

# Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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## Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September 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 & Planning	GG
		M Dalrymple (suspended for duration of this Community Council)	

### In Attendance:

Community Councillors – IC, BD, LC, AS, GG, & LG

Members of Community (MOC) - 2

Local Councillors – Cllr Law & Cllr Balsillie

Guest speaker – Glenn Stuart

### Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> - Lynn welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained that Glenn Stuart from Clacks Council will be attending and slotted in on arrival.	
2	<b>Apologies from</b> - KG & GB	
3	<b>Declaration of conflict of interest</b> – Yes at micro grants item 8.6	
4	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> – proposed by IC seconded by GG.	
5	<b>Matters Arising from Previous Minutes</b> – <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Snagging meeting re Stirling Street -Cllr Law is working on arranging this.</li><li>• Parking at Queen Street junction – no police report yet. Linda will contact PC Millar for any updates.</li><li>• Participatory budget – GG reported this has been put on hold. See item 8.5.</li><li>• Events meeting – Will be arranged.</li></ul>	Cllr law LG GG Events group
6	<b>Police Report – Community Police Officer</b> – No report available at time of meeting but will be added to minutes & website when received.	LG GB
7	<b>Office Bearer reports</b>	
7.1	<b>Chair report</b> –LC nothing to report at this meeting.	
7.2	<b>Treasurers report</b> – KG gave apologies.	
7.3	<b>Secretaries report</b> – LG nothing to report at this meeting.	

8	<b>Convener Reports</b>	
8.1	<p><b>Health – AS</b></p> <p>Upcoming agencies that are visiting the practice this month are -</p> <p>Clackmannanshire council energy advisors will be in Alva Health Centre on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2-4pm and Tullibody Health Centre on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Sept 2-4pm also. We are hoping to make these sessions a regular slot depending on the demand. Advisors will be based in the waiting area, but a confidential room will be available on both sites if needed.</p> <p>Active clacks will be in Alva Health Centre on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept - 10.30-1pm. Kenny Cook will be offering advice on classes/timetables etc in the community, he will also have some free class passes available.</p> <p>This month the practice is also trialling a patient's newsletter, this will be sent as a link via text, just like the schools do. Paper copies will also be available in both waiting areas. This is the first time we have tried a digital patient's newsletter so we would welcome back any feedback.</p> <p>We are planning to have other agencies in over the coming months but aren't confirmed in the diary as yet. These are likely to be - Fire service, Town break dementia support &amp; Forth Valley Dental Dept.</p>	
8.2	<p><b>Planning – IC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Westhaugh Travellers site – plan to erect 16 semidetached amenity blocks &amp; 1 community building was passed.</li> <li>• Planning Appeals 22/00187/Full Land North &amp; south of Alva – An appeal against refusal has been received for said planning application. Full details of appeals can be found @<a href="http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk">www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk</a> ref no PPA -150-2014</li> <li>• Application section 42 Town &amp; country planning July 18, 2023, site of former Alva House. Change of use from holiday lets to small residential development. Alva CC has raised concerns re change of use. Members of the community who contacted Alva CC re this planning application were advised to raise concerns or objections with planning department at Clacks Council. <a href="https://www.clacks.gov.uk/property/planningpermission/">https://www.clacks.gov.uk/property/planningpermission/</a></li> </ul>	
8.3	<p><b>Education – AS</b></p> <p>The pupils who took part in the Battlefields trip earlier in the year have visited the Lady Haig Poppy factory.</p> <p>The Macmillan coffee morning will take place on Friday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Macmillan month of fundraising to include...</p> <p>Annual duck race in Tillicoultry Skiathon Dog walk</p> <p>Sponsored events. The community are encouraged to undertake fundraising events. David Clifford can supply sponsor forms and screenshot JustGiving pages but he would need anyone who does this to email him directly so we could publicise / incorporate into our running total etc. David's email is <a href="mailto:CLdclifford@glow.sch.uk">CLdclifford@glow.sch.uk</a></p> <p>Dates for some of above to be confirmed.</p>	

8.4	<p><b>JCCF – GG</b> Representatives from Alloa, Alva, Clackmannan, Dollar and Menstrie CC's and Clackmannanshire Council in attendance.</p> <p>Participatory Budgeting Proposal The PB proposal has had to be shelved for the current year. The fund that was due to be distributed, £50,000 will still be available for distribution within the communities for eligible capital projects, and details will be circulated to all CC's in due course.</p> <p>Local Plans / Place Plans Discussed the Community Action Plans and the Local Place Plans which although sound similar are quite different. Community Action Plans are normally short(ish) term, maybe looking at 5 years into the future to set goals, while Place Plans are a longer-term view and are more aspirational as to how we see the community developing over time.</p> <p>Information Exchange</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Discussions around the City Deals and the projects that are being considered in Clacks.</li> <li>• Young people causing nuisance in Alloa town centre in the evenings.</li> <li>• Refreshes of Community Action Plans to be investigated by several CC's.</li> <li>• Clackmannan CC asked about benefits of CCTV in Alva and where it is stored/monitored.</li> <li>• Waves of anti-social behaviour across the county including instances of arson in Menstrie.</li> <li>• Process of appointing office bearers at an AGM.</li> <li>• Process of approving AGM minutes, and if this can be done at next full CC meeting rather than next AGM when it is still fresh in the mind.</li> </ul> <p>Next meeting Thursday 23 November at Alva Academy.</p>	
8.5	<p><b>Micro Grants – LG</b> Application from Christina Murray from AGHT for resources to enhance the garden area in Alva Glen. BD abstained as part of the AGHT group. All other community councillors approved the application and awarded £250.</p> <p><b>For more info on EDF micro grants email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a></b></p>	LG
9	<b>Subgroups</b>	
9.1	<b>Events</b> A meeting will be arranged asap.	All
9.2	<p><b>ACRT – GG</b> Flood alerts from SEPA Since the beginning of June, there have been 11 Flood Alerts issued covering the Central area.</p> <p>Team Call Outs Alva Development Trust called on our help to pump out water from the basement of the Cochrane Hall in July. Bryan Denny used our puddle pump to help pump this back out. Water had come in through a backed-up drain, thought to be linked to the drain covered by broken slabs near the front of the hall. Some of the broken slabs had been left at the bottom of the drain, obstructing the clear flow of water.</p> <p>Drainage clearance 5 Team members helped clear gathered silt and rubbish from and around the Carnaughton Burn on 19<sup>th</sup> August. The removed debris was left in the car park, and subsequently removed with the help of Clacks Council.</p>	

10	<p><b>Guest Speaker Glenn Stuart from Clackmannanshire Council – Changes to waste and recycling services.</b> Glenn explained that the Green, Blue and additional grey bin will be collected every 4 weeks. Public Health were consulted. This will commence on October 2nd, 2023. Preparation at Clackmannanshire Council is on schedule to start the new routine. All households will get a calendar with dates for their collections. All grey bins, leaflets are made from recycled plastic. The project has been funded by Zero Waste Scotland. Clackmannanshire Council could be fined if not conforming to recycling regulations.</p> <p>If anyone requires help with any of the following,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• special uplifts,</li> <li>• help with putting out bins,</li> <li>• applying for additional bin capacity,</li> <li>• Report Missed Bins,</li> </ul> <p>Contact Clackmannanshire Council waste team Waste Services Kilncraigs, Greenside Street, Alloa, FK10 1EB Tel: 01259 450000 Email: <a href="mailto:customerservice@clacks.gov.uk">customerservice@clacks.gov.uk</a> Or use the <a href="#">on-line contact form</a> here <a href="https://www.clacks.gov.uk/environment/wasteserviceshome/">https://www.clacks.gov.uk/environment/wasteserviceshome/</a></p> <p>Cllr Fiona Law is prepared to give support &amp; advice. Email <a href="mailto:flaw@clacks.gov.uk">flaw@clacks.gov.uk</a></p> <p>Glenn was asked what happens to the recycled waste from Clackmannanshire. The recycling goes out to tender. Ideally the quality and price split will win the contracts. Local tenders are applying.</p> <p>It was suggested that the journey the waste took would be interesting e.g., where does it go and what is it used for. This information could go on the Council website. Glenn said he would look into this.</p>	
11	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports –</b></p> <p>Cllr Fiona Law – Active travel - Alva to Menstrie leisure route is underway. A tarmacked cycle / active travel path linking Menstrie with Alva. This route will become part of the NCN 768. Application in from Hillfoots Homes at Alva Glen</p> <p>Cllr Donald Balsillie – Budget is proving that we are in tough times. Glentanna site will be up for consultation for housing. The Royal Regiment of Scotland is to exercise its freedom to march through Alloa on Saturday 30 September. The honour was bestowed upon the regiment by then Provost Derek Stewart. Derek will also play a part in the event, as he himself will be presented with the Freedom of Clackmannanshire to mark his 34-year service to the county.</p>	
12	<p><b>AOCB at the discretion of the Chair.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BD is keeping Community Councillors up to date with the Band Stand project with funding from Art for Alva.</li> <li>• GG is looking at organising a park clean up possibly in November.</li> <li>• Interim Elections for Community Councils - Clackmannanshire Council intimated to us that they will be holding Interim Elections this</li> </ul>	

	<p>year for CCs who are close to their minimum establishment and need to boost their numbers.</p> <p>Alva CC currently have 9 elected Community Councillors from a possible maximum size of 14, so we are therefore able to add 5 new councillors. Along with Alva, three other CC's will be holding Interim Elections (Alva, Clackmannan, Muckhart and Tillicoultry, Coalsnaughton and Devonside CC's)</p> <p>The Council are expected to publish the Public Notice of Election (ie, election opens) on Wednesday 13 September. Anyone interested in becoming a Community Councillor then has 2 weeks to submit their nomination to the Council, with the deadline for applications being 4pm on Thursday 28 September.</p> <p>Anyone interested should contact Graham G if they want more details on what is involved in becoming a Community Councillor.</p> <p>We have already posted an advanced warning on Facebook and will distribute posters around Alva with details. We will repeat FB message, at least twice if possible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Cochrane car park</b> - Discussion was had regarding the overnight parking of campervans at Cochrane Park car park. The issue was raised as there are no overnight toilets or waste facilities &amp; human waste was found in the burn running alongside the car park.</li> </ul> <p>It seems this place is advertised on various websites for overnight parking in Scotland. There are no signs to say this is not allowed. Cllr Fiona Law will raise at Council meeting.</p>	
	<p><b>Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday October 9th, 2023</b>  7.30pm Cochrane Foundation, 5 Croftshaw Rd, Alva FK12 5ES</p> <p>Members of the Alva community are most welcome at all meetings.</p> <p>If you would like to contact Alva CC or would like an item placed on an Ordinary meeting agenda, please email <a href="mailto:info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk">info@alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk</a>  You can also contact us via Alva Library.</p>	

## **APPENDIX I**

### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**11/09/2023**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The community police officers for Alva are PC 247 James Miller and PC 511 Roebuck who are both stationed at Alloa Police Station, Kilncraigs, Alloa. You can contact them by calling 101 or by e-mail at [James.Miller@scotland.police.uk](mailto:James.Miller@scotland.police.uk) and [Rachael-2.roebuck@scotland.police.uk](mailto:Rachael-2.roebuck@scotland.police.uk).

Police Scotland recorded 9 incidents of crime in the last month for Alva. Of these, 5 have been detected and the other 4 are currently undetected, all of which are still under investigation.

#### **PRIORITIES**

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

There were 2 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On the 19<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at Glebe Crescent, Alva a female caused damage to a car by pulling off the window wiper. The female was charged and reported to court.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023, at Woodlands Park Alva a female observed a male carrying out a sexual act in a public place. The suspect has not been traced, if anyone has any information, please contact us.

##### **VANDALISM**

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

On the 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at West Johnstone Street, Alva someone attended an address banged on the door causing the window to smash. The person responsible is known and will be charged when traced.

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023 at Coblecrook gardens, Alva paint was thrown at the front door of the address. Enquiries are ongoing.

##### **VIOLENCE**

There were 3 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On the 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Stirling Street, Alva a male was assaulted by another male to his injury. The male responsible was arrested and appeared at court in relation to these matters.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2023 at Stirling Street, Alva a male was assaulted by another male to his injury. The male responsible was arrested and appeared at court in relation to these matters.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> September 2023 at Johnstone Court, Alva a male was assaulted by two others resulting in slight injury. No suspect has been identified at this time, enquiries are ongoing.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

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

On the 12<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at The Nebit, Alva a male was defrauded of money through fraudulent means via telephone. Enquiries are ongoing.

On the 27<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at Cochrane Crescent, Alva a phone was stolen from an insecure address. The suspect has been identified and will be reported to court.

## **ROAD TRAFFIC**

**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**

N/A

## **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.