

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 28 JULY 2015
MINUTES

1. **Present**

Rosie Dewhurst (Chairman)	Carol Rewston	Doug Hill
Liz Jones (Treasurer)	Phil Duffield	Mike Dewhurst
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)		

In Attendance: Cllr Cox and Nicola Priseporter (Turriff Advertiser)

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Cllr. Roy, Helen Bayne, Jim Bayne, Gordon Lang and Julie Drummond

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 June were accepted as a true record.

4. **Actions Arising**

4.1 **Précis of history of Alvah and Forglen.** Liz Jones updated on progress. Liz hopes to have a précis available for the Banffshire Partnership on 1st September (see also 4.2)

4.2 **History of Alvah and Forglen.** Liz Jones is working on this and will have this ready for 1st September. (see also 4.1)

4.3 **Noisy Wind Turbine.** Chairman will report the noisy wind turbine when she receives responses from the affected residents. This is expected to be before the end of July.

4.4 **Date for speaker on Banff History.** It has been determined that the speaker will provide his own computer and projector. A date will be arranged in October, in addition to the Community Council meeting, for the talk which will start at 18.00 and will last about one hour.

4.5 **Dead trees in Forglen Estate.** The Factor has advised the Secretary that he regularly monitors the estate trees and has to keep a certain amount to promote biodiversity. The Factor agreed to look at the trees near the Deveron Bridge and take any necessary action.

4.6 **Accidents at bridge over the Cunning Burn** past B0125/B9121 junction. Police report only one recorded accident at the bridge. They have inspected the site but can see no problems. The police response was sent to all members. Members commented that it can clearly be seen where cars have left the road. It would appear that whilst some cars appear to be ‘boy/girl racers’ more mature members of

the public have been observed in the middle of the day, inadvertently leaving the road and ending in the adjacent park.

5. Community Police.

5.1 There was no police attendance. Members were grateful for the police report circulated in June. Members commented on the low levels of offending in our area.

6. Community Action Plan

6.1 There will be a follow up meeting with the Banffshire Partnership and the Area Manager on 10 September 2015. Doug Hill has taken photographs of Alvah for inclusion in the Community Plan. Scenic locations in Forglen were suggested so they could also be included.

7. Floral Display and Public Amenity Areas.

7.1. Carol reported that:

- Six nets of daffodil bulbs have been requested. These will need planting from September onwards.
- Volunteers for planting will be required.
- Tubs have been placed at the car park entrance to Forglen cemetery.

7.2 Carol will try to procure free compost next year.

8.0 Treasurer's Report.

8.1 The Admin Grant for 1/8/15 to 31/7/16 has been approved. The amount will be £451 and this will be paid once we submit a copy of the end of year accounts. The Treasurer reported that he was preparing the end of year accounts.

9. Any Other Business.

9.1. Planning Applications.

(i) It was agreed that none of the planning applications required comment from the Community Council.

(ii) Committee members welcomed the decision of the councillors to reject the planning application for a large wind turbine at Waulkmill Farm.

9.2. Aberdeen By Pass Meeting.

Barbara Foad represented the Community Council at the meeting at Woodhill House on 7 July.

Work is underway to construct the Aberdeen Western Peripheral Route (AWPR). The AWPR should be completed by winter 2017. This will reduce congestion, journey times and safety. There will be economic and community benefits with 1500 jobs created. This is the largest road construction project currently underway in the UK with construction of 58.4km of roads. The junction to the A947 will be at Goval. It was further agreed by the committee that this information should be provided on the Community Council website.

For information regarding any issues such as road closures or diversions please use the Freephone number 0800 058 8350 to contact the Community Liaison Team.

www.awpr.co.uk

The Managing Agent John Wilson can be contacted with any other concerns, email JohnW@aberdeencity.gov.uk tel.01224 332300.

There will be further Community Council /AWPR Community Liaison team meetings every 3 months. BF to attend.

9.3 Lack of passing places in Waterside Road Alvah.

Some concerns have been raised to members regarding the lack of passing places in Waterside Road, Alvah from the main road to Mains of Auchenbadie and Hungryhills. Several members of the public have reported having to reverse their cars for unacceptable distances due to large grain lorries taking up both carriageways. (Action for Secretary)

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 18:00 hours on 29 September 2016 at Forglen Hall.

NB. No meeting in August.

B.Foad Vice Chairmen and Acting Secretary

ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Provide précis of history to Robin Maddock.	Liz Jones	1 st September 2015
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen.	Liz Jones	1 st September 2015
Send report on noisy wind turbine to Environmental Health.	Chairman	August 2015
Finalise arrangements for speaker on Banff history.	Secretary	September 2015
Investigate Waterside Road concerns/options	Secretary	September 2015