

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 28 FEBRUARY 2017
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	Carol Rewston
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Caroline Jones	John Burns
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Liz Jones	
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Emma Dow	

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), David Stephen and Stewart Adams.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Roy, Cox and Taylor, Philip Foad, Phil Duffield, Jacky Player and Helen Bayne.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 January 2017 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 had distributed reply from BT. The response was far from encouraging.

4.3 Distribute analysis of Broadband Questionnaire. Secretary had sent analysis to all respondents that had provided an email address and confirmed that they were content to be contacted. Articles had been published in both local papers.

4.4 Contact ONE. Secretary had emailed contact on 1 February but had not received a reply.

4.5 Contact HSE regarding broken turbine blade. Secretary had distributed HSE response.

4.6 Submit invoice for tables and chairs. Treasurer reported that he had received payment from Aberdeenshire Council.

5. **Community Police**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

Carol reported that the bulbs were all now well advanced.

7. **Rural Broadband**

(i) The Secretary reported that the Connectivity Bill had been amended by the House of Lords. The Lords had decided that the Universal Service Obligation on the provision of broadband should be amended to show a minimum speed of 30Mbps and that rural areas

should be given priority.

(ii) The amended bill would be sent back to the House of Commons for further debate and agreement or further amendment.

8. Planning

(i) Beechwood Wind Turbine

The application was refused by the ISC.

(ii) Campsite Appeal - APP/2016/2260

The draft Community Council response sent to all members by email was unanimously agreed. **[Secretary's Note: The response was sent to DPEA on 28 February.]**

(iii) Houses at Bogton Applications APP/2017/0386 & 0387.

As no local residents had raised any issues it was agreed that the Community Council would not comment on the application.

9. Any Other Business

(i) Drains on Road between Deveron View Cottages and North Sandilaw.

Secretary had reported to the Roads Department that a resident had had to clear roadside soakaway channels to allow surface water to drain from the road. The Roads Department had come out to inspect the channels and would come back after heavy rain to see if any more needed to be done.

(ii) Potholes.

(a) Secretary would report bad potholes on the B9121 between North Burredales and the little bridge. **[Secretary's Note: Potholes repaired.]**

(b) It was agreed that Phil Duffield should again carry out his cycle survey of potholes in the area, which proved very successful last time.

(iii) **Sunken Drain Covers.** Secretary would report sunken drain covers on B9025 close to Mutches Lake.

(iii) Burnend Trees.

The Secretary agreed to get a map showing the exact position of the new trees.

[Secretary's Note: Map distributed on 11 March.]

(iv) Meeting Start Time.

(a) It was suggested that a later start time of 19:00 hours would be more appropriate as it would allow people more time to get home from work.

(b) The Secretary agreed to email all members to seek their views. **[Secretary's Note: The majority of councilors preferred the 19:00 hours start time.]**

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Alvah Parish Hall at 19:00 hours on 28 March 2017.

Annex - list of actions

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Survey of potholes	Phil Duffield	May
Report sunken drain covers.	Secretary	March