

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)
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Minutes of Meeting of October 2025 Ordinary Meeting
Monday 13th October, 2025 19.30 hrs
Venue: Eadie Hall Parish Church, Alva

Elected Councillors		Linda Greig - Secretary	LG
Graham Burt	GB	Graham Gilmour	GG
Stephanie Low	SL	Emma Osborne	EO
Kelda (Kay) Lang - Treasurer	KL	Mary Dalrymple	MD
James Osborne - Chairperson	JO	John Cunninham	JC

In Attendance:- Leslie Bailie, Janice Chalmers (ADT)

Community Councillors:- EO, JO, JC, GB, KL, SL

Members of the Community number only: 6

Local Councillors:- none.

Chaired by: - JO

Minutes: – EO

Agenda Item		Action By
1	Apologies / House keeping Apologies from LG,GG,MD	All
2	Declarations of Interest None	
3	Minutes of last meeting GB Proposed JO Seconded	
4	Matters Arising JC noted that previous minutes included issues with signing of various CC documents and proposed all councillors should have them signed and returned by next meeting, including absent councillors. All attending councillors agreed. GB Proposed no defacing of the previous written document as seen as a sign of disagreement with the document despite the signature.	

5	Police Report Members of the public raised issues with the police report not including a number of incidents that have been reported to the police. It is unclear as to why this would be the case, is there a threshold at which these get included, something to query. Report to be attached separately	
6	Planning Applications Former bank to be converted to 2 dwellings approved in september.	
7	Establish Sub-Committees/Working Groups/Conveners (suggestions website/IT should be a subcommittee rather than single convener, previously had an environmental, Education, Health, IT) Education - SL Environment - EO Planning - JC (would continue as co-opted planning convener if/when stepping down from CC in future) Health - SL IT - MD, JO, EO JCCF - proposed to leave open so councilors that are able to attend may when the meetings arise. EDF Panel - JC, JO next meeting 31st March @ dumyat Centre. This was discussed in more detail; More promotion needed of it, use of the big cheque for photos, required paperwork has been reduced, EDF popup banner is in the CC container, photos in notice board of people/projects helped, and general attempt to improve public awareness of the grant availability.	
8	Micro grant applications No new applications	
9	New CC business	
9.1	Representative of CC needed for laying remembrance day wreath donated by Anne Spruce. SL to represent, idea of getting youth involvement for the actual laying has been floated. Rehearsal is on the Friday 9th November.	
9.2	Alva Christmas Fayre Sat 22nd Nov need volunteers for organising and running or cancel to let ADT know ASAP Councillors available GB,SL,JC, KL (LG available to help organise). Hall is booked 9-4. Need to organise singers, santa, presents, kitchen. Contact fayre stallholders, SL can ask dance squad for a christmas performance. Requires general public volunteers to really stand a chance of going ahead, so a call to action to be organised for that.	
9.3	Christmas lights – who will organise for 2025 Need to find out who has the storage company contact details LG mentioned as possibly having that info and contact them to arrange timing for getting them up (and down). The hope is that lights were	

	checked for working order before going into storage, as 2 were blown down last year. Public liability insurance was mentioned as being in place.	
9.4	Alva CC trailer – storage place required; Currently with Lynn Scobie in Coalsnaughton mentioned as a possibility KL has number possibly £80 - £150 a month, also a council locker £10 per week (could be challenging as some are being removed, but worth checking), reach out to the community to see if other storage options are available as alternative options. Former councillors have trailer keys, unknown insurance/ servicing details on the trailer currently, being investigated	
9.5	Self Directed Support Forth valley would like to come along to a future meeting to give a presentation CC agreed a good idea and one to organise getting in for a meeting in the new year. Advertise in Noticeboard when decided, KL has contact details for unpaid carer group who could be informed of it too.	
9.6	Community engagement ideas Various engagement ideas brought up; digital meetings, advertise in paper; Create newsletter, get volunteers to deliver; Scottish CC website has engagement examples that may be useable; Getting youth involvement, showing the benefits to them for doing so, uni application apprenticeships and job applications, saltair awards, DoE. JC - contact menstrie CC about their newsletter. See what CTSI can offer with volunteer help. Contact High school, look at the possibility of a student taking on the Education convenor role JC follow up on Muckhart Community newsletter.	EO
10	Updates from Clacks Councillors None present	
11	ADT update Enthusiastic to work together! Lots of events across the year put on: Parkinsons, Home Start, Action to, 3 Primary school pantomimes, disco, prom, Carers monthly lunch, conferences, dog shows. Wanting to work together to promote events and groups. Look to get involvement and promotion of the other Alva groups Alva in bloom, ADT, Alva Glen trust, Guides, Scouts, Police Cadets, Army Cadets etc. Glen reopening brought up, engineers took weeks to sign off the work by which time the path seemed back in use so no big reopening announcement made. Would be good to do something.	
12	Any further questions from Members of the public None	

13	Correspondence None	
14	Any Other business None	
15	Time and Place of Next Meeting Next meeting to be 10th November at 1930 in the Alva Parish Church Hall.	