

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday June 10th, 2024

Venue: Eadie Hall Parish Church, 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	Graham Gilmour Graham Burt - Planning	GG GB
Anne Spruce – Health & Education	AS	Graham Gilmour – ACRT & JCCF	GG
Emma Osborne - Environment	EO		
		M Dalrymple (suspended for duration of this Community Council)	

In Attendance:

Community Councillors – LC, BD, KG, LG, AS, EO

Members of Community (MOC) - 2

Local Councillors – Cllr Fiona Law, Cllr Donald Balsillie

Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & housekeeping	
2	Apologies – GG, GB, IC	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - none	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting from Monday 8th April 2024. Proposed by KG and seconded by AS	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – <ul style="list-style-type: none">The 3 crossing points on the main street were reported as causing problems – Cllr Law is looking into this.A Member of the public asked about the lockups at Carnaughton Place – Cllr Law said there is plans for them to be demolished.Alva CC folder for Alva Library – will be updated and returned to library.	Cllr Law LG
6	Office Bearer reports	
6.1	Chair Report -	
6.2	Treasurers report - KG	
6.3	Secretaries report – LG Update our registration with the Information Commissioner’s Office. Expiry date 27/08/2024. Alva CC to meet re Christmas lights – agreed end of August. AGM 2024 – all agreed to hold in October 2024 Christmas fayre – 23 rd November 2024 KG agreed I should send all payment emails to her as treasurer.	AS LG LG LG Events group LG KG

7	Police Report – Community Police Officer not in attendance but LG read report received for this meeting. See attached.	
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	<p>Health – AS The practice has been piloting a change to the appointment system, patients are now currently able to book 2 weeks in advance for any clinician. Feedback has been positive, we are continuing to monitor this closely, especially over the summer months.</p> <p>Planned practice visits over the next couple of months are Dental Dept, Townbreak (Dementia support) and Active Clacks. Dates are still to be confirmed but are looking likely over the summer months.</p> <p>We are also currently working behind the scenes doing the preparation work for the whole practice moving to a new system. This is going to be Scotland wide, our dates for this going live aren't confirmed as yet, but they are aiming for the end of the year.</p>	
8.2	Planning – GG GB both sent apologies	
8.3	<p>Education – AS Alva Academy have a "Doggy Den" to allow pupils access to a therapy dog. Buddy will teach younger children social skills and responsibility and for older pupils, it will focus on improving self-esteem at school, learning about positive and negative reinforcement and helping community.</p> <p>The Academy Also held a heart screening event in memory of a past pupil who passed away last year. The school worked with the young boys family and the charity Cardiac Risk in the Young (CRY) to bring a mobile screening station to the school. Across the weekend nearly 200 young people got their hearts tested with 12 referred to cardiologists for further testing. The Parkinson's singing group have started recording their first single and video. A specially recorded song called "Thank you for loving me" has also been requested to be performed at the Scottish Parliament, possibly next spring.</p> <p>A group of S2 pupils has visited the battlefields of World War 1 in Belgium.</p> <p>At the Primary School, everyone is looking forward to the summer holidays. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday were sports for mainstream and ASD classes. There was a great turnout of parents, carers and extended families who joined to cheer on the racers. The pupils are looking forward to "Alva's got talent" at the end of term. Primary 6 have completed their buddy training and are excited to become big buddies in August to the new primary 1s. Primary 7 are going on their residential to Lendrick Muir from Monday 10th to Wednesday June 12th. On Friday 14th, the PTA and school are having a mini highland games for pupils and their families to enjoy.</p>	
8.4	Environment – EO GB asked if the grass could be cut in the Alva cemetery more often than it currently is – Cllr Law reported there was a routine for grass cutting. Cllr Law will mention to land services.	Cllr Law
8.5	JCCF – GG new date to be confirmed for next meeting possibly 22.08.2024	
8.6	IT – GB sent apologies	
8.7	<p>Micro Grants – LG EDF asked for one more member of the community council to join the panel. LG will try to attend panel meetings depending on work shifts.</p> <p>We are unclear how much funding is available to us for micro grants LG will find out.</p>	LG LG
8	Subgroups	

8.1	Events – Alva Games quiz night AS, LC, EO. Alva Games medals AS, GG, GB, LC. Alva Funday was a success, thanks were sent to the volunteers who helped on the day.	
8.2	ACRT- GG sent apologies	
9	Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Law and Cllr Balsillie reported there would be no policy decisions made until after the election. There is a consultation re the Alva cemetery extension.	
10	AOCB at the discretion of the Chair. BD reported there are two new bike stations being placed on the active travel route. One as you go out of Alva towards Tillicoultry and the other at the junction between Alva & Menstrie. Funding for the cycle repair stations came from Foundation Scotland.	
	Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday September 9th, 2024 7.30pm Eadie Hall Alva Parish Church Alva	

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

10/06/2024

INTRODUCTION

The community police officer for Alva is PC 247 James Miller and he 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.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 4 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month.

One was in relation to eggs being thrown by youths at a property in Stirling Street. No formal complaint was made and it does not appear that the occupant is being targeted.

Several calls were made in relation to off road motorbikes being driven on the paths/streets in the local area. We have not identified the owners or riders of these vehicles and would encourage local residents to make Police aware of these issues by calling 101.

VANDALISM

There was one recorded vandalism for the month. This was to a vehicle parked at The Johnstone Arms Hotel for which enquiries are still ongoing.

VIOLENCE

There was one recorded incident of violence in the area over the last month.

This related to a neighbour dispute however the informant thereafter refused to engage with Police. Clackmannanshire council have been fully updated given that the people involved are council tenants.

It is of note that neighbour disputes or incidents of anti social behaviour are reported to Clackmannanshire council even if no criminality is established. This allows for early intervention in an effort to stop escalation and resolve issues in the community.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

On 24th May a theft of a large amount of diesel was reported stolen from an excavator which was parked at Cochrane Park overnight. Enquiries are ongoing in relation to this.

On 30th May £300 worth of foreign currency was stolen from within the glove compartment of a vehicle parked in a local street. The window of the vehicle had been left down and no entry was forced. Enquires are ongoing at this time but people are reminded that even when leaving your vehicle or home for short periods of time, to ensure that they are locked and secured.

On 4th June an elderly resident had a call from an unknown person claiming to be from her bank and asking her to provide her account details due to money having been removed from her account. Thankfully the victim hung up the telephone and did not suffer any financial loss, but was left very distressed by the incident.

These types of incidents are unfortunately not uncommon and advice can be found on our web page to help educate people of the tactics used and how to avoid become victim to this.

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

Enforcement of parking restrictions will continue to be carried out so please park safely with consideration for other and abide by the local restrictions.

Several incidents of criminality occurred at Alva Academy over the last month, and these were dealt with by the police School Based Officers.

The incident of note being on 4th June 2024 the janitor at Alva academy discovered the gas box and valve to the rear of the school had been damaged leaving the gas pipes exposed. These pipes supply gas to the school and nearby houses. Enquiries with the gas engineers established that there were no gas leaks, however this could have led to a major incident.

This incident has been recorded as a culpable and reckless conduct for which enquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible, who at this time are believed to be youths.

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.