

# Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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## Minutes of the meeting held on

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**

**Venue: Alva Parish Church**

Lynn Cameron – Chairperson	LC	Kathrine Graham- Treasurer	KG
Bryan Denny – Vice Chair & ACRT	BD	Linda Greig – Secretary & Micro Grants	LG
Graham Burt – IT & Website, Planning	GB	Iain Craig	IC
Anne Spruce – Health & Education	AS	Graham Gilmour – ACRT & JCCF & Planning	GG
		Emma Osborne- Environment	EO
		M Dalrymple (suspended for duration of this Community Council)	

### In Attendance:

Community Councillors – LC, GB, IC, AS, GG, BD, EO, KG. Members of Community (MOC) - 7  
Local Councillors – Cllr Fiona Law, CTSi- Gisele Hall.

### Minutes AS

Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	LC welcomed everyone to the meeting in our new venue and pointed out toilets and fire exits.	
2	<b>Apologies</b> - LG	
3	<b>Declaration of Conflict of Interest- None</b>	
4	<b>Minutes of the October 9<sup>th</sup> meeting-</b> Proposed GB, Seconded KG	
5	<b>Matters Arising from October 9<sup>th</sup> minutes.</b> It was confirmed that there was an agreement to pay ADT money for a microgrant to supply Christmas hampers. The agreement was reached by email, and all agreed to add to the request and pay £500.00	
6	<b>CTSi-</b> Gisele Hall said CTSI were available to help community groups with governance and funding. She said she would be able to help with funding applications such as the Christmas Lights but suggested a bigger claim from the National Lottery was a possibility. It was agreed that she should come back to a special funding meeting very soon. Cllr Law said it would be a good idea to consult the Council before deciding on extra lights because the weight of the lights might be important	LC to email to find a suitable date
7	<b>Office bearer's reports.</b>	
7.1	<b>Chair Report</b> -LC said we had had our first events planning meeting for the Fun Day on June 1 <sup>st</sup> , but more volunteers must be guaranteed before it could take place. The theme would be "Superheroes".	
7.2	<b>Treasurer's Report-</b> Balance in ordinary account £1,878.84, Balance in Special Events Account £29,670.68	
7.3	<b>Secretary's Report</b> – No report	
8	<b>Police Report</b> This was not available at the meeting.	
9	<b>Convener's Reports</b>	

9.1	<p><b>Health Report</b> - The Health Centre are trialling a 2 week booking appointment system from Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the hope that it will ease the 8.30am rush for appointments. This will be closely monitored.</p> <p>Stats have recently been posted from November 2019 and November 2023 as there have been posts on social media and comments that patients think "we never see patients" and "when are we going back to normal". They wanted to share how much general practice has had to adapt to the demand with no extra resources or funding. The stats are available on the Alva Medical Practice Facebook page and the Alva Community page.</p> <p>Evelyn from FB Dental dept will be available in Tullibody HC on March 5<sup>th</sup> and Alva HC March 11<sup>th</sup>, she will offer patients advice on registering with a dentist, what services are available and will have free samples available on the day.</p>	
9.2	<p><b>Planning-</b> GG reported that there had been no planning applications for Alva. The application for the Alva West development was with the Reporter which is due to report on March 21<sup>st</sup>. SEPA had responded to the application but there is no mention of the north side of the plan in the submission.</p>	
10.3	<p><b>Education</b> - Congratulations to David Clifford, the principal teacher of music, drama, and physical education at Alva Academy on the MBE in the New Year's Honours list. Emily Meeton from S6 performed Burn's songs at Tillicoultry Primary School during their Burns Lunch.</p> <p>The Academy took 5 pipers and 8 singers to the Cochrane Hall to perform for the Stirling and Clacks Parkinson's Burns supper. For some, it was their first time performing.</p> <p>The next Parkinson's Singing Group friends and family evening will be held at Alva Academy on Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. New members are welcome, and no experience is required.</p> <p>Alva Primary had a re-inspection following the inspection of January 2023. This time results were so much better, and the inspectors will not be returning for another 5-7 years. Due to many staff absences, they have been unable to hold their annual Burns competitions.</p>	
10.4	<p><b>Environment-</b> EO has been looking at a campaign to combat dog mess which has been running in Manchester. She has also been asking about whether the new bin (4-week cycle) is working. Waiting to hear more on both points.</p>	EO
10.5	<p><b>JCCF</b> No report as the next meeting is at the end of the month. GG said McGills buses will welcome any feedback about their bus service and encouraged people to get in touch.</p>	GB
10.6	<p><b>IT</b> -There are no issues with the web site. The lights have raised £1207.00 on paypal, Clacks Lottery report 20 tickets have been bought to benefit Alva CC and Easy Fundraising has brought in £57</p>	
10.7	<p><b>Micro Grants</b> An application has been received from Alva AFC for £465.00. It was agreed a cheque should be given for £500.00</p>	LG
11	<p><b>Subgroup Reports – ACRT</b> There had been a few flood warnings, but nothing has caused any problems. Thanks to John Cunningham for keeping the Carnaughton Burn clean and free from debris. The group had received good support from Clackmannanshire Council. There was a new Senior Roads and Flooding Officer.</p>	
12	<p><b>Disabled Road Markings</b> - The Disabled parking bays had been clearly marked at the chemist and the Co-op but not at the Church. Cllr Law will check if this is on the list for future marking.</p>	Cllr Law

13	<p><b>Clackmannanshire Councillors Reports</b> - Cllr Law reported that it was budget time. Proposals and a consultation had been put forward by the Council Officers, but balancing the budget was going to be difficult. As you will know the proposals in the consultation are those put forward by Officers to balance the budget. No decisions have yet been taken and none will until the budget meeting. There is no doubt we will face some difficult decisions and the reality is the even if Councillors accepted every single officer proposal, it still wouldn't generate enough savings to balance the budget.</p> <p>The Council is seeing unprecedented demand for statutory services in areas like social care and education. Inflation remains high which impacts on all running costs – not least the cost for our PPP high schools which is linked to inflation and cost nearly an additional £1 million last year and will cost a further £350,000 this year. The cost of energy is also increasing as are wages. All of this impacts on the money the Council have to spend on what is considered non-statutory services. Moving forward there is going to have to be an honest discussion about services the Council can deliver and what it has to stop delivering.</p> <p>As stated above these are Officers proposals, however whatever the outcome of the budget this year as I've already said, moving forward there will be further tough decisions about the services that the Council is able to deliver. I don't believe that any elected member wants to take such difficult decisions, which is often making the least worst choice, and we all know the impacts on our local communities. But make decisions we must.</p> <p>If you haven't already, I would make your views known through the consultation process and encourage other people in the community to also do this, to help inform these decisions."</p>	
14	<p><b>AOCB</b> – A Tennent's Association Meeting had been held to look at noise, litter, repairs, and anti-social behaviour. 5 members of the public attended. The Council Official hoped to have monthly meetings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Artwork.</b> There were plans to create a bandstand in the park with money from the Developer's contribution following the Allanwater housing at the East of Alva. Prices are escalating so much they we are looking at alternative artwork, maybe in the park, Alva Glen and the main street.</li> <li>• <b>Removal of wreaths.</b> Cllr Law reported that the removal was at the discretion of the cemetery officer, and they were removed prior to the storm.</li> <li>• A MOC said that the 3 crossing points on the main street were having a bad effect and are dangerous because the timing is so long. Cllr Law will investigate it.</li> <li>• 3 bus stops have been replaced on the south side of the street and will be kept clean by Falkirk Council.</li> <li>• IC asked if the Council had checked if Christmas lights could be erected on the lamp posts on the south side of Stirling Street as they had promised to do. IC was asked to email Cllr Law with the details.</li> <li>• It was suggested that we should ask for sponsorship for hanging baskets. A poster would be put on the noticeboard giving the names of sponsors (If agreed by individuals) The meeting thought this was a good idea and several MOCs said they were happy to sponsor baskets.</li> </ul>	<p>BD</p> <p>Cllr Law</p> <p>IC</p>
	<p><b>Next Alva Community Council meeting</b> – Monday March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024. 7.30pm</p> <p>VENUE; EADIE HALL, ALVA PARISH CHURCH, STIRLING STREET FK12 5EH</p>	

# **APPENDIX I**

## **POLICE REPORT**

### **ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**13/02/2024**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The community police officers for Alva are PC 247 James Miller and PC 511 Rachael 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.Roebuck2@Scotland.police.uk](mailto:Rachael.Roebuck2@Scotland.police.uk)

Police Scotland recorded 12 incidents of crime in the last month for Alva. Of these, 8 have been detected and the other 4 are currently undetected, most 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.

On the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at Dalmore Drive Alva a male was charged with playing music to the annoyance of his neighbours. He was given a fixed penalty notice.

On the 13<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at Henderson Place Alva a male was charged with playing music to the annoyance of his neighbours. He was also charged for vandalising their property and resisting arrest.

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2024, at Parkgate Alva a male was charged for shouting swearing and carrying a weapon. The male was arrested.

##### **VANDALISM**

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

On 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024, at Coblecrook Place Alva a male did throw an item causing the window to break. The item has been reported to court.

On the 18<sup>th</sup> January 2024, at Beauclerc Street Alva a person did throw a golf ball causing damage to the window. Enquiries are ongoing.

On the 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024, at Minto Gardens, Alva a person has damaged a window by unknown means. Enquiries are ongoing.

##### **VIOLENCE**

There were 1 recorded incidents of violence in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at Alva Academy a youth was charged for assaulting a member of staff. This will be reported to the Childrens reporter.

## **ACQUISITIVE CRIME**

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

On 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at Erskine Street, Alva, a derelict house was broken into and items stolen from within Enquiries are ongoing.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 at Glenwinnel Road, Alva a shed was broken into and items stolen from within. Enquiries are ongoing.

## **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**

The Clackmannanshire Community Policing Team have also been engaged in the ongoing search at Gartmorn Dam for the missing male. This operation has been ongoing since 24<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

## **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.

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.