

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 31 JANUARY 2017

MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	Carol Rewston
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Helen Bayne	John Burns
Jim Bayne (Secretary)		
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)		

In Attendance: Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall) and Jacky Player (proposed new council member)

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Iain Taylor, Philip Foad, Emma Dow, Phil Duffield and Liz Jones.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 27 December 2016 were accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing.

4.2 Arrange meeting with BT director. Secretary reported that he had tried to arrange the meeting but BT was proving elusive. **[Secretary's Note: Spoke with BT and they have now been provided with all the information we hold regarding broadband in the area.]**

4.3 Contact UK Government, Aberdeen City Deal and Opportunity North East. Secretary had ascertained that Roddy Matheson from Aberdeenshire Council represented Aberdeenshire on the ONE Committee and also on the City Deal Board. He would keep in touch with Roddy who had always been very helpful. Secretary advised that as the Scottish Government were soon to announce how it would provide superfast broad band to the remaining 5% (rural communities) of the country, it would be premature to contact the UK minister.

4.4 Contact Roads Dept. to find out why speed limit is not yet in place. Roads department had advised that the application had yet to be approved by the Area Committee.

4.5 Synopsis of Piper Findlater. It was agreed that as this was not an action on the Community Council, it should be dropped.

5. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

- (i) Carol reported that she had planted all the tubs with Spring flowers.
- (ii) The Chairman thanked Carol on behalf of the council and wider community, for her hard work.

7. **Rural Broadband**

- (i) The Secretary explained that the Scottish Government was to report in February how it would provide and fund superfast broadband to the remaining 5% (rural communities) not covered in the current roll out. The programme was called R100.
- (ii) It had been intended to hold a meeting in February to report back to the community the results of the questionnaire and the possible options for Alvah and Forglen broadband. CBS, who would be jointly presenting,, advised that it would be better to wait until the Scottish Government had provided the details of R100.
- (iii) It was agreed that the presentation should wait until the results of R100, but that the Secretary should provide an update for the community through the local press and by emailing all the respondents to the questionnaire..
- (iv) Cllr. Cox provided the Secretary with an email address for a contact at ONE.
[Secretary's Note: Secretary emailed contact on February1, but no reply as yet].

8. **Planning**

(i) **Eco camp at Bogton –APP/2016/2260**

It was agreed that as this application had been decided, it would no longer be included on the agenda. **[Secretary's Note: This application is now subject of appeal to the Scottish Government.]**

(ii) **Beechwood Wind Turbine**

The Secretary reported that the ISC site visit and meeting would take place on February 3. The site visit would start about 10:10 on the road down to Burnend. The ISC meeting would follow in Turriff at 11:30. **[Secretary's Note: The application was refused unanimously by the ISC.]**

9. **Any Other Business**

(i) **Alvah Hall Table and Chairs.**

- (a) Secretary advised that the tables and chairs had been delivered.
- (b) Treasurer would submit invoice to Area Manager's Office.

(ii) **Application to Join the Community Council.**

An application to join the Community Council had been received from Jacky Player. Although Mrs. Player lives in Marnoch, she qualified to join as she owned a business in the Alvah and Forglen area. Rhoda Burns proposed approval of the application and Jim Bayne seconded it.

The application was unanimously approved.

(iii) **Burnend Trees.**

- (a) It was reported that a copse had been cut down at Burnend.

(b) Secretary agreed to contact the Forestry Commission to find out what was happening.

[Secretary's Note: The Forestry Commission report that:

- They had already been informed of the felling by a member of the public and that they had inspected the site.
- The land owner (Cllr Duncan) **had not sought and did not have a felling licence.**
- The owner had given a reason for felling the trees but the official wasn't allowed to say what it was as the case was on-going.
- The owner had reached agreement with the Commission to plant the same acreage of native broadleaved trees in another area. The types of trees and the location would be agreed with the Forestry Commission.
- The Forestry Commission **would not insist** that the new trees be planted in the felled area.
- The planting would take place sooner or later but with the emphasis on sooner.
- The Forestry Commission would monitor progress.

(iv) **Turbine Blade**

(i) It was reported that in the high winds a turbine blade had become detached from the turbine at Crawfordhill and landed in a neighbouring property. No one was injured.

(ii) The Secretary agreed to contact Aberdeenshire HSE to find out how many such accidents had been recorded and who would be held responsible for any damages or injuries in such events. **[Secretary's Note: Response from HSE sent to all CC members]**

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 18:00 hours on 28 February 2017.

Annex - list of actions

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Secretary

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Arrange meeting with BT director.	Secretary	Ongoing
Distribute analysis of questionnaire to residents and local newspapers.	Secretary	25 February
Contact ONE	Secretary	1 February
Contact HSE	Secretary	6 February
Submit invoice for tables and chairs	Treasurer	6 February