

Alva Community Council (Alva CC)

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Minutes of Ordinary Meeting

Monday 8th April 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, GB, KG, IC

Members of Community (MOC) - 7

Local Councillors – Cllr Fiona Law

Minutes - BD

Agenda Item	Minutes of Item Discussed	Action By
1	Welcome, Introductions & housekeeping	
2	Apologies – EO, LG	
3	Declaration of conflict of interest - None	
4	Minutes of Previous Meeting - March 11 th , 2024. Proposed by GG seconded by BD.	
5	Matters Arising from Previous Minutes – <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. Cllr Law advised that it is on the list.The 3 crossing points on the main street were reported as causing problems. The timings for traffic lights to change are still causing problems. Taking many minutes to change. Cllr Law is investigating further.Can Christmas lights be erected on the south side of the street. To be followed up, IC to email Council re power availability on south side streetlights.Hanging baskets update. Hanging baskets have still not yet arrived at Gartunny. 24 baskets to be delivered to Gartunny and not 54 as per Council. Baskets to then be filled, uplifted then delivered and fitted by	Cllr Law Cllr Law IC

	the Council. Council asked Alva CC if the group could take over the watering of the plants and were advised we could not give the height placement of the baskets and location of the equipment to water the plants.	
6	<p>Guest - Calum Wynd - Tenant Participation Officer, Housing Business Management - Tenant Participation Officer, Housing Business Management.</p> <p>Calum is relatively new to Clacks Council, having previously worked with the Council in Falkirk and Yoker, Glasgow working in the social housing area. His role with Clacks Council is to promote Council Tenants to engage with the Council and discuss how they can influence and better improve the service offered. Calum and the team are currently working on a tenant participation strategy which will state what they hope to do. Calum is attending and has attended a number of Community Council meetings to get the message across and is also engaging with schools and colleges advising on how to apply for a Council or Housing Association property. Following the presentation a few questions were asked:</p> <p>Q. What are the Council doing about availability of housing stock? A. The Council is trying to buy back ex Council properties and build new stock.</p> <p>Q. There appears to have been no plan to have built social housing on the Alva West site should permission have been granted. Why was this? A. Due to other plans to build social housing elsewhere then there was no need to build social housing at the Alva West site.</p> <p>Q. How many people are currently on the Council House waiting list? A. Calum did not have the number to hand as totals vary almost daily.</p> <p>Q. How would members of the public housing tenants get in touch. A. cwynd@clacks.gov.uk</p> <p>It was advised that the reception is now open at Kilncraigs and that a Housing Officer is also in attendance in the reception area.</p>	
7	Office Bearer reports	
7.1	Chair Report – LC	
7.2	Treasurers report – KG	
7.3	<p>Secretaries Report – LG Linda not present but advised some queries from members of the public.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Email from member of the public asking about the possibility of having a fenced off area within the park to allow dog owners to let their dogs roam free (Dog safe area) It was felt unlikely due to cost and maintenance, but Cllr Law would investigate. Email to pass to Cllr Law. The minutes folder has been collected from the library for updating and once done will be returned. 	<p>LG Cllr Law</p> <p>LG</p>
7.4	<p>JCCF – GG</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At the last JCCF meeting the proposal for the new Wellbeing Hub in Alloa was discussed. Dial a Journey is looking for information and feedback from people with difficulties and access to transport. 	
8	<p>Police Report – Community Police Officer - report not available at meeting. Attached to minutes online. https://www.alvacommunitycouncil.org.uk/</p>	LG GB
9	Convenor Reports	
9.1	<p>Health – AS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I have emailed Alva Health Centre but have not received an update this month. There will be a drop-in event to see the latest plans for the new Wellbeing Hub and Lochies School on Tuesday, April 16th 3.00 – 7.00pm 	

	<p>at Alloa Town Hall or on Thursday, April 18th 3.30- 7.00pm at Tillicoultry Primary school. There will be an opportunity to meet the design and project teams and ask questions. Alternatively go online at www.eyesiteview.uk/vpc/cc/alloawest-pan</p>	
9.2	<p>Planning - GG, GB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The appeal by Allanwater Homes for the Alva West development site was dismissed by the Recorder due to the risk of flooding. • A Building Warrant has now been applied for to develop the former Cross Keys Public House and the property at the rear into domestic properties. • Permission has been granted to develop the site of former Alva House, Woodland Park, Alva and build 2 houses. 	
9.3	<p>IT – GB</p> <p>There are no issues with our Facebook or X accounts. I've posted the Fun Day posters on local Facebook pages and our website along with the stall booking form (website only).</p> <p>On a monthly basis, I am keeping members of the public up to date of with the Christmas Light Fundraising.</p> <p>Here is where we are with that:</p> <p>Paypal: £1,288.69 up £47.44 from last month due to 8 recurring donations.</p> <p>Easyfundraising: £92.79 up £20.54 from last month.</p> <p>Clacks Community Lottery: £100 up £42 from last month.</p> <p>Total is £1,481.48 an increase of £76.98 from last month.</p> <p>We would like to thank everyone who has contributed so far.</p>	
9.4	<p>Micro Grants – LG</p> <p>Three micro grant requests were received in the last month, all were approved.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alva Primary School Council run an awards ceremony for the children and were looking for funding to supply awards, certificates and medals for these awards. Granted £500 • Alva Scout Group are looking for a contribution towards their group camp to be held in August for their cubs, beavers & scouts. Granted £500 • Alva Food Larder is looking for funding for their food bank which is open to all on a Friday from 12-3pm. Granted £500 	<p>LG</p> <p>LG</p> <p>LG</p>
10	<p>Subgroup Reports - ACRT,</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There has only been 1 Flood Warning since the last meeting on 11th March which was on 4th April. Following this warning there were further update warnings on 6th and 8th April. • We have continued to remove debris from the Carnaughton Burn to prevent build up of materials at the grate which contribute to flooding during an emergency. • Youths have thrown some flood sacks into the Carnaughton Burn which surround a manhole in the park. The reason for the flood sacks being there is to prevent the sewage water from this manhole when it surges entering the park during heavy rainstorms. People should not handle these sacks with their bare hands. Complaints have been raised with the Water Board who are investigating the cause of the surging. Details of complaint ref no. CAS-2324422-M0N4C to pass to Cllr Law • We have removed traffic cones which were deliberately placed in the silt trap outlet pipes on the Carnaughton Burn which could have caused serious issues during a flooding event. 	

	<p>Events - LC</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are looking for help and volunteers to assist at the Funday on Saturday 1st June. • There will be no street parade this year due to potential safety issues and concerns and lack of volunteers to assist. • The theme of the Funday is "Superheroes" 	
11	<p>Clackmannanshire Councillor reports – Cllr Law</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns with the path going back Alva Glen that has developed a hole beside a sheer drop. The issue cannot be resolved as easily as first thought due to erosion underneath the remaining path at the inside of the pipe which could potentially collapse at any time. The Council have installed notices and barriers to prevent people from accessing this area. There is no timescale for the repair as investigations are ongoing but there is no short-term fix. • The new Active Travel route between Alva and Menstrie is nearing completion and hopefully finished by the end of the week. The cost of this section is in the order of £1.6m. The next section, which may be some time away is to connect this new route over the Devon and up towards Fishcross and connect with that section of the route. 	
12	<p>AOCB – At the discretion of the Chairperson.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Art for Alva following on from the last meeting where it was agreed to not progress with the bandstand due to cost increase and follow a different path where costs are better controlled. There was a discussion on the proposed steel structures such as Deer, Squirrels, Foxes etc animals that can be seen in and around Alva. These steel structures would be allowed to naturally rust blending in with the surrounding areas but still in plain sight. Also mentioned were potential murals for a wall in Stirling Street and Queen Street. Dialogue has been ongoing with the Council on this, and further details need to be sent. • A Member of the public asked about funding for the play park. Cllr Law advised funding was not available at this point and that a play park strategy for the County is to be discussed. • A Member of the public asked about the lockups at Carnaughton Place. Cllr Law advised she would investigate. 	Cllr Law
	<p>Next Alva Community Council meeting – Monday June 10th, 2024 Eadie Hall Alva Parish Church Alva, 7:30pm</p>	

APPENDIX 1

ALVA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

06/04/2024

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.

Police Scotland recorded 7 incidents of crime in the last month for Alva. Of these, 4 have been detected and the other 3 are currently undetected.

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 20th March 2024 at James Street, Alva, a male was found with controlled drugs in his possession.

On 27th March 2024 at Johnstone Street, Alva, a drugs search warrant was executed at a residential dwelling. A quantity of controlled drugs was recovered and a report will be submitted to the Procurator Fiscal.

VANDALISM

There was 1 recorded incident of vandalism in the area over the last month, it was as follows;

On 23rd March 2024 at Alva Primary School, a window and fence were vandalised. Police are following a positive line of enquiry.

VIOLENCE

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

On 19th March 2024 at Beauclerc Street, Alva, a minor domestic assault occurred which resulted in a male being arrested and held in custody.

On 3rd April 2024 at The Nethergate, Alva, a disturbance occurred involving several males. Several crimes including a minor assault were identified, and the suspects have been identified. They will be arrested and reported when traced.

ACQUISITIVE CRIME

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

On 13th March 2024 at the Coop, Alva, three school pupils stole a quantity of goods. All 3 were identified and have been traced and dealt with regarding the matter.

Between 13th and 19th March 2024 at Park Street, Alva, a pedal cycle was stolen from a garden shed. Enquiries are continuing but any information regarding this theft would be appreciated.

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.

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.