

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ALVAH HALL: TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2015**  
**MINUTES**

1. Present

Rosie Dewhurst (Chairman)     Julie Drummond     Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)  
Jim Bayne (Secretary)     Phil Duffield  
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)     Elizabeth Jones

In Attendance: Councillor Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Helen Bayne, John Burns and Carol Rewston.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 October were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

MJ Cardno had provided the demographic information. All other actions are reported under their respective headings in the agenda.

5. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

(i) Julie Drummond (sub group) reported that there had been a delay in getting the tubs due to Carol Rewston being unavailable due to unforeseen circumstances.

(ii) Julie Drummond agreed to contact Bill Bain on the Whitehill Community Council as he had excess bulbs.

(ii) The Secretary agreed to contact the Alvah and Forglen Halls committees to see if they would agree to the siting of water butts at the halls.

## 6. Community Benefit

The Treasurer reported that there was a scheme called CARES whereby a wind turbine applicant can apply for up to 95% of the cost of the application. In return, if the application is successful, the applicant has to provide a set sum of money per rated KW for the benefit of the community for green projects.

## 7. Constitutional Amendment

The secretary reported that the Area Manager had approved the amended constitution.

## 8. Community Engagement

(i) Julie Drummond reported that, to encourage wider community involvement, the sub committee had recommended (secretary's email) the following for members to consider:

- request Aberdeenshire Council to put a link to our website on its website.
- advertise in the local press.
- raise public awareness via an interview with the Chairman.
- place A4 posters in the libraries, post offices and community halls notice boards.
- distribute leaflets at the Alvah and Forglen WRI meetings and the Forglen coffee mornings.
- prepare a quarterly newsletter.
- design a logo for the CC.
- include a short history of Alvah and Forglen on the website.

(ii) The council agreed that all the above suggestions should be pursued.

(iii) The council noted that links had been provided on the Alvah and Forglen website to new sites set up for the Alvah and Forglen hall committees.

(iv) The council agreed that the communication sub committee should consider allocating the halls' committees a tab on our website rather than a link to the new sites.

(v) Liz Jones agreed to prepare the Alvah and Forglen history in consultation with Alastair Mason.

(v) The Chairman thanked Doug Hill in absentia for his sterling work in setting up the website.

#### 9. Banffshire Partnership

(i) The Chairman reported that she had met with Duncan Leece and he had advised that the Partnership:

- Facilitate the development of a community 3 year action plan by gathering together about 100 local residents and seeking their views.
- Could provide seed corn funding for printing, stationery etc.
- Would be willing to present at the next community council meeting.

(ii) The Chairman would invite the partnership to speak at the next council meeting on 24 February 2015.

#### 10. Rural Broadband

(i) The secretary reported that he had provided Roddy Matheson, the Aberdeenshire Council official responsible for managing the BT contract, with the postcodes of the Alvah and Forglen areas. Roddy had confirmed that the postcodes were sufficient for him to be specific about the programme for these areas.

(ii) The Secretary undertook to arrange a date for Roddy to address the Community Council. (probably March).

#### 11. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer had continued discussions with the Bank of Scotland. It has been agreed that the new community council would continue to use the existing account and the Treasurer would complete a transfer form showing the account signatories as The Treasurer, The Secretary and the Vice Chairman. One of the previous council members (Mr Gill, Chairman) would countersign the minutes of this meeting as evidence that he was satisfied that the account should be transferred to the new community council and that all the previous signatories would no longer be signatories

to the account.

12. Planning Applications

(i) Two planning applications (APP/2014/3957 and 3958) had been submitted. Both related to existing approvals at Mains of Carnousie. Unfortunately there was scant information on the website to show what the applications were for.

(ii) The Secretary undertook to contact the Planning Department to establish details of the applications and report back to the members. **[NB: Secretary's Note: The application applied only to a time change and the Chairman has responded that the Community Council had no comment to make].**

13. Any Other Business

The Secretary undertook:

(i) to contact the council about the subsidence on the road between Kemplymyre Cottage and Kemplemyres farmhouse.

(ii) to contact the council to report that the corner of the B9025/B9121 had become so overgrown that it obstructed the view for drivers turning that corner.

(iii) to find out more about the access road near the same corner, which some people thought was dangerous. **[NB: Secretary's Note: Barbara Foad subsequently confirmed that the road was in the approved location.]**

14. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be held at Forglen Hall at 18:00 hours on 24 February 2015.

Annex – list of actions.

J Bayne  
Secretary

## ANNEX

### ACTION LIST

	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>COMPLETION</b>
Contact Whitehill CC regarding spare bulbs.	Julie Drummond	10 December 2014
Pursue identified options to advertise A&F CC.	All	20 February 2015
Contact secretaries of Alvah and Forglen Halls to discuss the siting of water butts.	Secretary	20 February 2015
Arrange broadband presentation from Aberdeenshire official.	Secretary	25 January 2015
Invite Banffshire Partnership to speak at the next meeting	Chairman	20 December 2014
Contact Secretary and Vice Chairman to sign bank transfer form.	Treasurer	20 December 2014
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen for website.	Liz Jones	20 March 2015
Contact planning department regarding apps 2014/3957 and 3958	Secretary	26 November 2014

Contact council regarding the road at Kemplemyres and also the bend at junction of B9025/B9121	Secretary	26 November 2014
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