

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 11th March 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, GG, LG, GB

Members of Community (MOC) - 4

Local Councillors – Cllr Balsillie

Minutes - LG

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & housekeeping	
2	Apologies – IC, KG, AS, EO	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting February 12 th , 2024. Proposed by GB seconded by BD.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – To be carried forward to April.	LG
6	Police Report – Community Police Officer report not available at meeting attached to minutes.	LG GB
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chair Report - None	
7.2	Treasurers report – KG Unavailable as KG gave apologies.	
7.3	Secretaries report – LG <ul style="list-style-type: none">Discussion took place regarding ordering of the hanging baskets. Email to Alva CC from Clacks council land services asking for the community to water the baskets. It was highlighted that that since Clacks Council erected brackets on the street to accommodate 54 hanging baskets, they said they would hang, maintain, and take down the baskets. Cllr Balsillie will engage with land services and LC to figure a way forward. Alva CC can only fund 24 baskets and therefore it may only be possible to have one basket on each double bracket. Alva CC were not consulted when the 54 baskets were decided on during the Street improvements. Questions were asked	Cllr DB LC

	<p>about the health and safety involved in watering the baskets as they are of height.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Alva CC library folder out of date regarding minutes. LG finds it difficult to visit the library due to hours of opening and work commitments. It has been confirmed by Cllr DB that the library will not be closing imminently so LG will arrange to update the folder asap. There have been no minutes in Nov 2023 & January 2024 due to no quorum. 	LG
8	Convener Reports	
8.1	Health – AS Unavailable as AS gave apologies.	
8.2	<p>Planning – GG GB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No update on Alva West development but this should be imminent. Sunday 17th March 9am – 1pm road closures for Alva half marathon. Routes west through alva closed. Diversion is east bound. 	
8.3	Education – AS Unavailable as AS gave apologies.	
8.4	<p>IT – GB</p> <p>There are no issues with our Facebook or X accounts. As normal, I have been making and sharing posts from other Alva and Clacks pages or groups that are useful for our community. Occasionally, I have also been keeping members of the public up to date of where we are with the Christmas Light Fundraising. Here is where we are with that.</p> <p>PayPal: £1241.25 up £33.48 from last month due to recurring donations. Easy fundraising: £72.25 up £14.43 from last month Clacks Com. Lott. £58 Total £1371.50</p>	
8.5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JCCF – GG – Licensing and community councils: Update – Licensing Standards Officer, Clackmannanshire Council Events and venues – a list of types of events and types of venues which need a license is on the Council’s website for reference. Information and advice – applicants may contact Licensing to ask for information about licenses and advice relating to their specific event by emailing licensing@clacks.gov.uk in the first instance. The best officer for the specific query will respond. Public liability insurance and PEL - insurance is not valid if the event should have a PEL and doesn’t. Community event organisers – not all community events are organised by the cc, and similar information sessions in future should perhaps include other community groups as relevant. Unfortunately, there is no time to arrange a duplicate session before these groups submit PEL applications for galas. 	
8.6	Environment – EO None as EO gave apologies	
8.7	<p>Christmas Lights update – LG Meeting re-funding on 29.02.2024 Present – LC, GG, GB, LG, CTSI Team Leader – Membership & Governance Items discussed -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> We discussed that we would unlikely get funding from the national lottery for new lights just because some people didn’t like them. Do we need a new supplier because then we would have two suppliers? Would one supplier take on another’s lights? CTSI rep pointed out she never noticed we had lights on one side of the street only and said the lights looked nice. The funding we currently have raised through PayPal, easy funding and Clacks lottery could help us replace 1-2 lights depending on cost/design etc. if we can do this that would let the community know how the money was used. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was suggested that we update the community on our Facebook page after each meeting. This would help take the pressure of individual members. • If we get lighting on the other side of the street, it is thought we will alternate & have 8 one side and 8 on the other side. IC working on this. 	IC
8.8	Micro grants –LG Alva amateur football club returned terms and conditions. Cheque has been sent and scanned to Treasurer.	
9	Subgroups	
9.1	Events – Alva Funday being organised will need volunteers.	All
9.2	<p>ACRT – BD &GG The Met Office announced that it was the second wettest February on record, beaten only by 1990 which had more rainfall. February had 275.6mm of rainfall and was 213% above the 1981-2010 baseline. Some areas saw more than 3 times the normal rainfall. Only Wales had more rainfall.</p> <p>We have had only 2 alerts from SEPA in the last month, 15th February and 8th March. We were lucky with the weather pattern and had no callouts. We worked on our normal care and maintenance.</p> <p>We now have a 4th monitor working from the radio signal sent out on the RiverTrack sensor head. This gives us a level of security should any of the monitors fail for any reason. The sensor monitors the level of the water in the Alva Burn and triggers alarms to the team should the burn rise above a certain level giving the team time to react. The levels of the burn can be monitored by any member of the public by accessing the website: https://map.rivertrack.org/location/alva-burn-alva</p> <p>Some members of ACRT attended the Hillfoots Area quarterly meeting and were advised that for storms to be named wind has to be associated with the storm. Should it rain only the storm will not be named. However, this is now being reconsidered and in future it may be that a heavy rainstorm may be given a name.</p>	
10	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Balsillie reported.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the Leisure route from Alva to Menstrie is well underway. • There will be an extension to Alva cemetery. • Glentanna area has been used for fly tipping. • The containers in the car park at Glentanna will be removed in the summer. • There are scheduled works for resurfacing Brodwell drive. 	
11	<p>AOCB at the discretion of the Chair.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BD has put in funding for cycle repair stations. • BD advised that the funding from Art for Alva would no longer include the plans for a Band Stand due to major cost increases and the controllability of the project. Alva CC are looking at alternative structures at a more affordable cost. BD will consult with Cllr Balsillie and a contact at Clackmannanshire Council who hold the Art for Alva fund. • Members of the community are concerned that the current signage is not deterring walkers from going up Alva Glen. Cllr DB will contact council officer to see what can be done. • Members of the community have raised the issue of crow’s mess on the walkway in Cochrane Park. Cllr DB will contact land services to see what if anything can be done. 	BD BD Cllr DB Cllr DB
	Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday April 8th, 2024 7.30pm Eadie Hall Alva Parish Church Alva	

APPENDIX 1

POLICE REPORT

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

11/03/2024

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 and Rachael.Roebuck2@Scotland.police.uk

Police Scotland recorded 13 incidents of crime in the last month for Alva. Of these, 11 have been detected and the other 2 are currently undetected.

PRIORITIES

ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

There were 5 recorded incidents of anti-social behaviour in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On 14th February 2024 at Scott Court, Alva, a domestic incident occurred involving threats and damage to property. Both persons responsible were arrested and released on a police undertaking to appear at court at a later date.

On 14th February 2024 at Henderson Place, Alva, a male breached his conditions of bail and was arrested and held in police custody to appear at court.

On 19th February 2024 at Cochrane Crescent, Alva, a breach of bail was reported. Police investigated this incident, but no further action was taken.

Between 23rd and 24th February 2024 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, a male breached his conditions of bail and was arrested.

On 4th March 2024 at The Nebit, Alva, a male was found in possession of controlled drugs. These have been submitted for forensic analysis.

VANDALISM

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

VIOLENCE

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

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

There were 8 recorded incidents of acquisitive crime in the area over the last month, they were as follows;

On 23rd and 24th February 2024 at the Coop, Stirling Street, Alva, the same male stole a quantity of goods from the store on five separate occasions. He was arrested and held in police custody.

On 29th February 2024 at The Nebit, Alva, a mobile phone was stolen from a residential property. Enquiries are now complete, and no further action will be taken.

On 12th March 2024 at Rhodders Grove, Alva, a male broke into a residential dwelling and thereafter stole a car from the same address. He was arrested and held in police custody for 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

PC Miller carried out a joint visit with Clackmannanshire Council Roads staff to discuss improvements to the current signs and lines on Stirling Street, Alva. This will hopefully lead to some changes which will improve the current set up.

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.