

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 27 DECEMBER 2016

MINUTES

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1. Present

Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Helen Bayne	Liz Jones
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Phil Duffield	Caroline Jones
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	John Burns	Emma Dow (Part time)
Rhoda Burns	Carol Rewston	

In Attendance: Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. Iain Taylor (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall)

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christina Roebuck, Cllr Michael Roy, Philip Foad and Doug Hill.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

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

4. Matters Arising

(a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Liz Jones hoped to complete either Alvah or Forglen part by the end of February 2017.

(b) Accident at Bridge. Emma's friend had agreed to record details of accidents and to take pictures.

(c) Contact Aberdeenshire Council regarding time available to comment on Applications. Secretary had written to the council but had not yet received a reply.

(d) Synopsis of Piper Findlater. Ongoing action with Cllr. Findlater

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

(a) Carol reported that all 5500 daffodils had now been planted, and that she had started planting the tubs with the Spring flowers.

(b) Over the past 3 years 9000 daffodils have been planted in Alvah and Forglen.

7. Rural Broadband

(a) The Secretary explained that he had analysed the questionnaire replies and sent a draft

report to CBS, who had asked for more detail in certain aspects. A further draft will be sent to CBS in the next few weeks.

(b) The secretary reported that he had been in contact with a director of BT who had volunteered to speak to the community council in January. The Secretary will arrange a date as soon as possible.

(c) It was intended that a community meeting should be held in February to agree the way forward.

(d) It was agreed that the Secretary should write to the UK Government, Aberdeen City Deal and Opportunity North East (ONE) to encourage support for better broadband in Alvah and Forglan.

8. Planning

(a) Eco camp at Bogton –APP/2016/2260

(i) The Secretary reported that following a site visit the Area Committee had voted to reject the application on the grounds that the access road was unsuitable. The Chairman of the Area Committee (Cllr. Cox) had drawn the requirements of Policies 8 and 9 to the attention of the Area Committee. All the Banff councillors voted to reject the application. Of the three councillors who supported the application only one had taken part in the site visit.

(ii) A letter from an anonymous writer criticising the Community Council had been published in the Banffshire Journal. The letter was factually incorrect in almost all respects and the newspaper published in full the Chairman's robust response.

(b) Beechwood Wind Turbine

The Secretary reported that he had been informed that the ISC were planning to have the site visit on February 3 with the committee meeting following immediately afterwards in Turriff. The Secretary stressed that there had been no official notification from the ISC.

9. Any Other Business

(a) Bogton Speed Limit.

Secretary agreed to find out why the speed limit had not yet been put in place.

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Alvah Parish Hall at 18:00 hours on 31 January 2017.

Annex - list of actions

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	February
Arrange meeting with BT director.	Secretary	January 10
Contact UK Government, Aberdeen City Deal and Opportunity North East to gain support for A & F broadband.	Secretary	January 31
Contact Roads Dept. to find out why speed limit is not yet in place.	Secretary	January 31
Send Secretary synopsis of Piper Findlater award.	Cllr. Findlater	Ongoing