

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 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, Planning, JCCF & Environment.	GG
		M Dalrymple (suspended for duration of this Community Council)	

**In Attendance: IC,**  
**Community Councillors – IC, GB, LG, LC, KG, AS, BD, GG.**  
**Members of Community (MOC) - 3**  
**Local Councillors – Cllr Fiona Law**

### Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest</b> - None	
2	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – (January 2023) Proposed by GG. Seconded by AS.	
3	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> – LC reported we now have the notice board and the finger posts.  AS reported that the hanging baskets will be managed by Clacks council.  KG reported that we still haven't got UpToDate invoices for Christmas lights.  AS reported that Alva Development Trust will be running an event for the Kings Coronation. See events 8.1  GG & IC confirmed that they would work together on planning.  LG reported that the Email in November from Housing Strategy Officer - <i>Grant and I have been working, with partners, on Place Making in Alva and the re-development of the Glentanna Mill. It's a chance for us to give you a summary of the project ideas and actions so far and discuss the feasibility report we had carried out on the Glentanna building. The building continues to deteriorate, and demolition of the building is something to be considered. As we have a costed options appraisal of the building, it is something we are keen to discuss and hear views on.</i>	

	<p>Alva CC asked for them to arrange a meeting just for this subject and recommended the Parklands venue.</p> <p>LG has asked a couple of times for updates re community meeting. The last response was on 22/12/2022</p> <p><i>We have taken the work done on the Place Making exercise into consideration and have commissioned an architect to sketch up some designs for the site. Once we have this, we will arrange to come back to the community for further comment. I hope this will be early next year and will keep you informed.</i></p> <p>LG asked Who is in this Placemaking group? Seemingly there is a group but its unclear who is in the group. Alva CC will try to find out more.</p>	LG
4	<b>Police Report</b> – read by LG attached to these minutes.	
<b>6</b>	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
6.1	<b>Chair Report</b> – LC No report	
6.2	<b>Treasurers report</b> – KG No change from February report.	
6.3	<p><b>Secretaries report</b> – LG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Alva CC Insurance – expires April.</li> <li>Email re Windburn wind farm proposal from Wind 2 – <i>I am writing to inform you of my client Wind 2's proposal to develop a wind farm around 3.2km north of Alva, within the Ochil hills and in proximity to the existing Burnfoot Hill and Rhodders wind farms. As some of Windburn windfarm's turbines sit within Alva Community Council, we wanted to get in touch with you to introduce the project.</i> LG will email to recommend the meeting be held at the Cochrane Hall to ensure maximum attendance.</li> </ul>	KG/AS  LG
<b>7</b>	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Health</b> – AS The practice is in the process of inviting groups and organisations back into the practice following Covid. This month they are holding the following-</p> <p>Townbreak, Dementia support group 1<sup>st</sup> March 10am -1pm</p> <p>Breathe Easy Clackmannanshire- 2nd March 10.30- 12.30</p> <p>Scottish Fire and Rescue Service- 21<sup>st</sup> March 10-1.00 and 2- 4.00</p> <p>These will be in the waiting area with an information stand and someone to answer questions.</p> <p>Other events will be arranged for April.</p>	
7.2	<p><b>Education</b> – AS The Primary School is continuing to work towards its development goals.</p> <p>Last week the Glee Choir won the esprit de glee award at the glee sectionals event. It is an award that is given to the school that best represents the spirit of the competition and Alva have won for the last 3 years.</p> <p>The Academy have a new banner in the school for achieving raising over half million pounds for Macmillan.</p>	
7.3	<b>Planning</b> – IC A member of the public asked via email "would the Chair please ask any representatives of Clacks Council present at the meeting for	

	an informed update on the progress of the above planning application". IC reported that there have been no decisions made yet. SEPA have made their objections. The next planning meeting is 4 <sup>th</sup> May. Cllr FL agreed.	
7.4	<p><b>IT – GB</b> I'm pleased to say I have been working with webmaster Stephen since 20<sup>th</sup> February and great progress has been made.</p> <p>So much so that I have managed to add all the missing content from the minutes page using a new table system that is easier for me to use, going back to June 2022 which I completed around 1am yesterday morning (Sunday).</p> <p>His work is not finished yet as he is going to add an accessibility statement in the coming week.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>JCCF – GG</b> gave apologies for the meeting. Some notes from the meeting include –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Graeme Finlay gave a presentation on the position of Local Place Plans in Local Development Planning. The presentation will be circulated.</li> </ul> <p>Ccs were reminded of <u>Community Map Scotland</u> - interactive mapping software available free to all Scottish community councils for one year, for example to build local plans. To sign up for 12 months free use code cms12.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• JCCF Review</li> </ul> <p>Ccs noted the briefing paper and confirmed the current arrangements do not need to change at this time. Ccs may request a review of the format at any time.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• June Andison has left the Council so the Licensing Team is short of staff until her replacement is in post. PEL applications could take longer as a result and this is of particular concern at this time of year when groups are planning Spring/Summer events and there could be extra events to celebrate the Coronation.</li> </ul>	
7.6	<b>Environment – GG</b> no report for this meeting.	
8	<b>Subgroups</b>	
8.1	<p><b>Events – AS</b> reported Coronation Events</p> <p>I met with ADT. They plan to hold a picnic with entertainment for children on May 7<sup>th</sup> and at the same time, an afternoon tea for adults in the hall. They have asked other groups like the Scouts and Guides to help with the entertainment for the children and would like the Community Council to help too. I've contacted the Tartan Juggler and a face painting company so far. They would also like help from Alva CC with parking between 12 and 1.00pm.</p> <p>Alva Funday Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May – meeting arranged for Wednesday evening.</p>	<p>Alva CC</p> <p>Events group</p>
8.2	<p><b>ACRT -GG</b> One Flood Alert from SEPA issued on the morning of 13 March. Flood Forecast previously issued had said no issues were expected, but the heavy overnight rain changes that. RiverTrack at the Alva Burn maxed at 608mm and showed level 5 on the marker board next to the bridge at Henry Street, but this was well within limits.</p> <p>We have had a request via the Scottish Flood Forum to borrow one of our WaterGate barriers for a community event in Paisley, where they are looking at flood prevention methods. Bryan will assist with getting it to them and returned, so long as the forecast remains clear.</p> <p>We noticed that there is a lot of silt and large stones washed down the Carnaughton Burn following the heavy rain in December and January. The team had previously cleared all of these out to make cleaning leaved and</p>	

	litter easier. We will ask Community Payback Team if they can assist in clearing it again when the burn is dry.	
9	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports</b> – Cllr Law reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Budget – 5% increase in Council tax</li> <li>• Cutting back on library services</li> <li>• Alva to Menstrie leisure route going ahead with transport Scotland funding.</li> </ul>	
<b>10</b>	<p><b>AOCB at the discretion of the Chair.</b> Alloa marathon was a great success. Complains were made about the inconvenience to those trying to get home from working night shift and trying to leave Alva at 8.30am.</p> <p>A member of the community said he had contacted Ian MacDonald from Clacks Council in March 2021 &amp; they had a walk about and he is concerned that the issues raised have still not been rectified. Cllr Fiona Law will organise a walkabout to see &amp; discuss the issues. GB will accompany them.</p>	Cllr Law & GB
	<p><b>Next Alva Community Council meeting</b> – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 7.30pm Cochrane Foundation, 5 Croftshaw Rd, Alva FK12 5ES</p>	

## **APPENDIX I**

### **POLICE REPORT**

#### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11/03/2023**

#### **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.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.police.uk).

Police Scotland recorded 10 incidents of crime in the last month for Alva. Of these, 6 have been detected and the other 4 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 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Cobblecrook Place, Alva, a male was arrested and held in custody after resisting officers while in the course of their duties.

On 17<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Caroline Crescent, Alva, a male was charged with obstructing officers carrying out a lawful search. Substances believed to be controlled drugs were recovered and will be analysed prior to a report being submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at Alva Academy, a pupil was found to be threatening or abusive towards a staff member. The School Based Officer will deal with the disposal for this offence.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March 2023 within a licensed premises on West Stirling Street, Alva, two persons were found to have committed licensing offences. A report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal and Licensing.

On 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023 at Myretoungate, Alva, two females were reported to be threatening or abusive and make racial comments. Suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

#### **VANDALISM**

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

On 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2023 at Johnstone Street, Alva, a gate was damaged at a residential dwelling. A suspect has been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

On 26<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Stirling Street, Alva, a door was kicked open at a commercial premises, damaging same. Enquiries are ongoing to identify those responsible.

#### **VIOLENCE**

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

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were 2 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, they were as follows.

Between 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at The Nethergate, Alva, property was reportedly stolen from within an insecure property. Enquiries into the theft are still ongoing.

On 18<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at Stirling Street, Alva, a male was robbed of cash by two persons who were subsequently arrested. Both will be reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

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

On 1<sup>st</sup> March 2023 at the A91, Alva, a driver was identified to be speeding and her vehicle was found to have defects. Both offences have been 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, in some cases fuelled by the consumption of alcohol. Please do not purchase alcohol for youths and report any concerns regarding the same to the police.

The Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team helped support The Alloa Half Marathon on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2023 by supporting the organisers and stewards in the safe running of the event.

## **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.

Enforcement of traffic regulations on Stirling Street, Alva has recommenced now that the physical road changes and administration changes are now complete. Please park safely and considerately.

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.