

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 26 JANUARY 2016
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Barbara Foad (Acting Chairman)	Carol Rewston	Doug Hill
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Liz Jones	
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	John Burns	
Rhoda Burns	Helen Bayne	

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council) and Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall Committee).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Caroline Jones, Phil Duffield and Christina Roebuck.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 December were accepted as a true record.

4. **Actions Arising**

- (i) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing Action with Liz Jones.
- (ii) Date of AGM. Treasurer advised that following advice received from the council, there was no need to change the date of the next AGM.
- (iii) The Chairman advised that the remaining actions would be discussed fully under AOB.

5. **Community Police.**

- (i) The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.
- (ii) Cllr. Cox reported that he had recently been informed by the police that the detection rate in the area had improved, but he could offer no insight to the recent rise in crime in the area.

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

- (i) Andrew confirmed that Forglen Hall would be available for the biodiversity talk on 19 April.
- (ii) Rhoda reported that, due to bad weather, she had not yet planted all the daffodil bulbs. She hoped to get help from the Tesco Community Group.
- (iii) The Treasurer reported that the council had paid the grant for the cost of the flower tubs.

7. **Planning**

(i) **APP/2015/3386 Chicken Sheds at Forglen.**

- a. The Secretary had advised all members by email that both SEPA and Environmental Health had reported that, having received further information, they would no longer object to the application.
- b. The Community Council agreed that as its objection was based on the concerns raised by these two agencies it would also retract its objection.
- c. The Secretary agreed to advise the planner accordingly but also to request that the applicant consider appropriate landscaping to provide some screening.

[Secretary's Note: Planner informed on 26 January]

(ii) **Beechwood Wind Turbine.**

- a. John Burns reported that he had written confirmation that Aberdeenshire Council had conceded and that the application would now have to be re-considered by the council.
- b. Cllr. Cox advised that Aberdeenshire Council had not yet decided which committee should consider the application.

8. **Election of New Councillor.**

Christina Roebuck was unanimously elected as a Community Councillor. Proposed by Mike Dewhurst and seconded by Carol Rewston.

9. **Election of New Chairman**

- (i) The Secretary reported that the vice chairman would normally have succeeded the outgoing chairman but she had recently started a new job and could not devote enough time to the position.
- (ii) It was agreed that the vice chairman would continue as acting chairman for the next meeting and other members would each act as chairman for the following few months until the committee was better placed to elect a new chairman.
- (iii) The Secretary reported that the outgoing Chairman had intended to chair the current meeting but had to stay with her ill father.
- (iv) It was agreed that the committee would send flowers to the outgoing Chairman to thank her for her sterling work for the committee. **[Secretary's Note: Flowers delivered on 27 January.]**

10. **Any Other Business**

(i) **Defibrillator.**

- a. The Secretary had circulated most helpful information received from the secretary of Banff Community Council.
- b. The costs of a defibrillator and cabinet would appear to be around £1300 +VAT each.

- c. Training would appear to be very simple.
- d. It was agreed that sponsorship would be the most likely way to fund the equipment.
- e. It was agreed that the Secretary would ask the secretaries of the two hall committees to confirm that they would welcome the equipment. **[Secretary's Note: Both Secretaries emailed on 27 January. Forglen confirmed acceptance. Alvah will reply after their AGM on 4 February]**

(II) CPR Training.

- a. Secretary reported that NHS courses could be run in the area. Each course would take about 2 hours and up to 8 people could be accommodated.
- b. An alternative would be to enroll for the Banff Emergency Life Support Training course.
- c. It was agreed that the NHS course should be run at Forglen Hall on a date agreed with the hall secretary. **[Secretary's Note: Courses scheduled for Tuesday March 22 (6PM to 8PM), Thursday 31 March (2PM to 4PM)]**

(iii) NHS Walks.

- a. The Secretary reported that he had gone on the Macduff walk. The distance was about 3 miles and lasted about one hour. Training for the organiser is required for insurance purposes.
- b. Rhoda agreed to go on the next walk.

(iv) Special Landscapes Consultation.

- a. The council had come back with a slightly amended map to better delineate the area along roads etc. The amendment had increased the area covered.
- b. It was agreed that the Secretary would inform the council that the CC was content. **[Secretary's Note: Council informed on 26 January.]**
- c. The committee acknowledged the excellent work of Doug and Phil in preparing a comprehensive submission to Aberdeenshire Council.

(v) Rural Broadband.

- a. Secretary reported that he had spoken with Roddy Malone to invite him back to give an update on broadband for the area.
- b. It would appear that there had been little progress with the modelling. Roddy had suggested that he comes back in March/April when there should

have been some progress.

c. It was agreed that the situation was not good and that insufficient progress had been made in the Alvah and Forglen area. It was also agreed that the Community Council would wait until after the presentation to decide what further action should be taken to ensure that Alvah and Forglen would be provided with adequate broadband facilities.

(vi) Secretary for next meeting. Liz Jones agreed to act as Secretary at the next meeting.

11. **Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Alvah Parish Hall at 18:00 hours on 23 February 2016.

Annex - list of actions

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Attend next Banff walk	Rhoda Burns	29 January 2016