

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 26 APRIL 2016

MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Acting Chairman)

Jim Bayne (Secretary)

Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)

John Burns

Barbara Foad

Phil Duffield

Liz Jones

Rhoda Burns

Carol Rewston

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall) and Hazel Ewen (for item 4(vi) only).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Caroline Jones, and Helen Bayne.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 March were accepted as a true record with the following amendment: Para. 9(viii)b. Cllr. Roy advised that an application would be looked upon more favourably if there was match funding.

4. **Actions Arising**

(i) History of Alvah and Forglen. – Ongoing action with Liz Jones.

(ii) Contact Walk Organiser. Rhoda had been on a walk and would contact the organiser again.

(iii) Refreshments for Biodiversity Talk. The Chairman reported that the talk had been excellent and thanked Carol for arranging the talk and Rhoda for providing the refreshments.

(iv) Contact possible Defibrillator Sponsor. This will be covered under Item 8.

(v) Clarify Restrictions on Forglen Hall for Defibrillator. Secretary reported that he and Andrew Webster had met with the planner and agreed a location for the defibrillator.

(vi) Contact Ambulance Service and Police regarding the incident on B9025 close to Forglen Hall.

a. Hazel explained that she had called 999. She had provided coordinates from her mobile telephone. It had taken 25 minutes for the ambulance to arrive. Two ambulances had been sent but one got lost. During the wait she had provided CPR to her husband but, as a senior nurse, she knew that she had needed specialist help sooner.

b. Hazel explained that she thought that GMED or a First Responder should have been called to get to the scene quicker.

c. It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the ambulance Service with our concerns regarding rural response times.

d. The Chairman thanked Hazel for explaining to the Community Council what had happened on that sad night. She said that the Community Council was aware of how brave Hazel had been in explaining the events.

(vii) Contact Planner regarding Kirktown of Alvah Church. This will be covered under Item 7.

5. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. **Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas**

(i) Carol reported that all new tubs were in place and planted out. The old wooden tubs were relocated to places where watering would be easier. When the Community Council was reformed there were no tubs in the area and there are now 20.

(ii) The Chairman thanked Carol for her outstanding work.

7. **Planning**

APP/2016/0988 and 0989 – Change of Use of Alvah Parish Church.

It was agreed that the Secretary would draft a response supporting the application, for approval by the Community Council.

[Secretary's Note: Response approved and sent to Planning Department]

8. Defibrillators.

The Secretary reported that:

(i) Karro Foods was unable to sponsor a defibrillator.

(ii) Muirden Energy was considering sponsoring a defibrillator. **[Secretary's Note: Muirden confirmed that it would sponsor the procurement and fitting of 2 defibrillators.]**

(iii) The Secretary agreed to contact Alvah Hall committee to stress the need for another defibrillator in the area.

9. Area Initiative Fund

(i) Alvah Hall Wall

Secretary reported that he had discussed the wall with a local builder. The builder advised that there was seepage from the other side of the wall and until that was rectified there was no point in re-plastering. Following a site inspection the builder reported that the wall had started to tilt and that it would have to be rebuilt.

(ii) Forglen Hall and Kitchen.

The secretary advised that he had discussed the requirement with a sponsor and was waiting a reply.

(iii) Availability of Initiative Fund

Councillor Roy stressed that it was a limited competitive fund and there was no guarantee that the Community Council would win any funding.

10. Chairman for the Next Meeting

It was agreed that Christina Roebuck should continue as Acting Chairman for the next meeting

11. Any Other Business

(i) BLS Training.

Secretary reported that the nurse had yet to come back with dates for the next course.

(ii) Noisy Turbine.

Secretary agreed to establish progress.

(iii) Advertisements about Community Council.

It was agreed that the council should place an advert in the Banffie, The Advertiser and the P and J.

(iv) Forglen Hall AGM.

The AGM would be held on Friday May 27 commencing 19:30 hours. The Alvah and Forglen Community Council was invited to attend.

(v) Forglen Hall Coffee Morning.

The coffee morning would be held on Saturday May 28 between 10:00 hours and 12:00 hours.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 18:00 hours on 31 May 2016.

Annex - list of actions

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Contact Walk Organiser	Rhoda Burns	31 May 2016
Contact ambulance service and police	Secretary	31 May 2016
Draft response to Alvah Church application	Secretary	27 April 2016
Contact Alvah Hall Committee regarding defibrillator.	Secretary	2 May 2016
Noisy Turbine	Secretary	31 May 2016
Draft advertisement for newspapers.	Secretary	2 May 2016