

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ALVAH HALL: TUESDAY 26 MAY 2015**  
**MINUTES**

1. Present

|                              |                 |               |
|------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| Rosie Dewhurst (Chairman)    | Helen Bayne     | Doug Hill     |
| Jim Bayne (Secretary)        | Phil Duffield   | Mike Dewhurst |
| (Treasurer)                  |                 |               |
| Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman) | Elizabeth Jones | John Burns    |

In Attendance: Councillor Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Councillor Mark Findlater (Aberdeenshire Council), Ian Rogan (Area Project Officer), Gladys Stephen (Forglen Hall committee).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Carol Rewston and Jules Drummond.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4. Actions Arising

4.1 Précis of history of history of Alvah and Forglen. Liz Jones will have précis ready by 5 June.

4.2 Divide area for flyers. All flyers delivered.

4.3 Recommend sites for bulbs and flowers. Ongoing action. Carol had advised that the flowers would be delivered in the next few weeks. **[Secretary's Note: Flowers have been delivered to Carol.]**

4.5 History of Alvah and Forglen. Liz Jones will have the first draft available by the end of June.

4.6 Contact roads department regarding poor condition of road linking A97 to U141. Secretary reported that the road was privately owned and not the responsibility of the council. Members agreed not to pursue the private owner.

4.7 Grant Options. The council had reported on the fund. It would be discussed under AOB.

4.8 Copies of questionnaires. Community Partnership had not responded to a request for soft copies of the questionnaires. Ian Rogan agreed to send the questionnaires to the Secretary. **[Secretary's Note: Questionnaires received and**

**distributed to the Community Councillors]**

4.9 List of roads needing repair. Phil Duffield had completed his survey and it had been circulated to the community councillors. The survey would be discussed under AOB.

6. Community Action Plan

6.1 The Chairman thanked all who had helped with the distribution of flyers and leaflets.

6.2 The Chairman reported that the refreshments had been purchased.

6.3 The Secretary reported that following its article publicising the event, The Banffshire Journal would do a follow up article when the CAP was available.

7. Treasurer's Report.

The Treasurer reported that the bank account (balance £833) had been activated.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1 Area Initiative Fund. The secretary had circulated details of the fund to all community councillors for suggestions. The council would provide 80% of the cost of any project. Bids had to be submitted by 26 June for consideration by the Area Committee on 21 July.

Carol had suggested 10 self-watering tubs at about £80 each plus VAT.

Ian Rogan advised that there were other funds available and he would help the community council with any applications.

It was agreed that no applications would be made until the results of the community event were known.

8.2. Roads Survey. Phil had completed his survey. The Secretary would pass it to the council for action. The Chairman congratulated Phil for a very comprehensive piece of work.

8.3. Suspicious Activity. Helen reported that Carol had informed the police of a suspicious light blue Rover car with four male occupants touring Kirktown of Alvah late at night. The Secretary agreed to get an update from the police and also to advise the police of the dates of our community council meetings. **[Secretary's Note: Community police had been given an open invitation to the community council and provided with the meetings calendar. ]**

8.4. Noisy Wind Turbine Helen reported that a number of people had complained to her about excessive noise from the Auchinbadie turbine. It was agreed that the Community Council would report the issue to the Environmental Health officer, complete with the addresses affected. It was agreed that the complainants should be advised to write separate letters of complaint to the Environmental Health officer.

8.5 Road Visibility at junction of 9025/B9121 going towards Aberchirder. It was reported that there was a lack of visibility when taking the left hand bend. The Secretary agreed to have a look at the bend and see what action could be taken.

8.6. Dead Trees in Forglen Estate. The Secretary agreed to approach the Forglen

factor regarding dead trees close to the road from Forglen Lodge towards the bridge.

8.7. Banffshire Partnership. The Chairman reported that the Banffshire Partnership had a vacancy for a director and that anyone interested should contact the Partnership direct.

8.8. Alvah Hall. The secretary agreed to confirm the correct name of the hall.

**[Secretary's Note: the official name of the Hall is Alvah Parish Hall.]**

8.9. Community Safety Event. Cllr. Findlater agreed to email the Chairman with details of the event. **[Secretary's Note: event to be held on 9 June at Macduff Arts Centre, Duff St. starting 19:00 hours.]**

#### 9. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 18:00 hours on 30 June 2015.

Annex - list of actions

J Bayne  
Secretary

## ANNEX

### ACTIONS

|  | <b>OWNER</b>    | <b>COMPLETION</b> |
|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Provide précis of history to Robin Maddock.                | Liz Jones       | 5 June 2015       |
| Applications for grant funding.                            | All             | Before 26 June    |
| Recommend sites for tubs and bulbs.                        | All             | Ongoing           |
| Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen.                      | Liz Jones       | 30 June 2015      |
| Roads survey to be sent to council.                        | Secretary       | 30 May 2015       |
| Invite community police to meetings.                       | Secretary       | 5 June 2015       |
| Send report on noisy wind turbine to Environmental Health. | Chairman        | 30 June 2015      |
| Evaluate visibility of corner on Aberchirder road.         | Secretary       | 30 June 2015      |
| Discuss dead trees in Forglen estate with factor.          | Secretary       | 30 June 2015      |
| Provide details of community safety event.                 | Cllr. Findlater | 3 June 2015       |