

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 28 MARCH 2017

MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	John Burns
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Liz Jones	Helen Bayne
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Emma Dow	Jacky Player
	Phil Duffield	Doug Hill (Items 2 &3)

In Attendance: Cllr. Roy, Cllr. Taylor and Stewart Adams.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Carol Rewston, Cllr. Cox and Philip Foad.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 February 2017 were accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

4.1 History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing.

4.2 Survey of potholes. Ongoing.

4.3 Sunken Drain Covers. Council had surveyed the area and had put the drain covers in the programme of work.

5. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

Secretary reported that the daffodils in Kirktown of Alvah were now all out and looked wonderful.

7. **Rural Broadband**

(i) The Secretary reported that the Connectivity Bill was still being amended by the House of Lords. **[Secretary's Note: The Lords amendments had been finalised and sent back to the House of Commons. He had sent a copy of the amendments to the Alvah and Forglen Community Councilors.]**

(ii) The Secretary reported that he had again written to BT but had not received a reply.

(iii) The Secretary agreed to write to Stephen Archer to find out what was proposed for the

£16M contributed by Aberdeenshire Council to DSSB for improved rural broadband. **[Secretary's Note: Secretary wrote to Stephen Archer on 8 April and received reply on 10 April, and distributed to all members.]**

(iv) The Chairman stressed that getting better broadband for the area was critical to the future prosperity of the area and by far the most important project for the Community Council.

8. Planning

(i) Campsite Appeal - APP/2016/2260

The Secretary reported that the reporter would conduct an unaccompanied site visit and intended to give his decision by 2 May.

(ii) Extension to Agricultural Shed at Torwood, Mountblairry – APP/2017/0624.

It was agreed not to comment on this retrospective agricultural application.

9. Any Other Business

(i) Burnend Trees.

The Secretary had distributed a map showing that the replanted trees were very close to the neighbouring property.

(ii) Alvah Church.

Secretary reported that work had started on the church roof.

(iii) Fluorescent Lamp in Hall.

Secretary agreed to inform Hall Secretary of buzzing lamp in hall. **[Secretary's Note: Hall Secretary informed.]**

(iv) Area Initiative Fund.

(a) Councillor Roy reported that bids were now invited for funds for community projects. Bids had to be with the Area Manager by 31 May. The council would fund up to 80% of a project cost to a maximum of £10K.

(b) Any suggestions for projects should be sent to the Secretary as soon as possible.

(c) Secretary would advise both halls' committees. **[Secretary's Note: Both committees advised on 8 April]**

(v) Meeting Start Time.

It was agreed by email that the start time of the meetings would be 19:00 hours until the May meeting when the start time would be re-considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 19:00 hours on 25 April 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
Aberdeenshire funding for rural broadband	Secretary	20 April
Projects for Area Initiative Funding	All	30 April
Advise hall Committees of Area initiative Funding	Secretary	8 April
Contact Stephen Archer	Secretary	8 April