rises and slow falls during that time, but there were no times that the level reached the Community Action Point.</p>	

	<p><b>Drainage Clearance</b> Members have continued to keep Carnaughton Burn clear of debris. With us moving into the time of year when we will see all the leaves drop from the trees, this is especially important to keep on top of. With the silt and stones now cleared, sweeping the burn to remove the leaves will be easier.</p> <p><b>RiverTrack</b> The spare RiverTrack receiver has now been installed at Alva Primary School. This is within range of the sensor on the Alva Burn, and so now gives us 4 out of the 5 receivers now in range of the sensor which provides adequate redundancy in case we lose one or more of the receivers for any reason.</p> <p><b>Training</b> Members of the team attended a "wet test" of the WaterGate barriers at Alloa Fire Station on Wednesday 28 September. The barriers were tested in a number of different ways to see how effective they would be in channeling water between them. This exercise gave team members and the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service team a good chance to see the barriers in action and learn some useful knowledge that we can use if we ever have to actually deploy them for a live incident.</p> <p><b>Events group</b> – Christmas Fayre will be on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022 in the Cochrane Hall</p>	
9	<b>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports</b> – Not Available	
12	<p><b>AOCB</b> – at the discretion of the Chairperson.</p> <p>Art Project BD has written to Gary at Clackmannanshire Council but has had no reply yet.</p> <p>Looking at another Late-Night Shopping night. LC will look at which date would be best and get back to us.</p> <p>There was some discussion around the difference between the Alva food Larder and the Alva Food Bank – AFL is publicised with notices on the main street, and it is available to all. AFB is on recommendations there was some concerns raised by a MP of the possible misuse of the AFB and AFL and was there any way to check if they were being used appropriately but after some discussion it was felt that it would not be appropriate for checks to be in place as this could put off people who really needed their help.</p>	LC
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**Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday November 14<sup>th</sup> 2022 7.30pm at The Cochranes**