

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Monday 14th November 7.30pm 2022

Venue: Cochrane Foundation, Alva

Community Councillors Present:

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| Lynn Cameron Chairperson | Graham Gilmour |
| Anne Spruce Treasurer | Linda Greig Secretary |
| Graham Burt | |
| Katherine Graham | |
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In Attendance:

Members of Community x 3 Elected Councillors - Cllr Balsillie & Cllr Ward
Council Representative Lesley Baillie

Minutes - LG

| Agenda Item | Minutes of Item Discussed | Action By |
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| 1 | Welcome Lynn opened the meeting extending a welcome to those in attendance. | |
| 2 | Apologies – Bryan Denny & Ian Craig | |
| 3 | Minutes of 2020 AGM Minutes of the 2021 AGM were proposed by Anne Spruce and seconded by Graham Burt | |
| 4 | Matters Arising from 2021 AGM minutes - None | |
| 5 | Chairperson Annual Report – Lynn Cameron Lynn thanked those who have been attending our face-to-face meetings. Discussion took place on the Stirling Street upgrade and how the street looks much better. We are waiting for the community Council notice board, bike rack and some finger posting. A discussion started to take place regarding the lack of parking, but Lynn proposed we discussed this at the Ordinary meeting after the AGM. Lynn reported that we had no applications during the interim elections, and we would look at co-opting in 2023. | |
| 6 | Treasurer Annual Report – Anne Spruce We would like to thank Alison Fyfe for checking the accounts. Copy of annual report attached to these minutes. Proposed by Katherine Graham and seconded by Linda Greig. Please see attached. | |

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| <p>7</p> | <p>Secretary Report – Linda Greig</p> <p>ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING VENUE – It seems a shame that we have a public library on our doorstep and that there seems to be no support from Clackmannanshire Council for Alva CC to use the venue for our meetings. When Alva CC asked Clackmannanshire Council for information regarding this, we seemed to get passed from one department to another with no replies whatsoever to some of our enquiries resulting in no final answer from anyone. Alva CC are grateful to the Cochrane Foundation for allowing us to hold our meetings here. Cllr Balsillie said he would look into this again for Alva CC.</p> <p>MICRO GRANTS 2021 -2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alva CC have allocated EDF micro grants to AGHT one for equipment and one for startup grant for the Alva community event Alva Glen illuminations. • Alva Development Trust for a new public notice board • Bear Hunt Halloween event in Alva Glen • Alva in Bloom have not received the cheque as waiting for signed Terms & Conditions • Guid Reads have not completed their project of purchasing a sign for the shop as waiting for the property sale to go through. <p>Annual report to be completed and sent to EDF</p> <p>EDF Micro grants are available from Alva community Council for more information email info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</p> <p>THANKS</p> <p>On behalf of Alva CC, I would like to express our appreciation to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Cochrane Foundation for allowing us to hold our meetings here. • All members of the community who keep us up to date with local issues and share information, and those who attend our monthly meetings. • Cllr Balsillie and Cllr Fiona Law for their attendance at our meetings and regular updates on items that are relevant to Alva residents. In August I sent an invite with a list of dates for our meetings to all four of Clackmannanshire North Ward elected Councilor’s but have had no response from Cllr Benny or Cllr Keogh which is disappointing. • Thanks to our local Police Constable James Millar for his support with reporting on local issues where possible as he seems to be working alone in the area at the moment. • I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of Alva CC to thank our Community Action Plan (CAPlan) Coordinator Sandra Rees for her continuous efforts to see through the CAPlan group’s involvement in the regeneration of Stirling Street. Sandra continued with this role even when she resigned from Alva CC, and we are very grateful. Sandra has produced a final report for this AGM. • Finally, all the volunteers who give their time to support our activities this includes members of the public who turn up to help with local clean ups and our fun day and family and friends of Alva CC committee as most of our activities would not be possible without them. | <p>Cllr Balsillie</p> <p>LG</p> |
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| | Office Bearers vacate their seats. Independent Chairperson Cllr Balsillie takes the Chair for Alva CC to elect a Chairperson. | |
| 8 | <p>Election of Office Bearers incl correspondence from Alva CC members not present.</p> <p>Election of Office Bearers</p> <p>Chairperson Nominee: Lynn Cameron Proposer: Anne Spruce Seconded: Graham Burt There was no other nominees Lynn accepted position of Chairperson.</p> <p>Lynn Cameron thanked Cllr Balsillie & takes the Chair.</p> <p>Vice Chair Nominee: Bryan Denny Proposer: Lynn Cameron Seconded: Graham Gilmour There were no other nominees. Bryan confirmed by email to the secretary that he would accept this position.</p> <p>Treasure Nominee: Katherine Graham Proposer: Anne Spruce Seconded: Lynn Cameron There were no other nominees, Katherine accepted the position of Treasure.</p> <p>Secretary Nominee: Linda Greig Proposer: Anne Spruce Seconded: Katherine Graham There were no other nominees, Linda accepted the post of Secretary.</p> <p>It was agreed that Linda Greig as Secretary will be the 'Single Point of Contact' for Clackmannanshire Council to send correspondence to Alva Community Councillors.</p> | |
| 9 | <p>Nomination of Conveners and Representatives</p> <p>DATA Protection shared responsibilities– Linda Greig & IT Graham Burt Education – Anne Spruce Environment – Graham Gilmour Health – Anne Spruce IT – Graham Burt Joint Community Council Forum (JCCF) – Graham Gilmour Planning (incorporating Licensing Applications) – Iain Craig sent confirmation he would be willing to take this role again this year. Planning Group – Ian Craig & Graham Gilmour Micro Grants – Linda Greig</p> <p>Sub Committees – Alva Community Resilience Trust (ACRT) – Bryan Denny & Graham Gilmour Alva CC Events group – Linda, Lynn, Anne, Katherine, Graham B, & Iain.</p> | |
| 10 | <p>Confirmation of Sub Committee members.</p> <p>Alva Community Resilience Trust (ACRT) – Bryan Denny & Graham Gilmour Alva CC Events group – Linda, Lynn, Anne, Katherine, Graham B, & Iain. Micro Grants – Linda Greig, Anne Spruce & Iain Craig</p> | |

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| <p>11</p> | <p>Community Action Plan (CAPlan) report – Sandra Rees CAPlan coordinator final report.</p> <p>People who live in Alva are blessed with beautiful natural surroundings, for example, the hills and glen, the Johnstone and Cochrane Parks as well as the Woodland Park.</p> <p>However, many people in the Hillfoots town were ashamed of the town centre as documented in the 2015 Alva Community Action Plan Consultation Report produced by Alva Community Action Plan Group, known as the CAPlan Group; which is a sub-group of the Community Council.</p> <p>Around the same time as the report there was a Scottish Government initiative providing funding to Local Authorities for 'Village and Small Town Initiatives'. In due course Clackmannanshire Council secured £650,000 for the Alva project but this was increased thanks to funding from other sources. Sustrans provided a significant funding contribution that has brought Alva town centre back to life for the foreseeable future.</p> <p>From 2018 the CAPlan Group and officers from Clackmannanshire Council worked together to come up with proposals for the Alva Regeneration project and presented them to the Alva community over a 3 day drop-in consultation in February 2019.</p> <p>Around 650 people called in over 3 days, to see the proposals and gave ideas, opinions and suggestions for improvements either on post-it notes or by completing a Place Standard questionnaire or both. These were used to support alterations to the design prior to a feedback drop-in session in May 2019 and were critical in forming the final design for the street.</p> <p>The COVID-19 Pandemic restrictions prevented expected progress but works to create a town centre that the community will want to use and tourists will want to visit commenced on 12 April 2021. Unfortunately there were further delays getting materials post-covid so works took longer than expected.</p> <p>The CAPlan Group are delighted that works are more or less complete and include speed tables designed to slow traffic on the approach to the town centre at the Queen Street, Cobden Street and Brook Street junctions with each incorporating a traffic light pedestrian crossing to replace the one outside the Co-op. Increasing the number of crossings makes the town centre more pedestrian friendly, for example, the crossing at Brook Street junction will help the older people who live in Burnside Court to get over the busy main road to the Co-op. Town Centre pavements and lampposts have been replaced and there is new street furniture including bus shelters, hanging basket columns, tree and flower planters, seating, finger post and Community Council notice board, etc.</p> <p>The CAPlan Group wish to extend a huge thank you to locals and particularly business owners in the town centre for their patience as the works progressed.</p> <p>We hope the improvements will inspire property owners in the town centre to spruce up their property as one or two are crying out for some TLC.</p> <p>As well as having a town centre to be proud of locals will benefit when further upgrades through the parks and other links to the main street are undertaken under Clackmannanshire Council's next phase known as 'Alva Connectivity'</p> <p>LG asked what is Alva Connectivity? Cllr Balsillie said that there is aspiration to join the cycle routes incorporating Menstrie, Alva & Fishcross.</p> | |

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Alva Community Resilience Team Report – Graham Gilmour

Flood alerts from SEPA

Since last year's AGM, we have had nine Flood Alerts issued by SEPA. Despite the warm and dry summer, five of these were issued during the period of late June to early September.

During these alert periods there have been two occasions where there was a cause for concern over the rapid rise of water levels in the Alva Burn, but thankfully, they did not result in a full community response being required.

Carnaughton Burn

Members of the team have actively kept the burn clear throughout the summer, removing almost all of the small stones and gravel from the base of the channel. The burn is now easy to keep clear, which has been most noticeable over the course of the last few weeks when the trees are losing their leaves. We are also thankful to the Community Payback Team who have helped to remove the removed stones and leaves.

RiverTrack

RiverTrack continues to be a valuable early warning service to the team and the community, and we now have the last remaining spare receiver sited at Alva Primary School. We are now working alongside The Conservation Volunteers to help deliver learning at the school that will aim to teach children the link between rainfall and the burn levels.

Training

Over the last year, we have had two training events attended by members of the team using the WaterGates. The first, last December was a 'dry' test at Henry Street, and the second in September was a 'wet' test with the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service at Alloa Fire Station.

Members of the team also attended a desktop training event last December along with other Hillfoots flood groups and statutory agencies organised by Karen Kirkwood, Emergency Planning Officer from Clackmannanshire Council.

Flood Pods

We now have four flood pods situated in Alva that will help deal with flood response. Two are sited close to Henry Street bridge, and contain the WaterGates, sandbags, cones and road closure signs. The others contain other flood control and clean-up items and are located at the primary school and at the Cochrane Park.

Hillfoots Flood Forum

With flood groups and resilience teams now established all along the Hillfoots, regular meetings have now been set up to bring the teams together with the aim of collaboration and sharing knowledge.

End of AGM