

# Alva Community Council (ACC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 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:

Community Councillors – IC, GB, KG, AS, BD, GG

Members of Community (MOC) - 3

Local Councillors – Cllr Fiona Law

### Minutes - AS

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome</b> BD welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> LC, and LG	
3	<b>Declaration of Conflict of interest</b> No declarations	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> –Proposed by KG. Seconded by GB.	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes –</b> LG sent an email to the Senior Housing Strategy Officer on June 1 <sup>st</sup> regarding the plans for the Glentanna Mill buildings/site. She asked for any new information and if we could find out more about the Place Making exercise and who the Place Making partners are. LG has not received a response.  Litter Picking. It was decided to facilitate a litter pick in the Cochrane and Johnstone parks on Wednesday, July 5 <sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm. GG will contact Clacks Council about borrowing more litter pickers, rings and bags. GB will advertise the event on Facebook and on the website.  Cllr Law will try to arrange a snagging meeting for Alva CC and Clacks Council regarding Stirling Street.	GG GB  Cllr Law
6	<b>Office Bearer reports</b> <b>Chair Report</b> – In LC's absence. AS reported that we had had a very successful Fun Day in lovely weather. Lots of positive feedback was received. However, it was extremely hard work for those available on the day and lots more help will be needed in future.	



	<p>Running Imp (Medals AG) £46.19</p> <p><b>BALANCE £2,199.22</b></p> <p><b>Special Events Account</b></p> <p><b>Income</b></p> <p>Interest £65.13</p> <p>Clackmannanshire Council £300.00</p> <p>Alva Scout Group (Fun Day) £15.00</p> <p>Fun Day Takings £3,695.85</p> <p><b>Expenses</b></p> <p>ADT Micro Grant £250.00</p> <p>Allen Goldie (Tartan Juggler C) £175.00</p> <p>A Spruce (Keegan &amp; Pennykid Ins) £129.08</p> <p>ADT (Remainder Hire Funday) £310.00</p> <p>P MacNaughton (Face Painting C) £140.00</p> <p>Cash for Fun Day Float £800.00</p> <p>Booker Cash &amp; Carry (Fun Day) £158.26</p> <p>Kyle Reese (Piper Fun Day) £30.00</p> <p>Allan Goldie (Tartan Juggler FD) £225.00</p> <p>Tracey Leonard (Owl Magic) £40.00</p> <p>L Greig (Fun Day Exp) £81.45</p> <p>King of the Castle £550.00</p> <p>A Spruce (Fun Day Exp) £42.50</p> <p>St Andrews First Aid (FD) £170.40</p> <p><b>BALANCE £30,713.40</b></p> <p><b>Ring Fenced</b></p> <p>Lights £10,194.66</p> <p>Microgrants £4,082.04</p> <p>ACRT £781.46</p> <p>KG managed to speak with Steve from Scotia. He has agreed to phone her back tomorrow when he has looked into the problem.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
7.1	<p><b>Health – AS</b></p> <p>I wrote to Alva Health Centre about our concerns for CAB, especially the location in the waiting area and the use of the normal telephone line which is already very busy. I received a reply from Steven Ebsworth, the Practice Manager. There is confidential space allocated for CAB to use and at the moment they don't feel an extra telephone line is required. The situation will be monitored and at the moment it is only a trail until July 2023.</p> <p>Practice visits planned for the practice June/July are -</p> <p>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June - Kenny Cook from Active Clacks will be in Tullibody 10.30-1pm.</p> <p>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June - CERT (Clack employment regeneration trust) will be in Alva 10-1pm. They offer advice/training/workshops to anyone who is unemployed aged 16-67. Free literacy/numeracy workshops etc.</p> <p>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> June - CERT in Tullibody 10-1pm.</p> <p>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July in Alva- Evelyn Kidd from FVRH dental dept will be in the practice to deliver patients' advice on any dental matters - who is taking on NHS patients, are you currently registered with a dentist? Evelyn will also be handing out free dental sample products.</p> <p>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July in Tullibody - Evelyn as above.</p>	AS

	Dr Cameron Livingston has left the practice he has moved on to a rural practice in Perthshire. Dr Erin Grove is the new partner from 5 <sup>th</sup> June.	
7.2	<p><b>Education – AS</b></p> <p>The primary focus at school of late has been around transition; we're preparing to say hello to our new intake of P1s and preparing to say goodbye to our current crop of P7s, as they make their way over to the Academy. P7 recently returned from their residential trip to Lendrick Muir outdoor centre, where they spend 3 days engaging in team building and challenge activities. The previous week, they had been at the Academy for their 3-day transition visit. As a school, we're preparing for the end of term coming up in a few weeks' time. Report cards are written and waiting to be issued, class teachers will soon be assigned to classes for next year and our end of term service will be taking place at the church on the 30<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.15am; members of the local community are welcome to attend.</p>	
7.3	<p><b>Planning- IC</b></p> <p>15/05/23 Installation of 15m phase 9 monopole and associated works to the north of no. 2 and 4 Myretoungate has been approved.</p> <p>Land to the rear of 42 George Street. Approval has been given to build 1 house, passed 19/05/23.</p> <p>Application for wind turbines, 15 of plus ancillary infrastructure on land at Craighorn Hill with access from Rhodders Farm. Everyone should have received notification of this by post.</p> <p>Approval for change of use has been given on 23/05/23 for the Cross Keys to 3 domestic dwellings.</p>	
7.4	<p><b>IT – GB.</b></p> <p>There is little to report other than for some mysterious reason the info@ email address when sending emails to the councillors at email list started reporting back that it had to be approved by the moderator, ie. Me. However, I could not see this request anywhere, so Linda found another way until last week I discovered the solution and it's now working fine.</p>	
7.5	<p><b>JCCF – GG</b></p> <p>The quarterly JCCF meeting was held in Alva Academy where the following items were discussed. Present were representatives of Tillicoultry Coalsnaughton Devonside CC, Alva CC, Muckhart CC, Menstrie CC and Dollar CC. There were apologies from Alloa and Clackmannan CC's.</p> <p><b>Waste Services</b></p> <p>Meeting was given a briefing by Alan Salmond of Clackmannanshire Council Waste Services on the changes to the bin collections. These were agreed by Council on 18 May 2023. In summary, the changes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Will come into effect from October 2023.</li> <li>• Will introduce a new grey bin to all households for the collection of paper and card;</li> <li>• The existing blue bin will be for plastic and cans.</li> <li>• Bins will be emptied every 4 weeks.</li> <li>• Food waste will still be emptied weekly.</li> <li>• The one-off cost of getting the new bins will be met by an external grant received by the Council.</li> </ul> <p>The changes are required for several reasons, but it was highlighted that more than 50% of material placed in green bins currently has been found to be recyclable.</p> <p>The separation of paper and card from other recyclable material will standardise the approach nation-wide in line with the Scottish Household Recycling Charter.</p>	

	<p>It will improve the quality of recycling.</p> <p>There will be options for flatted properties with limited storage space for more bins to have smaller bins given that the material will now be split.</p> <p>Existing services for assisted uplifts, additional bins for medical needs, brown bins, bulky uplifts, recycling hubs and the centre at Forthbank will remain unchanged.</p> <p>The Council will provide more information and help as we approach the date for implementation.</p> <p><b>Participatory Budgeting Proposal</b>  This had been trialled in 2017 and is now being resurrected. It is proposed to form a committee comprising hopefully 8 Community Councillors (one from each CC) and Council Officers. How the group works would be agreed once it has been initially formed. The group would initially be given responsibility to select capital projects to fund with a budget initially of £50,000. This would likely rise to £200,000 in the subsequent year.</p> <p>Membership of the Advisory Group is being deliberately weighted to ensure that community representatives outnumber paid officials.</p> <p>The first in person meeting of the Advisory Group is being set for end of June 2023, and the timetable would see the Group make decisions on funding projects by March 2024.</p> <p>The aim is to allow interested groups to be able to pitch to the committee for funding for their project. The committee would be responsible for checking that interested groups were eligible to apply, and recommending which were approved. Groups could be from anywhere in Clackmannanshire, and do not have to be looking for the full £50,000.</p> <p>Membership of the group would remain fixed initially to maintain consistency of approach after it is first agreed. The previous time that the Council attempted such a scheme, the membership changed significantly following the first meeting, and time was lost brining the new members up to speed. The group would agree the format of meetings and where and when these were to take place.</p> <p>Bryan Denny has said that he would be interested in principle to represent Alva CC. I would be happy to deputise if required. We are required to let Lesley Baillie know after this meeting if Alva CC do want to participate, and who will be our nominee.</p> <p><b>JCCF Chair</b>  Ewart McAuslane agreed to chair the regular JCCF meetings for a period of up to 2 years.</p> <p><b>Local Plans</b>  This item was not discussed due to time constraints.</p> <p><b>Information Exchange</b>  This item was not discussed due to time constraints.</p>	
7.6	<p><b>Environment – GG  Waste Services</b>  Changes to the kerbside waste collections are being made from October 2023. The recent JCCF meeting had a presentation from Alan Salmond of Clackmannanshire Council, and I will give more details in that report.</p>	

	<p><b>Climate Change Forum</b></p> <p><b>Council papers</b></p> <p>Following on from the series of forums held last winter, Robbie Seale, Climate Change and Energy Officer at Clackmannanshire Council reported that three papers that were shaped from the output of these were presented to and approved by Council. These were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Divestment</b> – calling for the Council’s pension fund to divest (to stop holding interests in) fossil fuels, and for the Council to review its own investments.</li> <li>• <b>Emissions savings in waste</b> – from October 2023 a reduction in the frequency of collection of general waste and the introduction of a new recycling bin to drive up recycling rates and save emissions.</li> <li>• <b>Electric vehicle charging</b> – helping to stimulate private investment in EV infrastructure by introducing charging on the Council charging points.</li> </ul> <p><b>Feedback from the forums</b></p> <p>Results of the survey issued to those taking part in the forums had a generally positive view of their engagement, and that the Council were taking note of the exercise.</p> <p>From the comments submitted, there will now be a quarterly newsletter issued on the Council’s website ‘Climate Clacks’ with news of progress on activities. There is also to be an ‘Over to you’ section on the website with ideas of how individuals can play their part in reducing emissions.</p> <p><b>Climate Emergency Working Group</b></p> <p>The Council launched a new Climate Emergency Working Group to get Team Leaders from across the Council directly involved in producing emission savings ideas and delivering on interim emission reduction targets. The first meeting was held in May 2023.</p> <p><b>Strategies and Consultation</b></p> <p>The Council’s Climate Change Strategy, Regional Energy Masterplan, and Pollinator Strategy have all been gathering additional input from officers and will go out to consultation in June. Events will be scheduled where you can provide direct feedback - more information will be provided as soon as the dates are confirmed.</p> <p>Following these consultations, specific theme-focussed groups will be established to allow you to stay involved.</p> <p><b>Fields in Trust</b></p> <p>We were sent details of parks that are part of the Fields in Trust scheme <a href="https://www.fieldsintrust.org/fields/">https://www.fieldsintrust.org/fields/</a>.</p> <p>Fields in Trust is an independent charity with over 90 years’ experience protecting parks and green spaces. They work with landowners, community groups and policy makers to champion the value of parks and green spaces to achieve better protection for their future at both local and national level.</p> <p>Both the Cochrane and Johnstone parks in Alva are in this scheme. In addition, the Johnstone park is Common Good Property.</p>	
7.7	<p><b>Micro Grants- LG read by AS</b></p> <p>I have sent the annual report to Foundation Scotland via the new portal. Anne and I both have access to the portal for Alva CCs various Foundation Scotland fundings.</p>	

	<p>It was confirmed on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023, the cap on the microgrants has changed. The information I have includes that -<i>Micro grants are awards of normally up to £250 to individuals and up to £500 to groups for 'charitable purposes to the general benefit of local residents, including individuals and non-constituted groups' in line with the aims or purposes of the main Community Benrfit fund.</i></p> <p>The link to this part of the website is.  <a href="https://wwwfoundationscotland.org.uk/running-micro-grants-scheme">https://wwwfoundationscotland.org.uk/running-micro-grants-scheme</a></p> <p>It will take a bit of time to change the poster and the forms.</p> <p>We have a micro grant application from Alva South Bowling Club for signage. This was approved by all.</p>	KG LG
8	<p><b>Topic for Discussion.</b></p> <p>The pharmacies have gone cashless from 1/6/23. It was felt by some MOCs that this might exclude people. GG's Mum had contacted Cllr Benny who had agreed to speak to the pharmacies, but nothing has been reported to date. It was pointed out the prescriptions are free to all. Card usage incurs a charge for the businesses so presumably this had been considered. It was considered a business decision and not something Alva CC could do anything about.</p>	
9	<p><b>Subgroup reports.</b></p> <p><b>ACRT- no report</b></p> <p><b>Events-</b> A review meeting is needed following the Fun Day. Once LG has returned, we will ask her to set up a meeting.</p>	LG
10	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports</b> – Cllr Law reported.</p> <p>Cllr Law is meeting with the Transport Officer and the Community Police to discuss parking problems on Stirling Street.</p> <p>Changes in waste collection. Initially letters will be issued and stickers for the green and grey bins. Those struggling for space can get help from the waste team. There will be a stall at Alva Games to explain changes.</p> <p>Cllr Law is a trustee of the Clacks and Stirling Environmental Trust; funding is available for a wide range of things.</p> <p>The street cleaner had asked her about cleaning the bus shelters. A contract has been taken out with Falkirk Council to undertake the task.</p> <p>No decision has been made on the library.</p>	
11	<p><b>AOCB</b></p> <p>A MOC asked about litter, the bus stops, trees in front of the war memorial and the general state of the town. BD thanked the MOC for his comments but pointed out they had been raised before and that everyone was doing their best with the funds available.</p> <p>Another MOC thanked Alva CC for all the work done by the volunteers especially the 5 who worked at the Fun Day.</p>	
	<p><b>Next Alva Community Council meeting</b> – September 11th, 2023  7.30pm Cochrane Foundation, 5 Croftshaw Rd, Alva FK12 5ES</p>	

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **POLICE REPORT**

#### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**12/06/2023**

#### **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, 7 have been detected and the other 3 are currently undetected, all of which are still under investigation.

#### **PRIORITIES**

##### **ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR**

There were 3 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On 24<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Dalmore Drive, Alva, a known female was verbally abusive and threatening towards the police. The female was arrested, charged and held in custody for this offence and another.

On 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023 at Alva Academy, a pupil was dealt with by the Schools Based Officer for culpable and reckless conduct.

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Cochrane Crescent, Alva, a male was arrested and held in custody after being involved in a domestic incident where he acted in a threatening and abusive manner.

##### **VANDALISM**

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

##### **VIOLENCE**

There were 4 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Alva Academy, a male was assaulted by two others to his slight injury. The School Based Officer at the school has dealt with those involved.

On 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at Southcroft, Alva, a minor assault occurred between neighbours. The persons responsible was subsequently arrested.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at Alva Academy, a pupil-on-pupil assault occurred which resulted in injury. The School Based Officer at the school has dealt with the pupil involved.

On 1<sup>st</sup> June 2023 at Beauclerc Street, Alva, a male was arrested for assault to injury and threatening or abusive behaviour. The male responsible will appear at court at a later date.



## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

There were 3 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, they were as follows.

On 15<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at Henry Street, Alva, milk and juice was stolen from the doorstep at a residential property. No suspect has been identified at this time.

From 22<sup>nd</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at East Stirling Street, Alva, an unattended motor vehicle was stolen from a car park. Enquiries are continuing.

On 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023 at Myretoungate, Alva, a known female stole a quantity of alcohol from the local store. Efforts are ongoing to trace and charge her.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

There were no locally recorded incidents of road traffic offending in the area over the last month but it should be noted that the Road Policing Department were involved in an operation on the A91 between Menstrie and Alva where numerous offences were detected including a rider riding at over 100mph in a 40mph zone. This behaviour is unacceptable and will be dealt with robustly.

**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.

## **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. PC Miller will be attending a site visit with other key partners to see if any further improvements can be made. This will hopefully enhance the experience of all those who use the street.

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.