

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 30 MAY 2017

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	Carol Rewston
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Phil Duffield	John Burns
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Liz Jones	Doug Hill
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)		

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Stewart Adams, Cllrs. Michael Roy, John Cox and Glen Reynolds (Aberdeenshire Council).

2. **Introduction.**

The Chairman congratulated all three councilors on being elected to Aberdeenshire Council and welcomed Cllr. Reynolds to his first AFCC.

3. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Philip Foad, Caroline Jones, Jacky Player and Helen Bayne.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 April 2017 were accepted as a true record.

5. **Matters Arising**

4.1 History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing.

4.2 Survey of Potholes. Phil had completed. [**Secretary's Note: Secretary sent to roads department on 1 June.**]

4.3 Contact Community Broadband Scotland. Secretary had sent round reply from CBS, reporting that there was no clear way forward as yet.

4.4 Boosted Hub. Email consultation had been had with all parties. It was clear that there was a number of obstacles including the listed building status of Forglen Hall, regular access to the hall and the thickness of the walls of the hall. Secretary agreed to contact Jan Emery in the project office to discuss the possibility of a feasibility study.

4.5 Notice Boards. It was agreed to discuss this under Item 10.

4.6 Notice Board Suppliers. Secretary had provided details of the supplier to the Vice Chairman.

6. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

Carol reported that she expected to pick up the summer plants for the tubs during the following week.

8. Rural Broadband

(i) The Secretary reported that the Connectivity Bill had been given Royal Assent and was now law. Unfortunately the House of Commons reduced the Universal Service Obligation (USO) minimum requirement from 30Mbps to 10 Mbps.

However, it remained that rural areas should be given priority.

(ii) The Secretary reported that the Scottish Rural Economy and Connectivity Committee has questioned the Scottish Minister on connectivity. It transpired that of the four partners in the DSSB programme, the Scottish Government was the smallest contributor, providing only 15% of the funding. The funding was as follows:

UK Government - £101 million: BT – 126 million: Local Government £91 million and Scottish Government £63 million.

(iii) The Secretary agreed to circulate the relevant part of the minutes of the rural economy and Connectivity Committee. **[Secretary's Note: Minutes circulated on 1 June].**

(iv) It was agreed that after the General Election it might be better to lobby the UK Government.

(v) The Secretary agreed to arrange a meeting with Community Broadband Scotland to provide the community Council with an update on the roll out plans.

9. Planning

(i) **Campsite Appeal - APP/2016/2260** The Secretary reported that the reporter had not yet made a decision. The applicant had cut some passing places on the road.

(ii) **Dwelling House – App/2017/1168 Forglen.** As no local residents had raised any issues it was agreed that the Community Council would not comment on the application

10. Community Council Scheme of Establishment.

(i) The Secretary reported that he had submitted the agreed response to the Area Manager.

(ii) The Secretary reported that only 7 of the 14 Community Councils on the Working Group turned up for the latest meeting.

(iii) The Area Manager had refused to allow any substitutes to take part in the working group.

(iv) The Secretary reported that the Community Council had been very well represented at the full council by Cllrs. Cox and Roy.

11. Area Initiative Fund

(i) There was some concern that the 20% contribution (about £700) from the Community Council for the proposed notice boards could be better spent.

(ii) It was agreed by a majority vote to proceed with an application for funding for a notice board at each of the two halls. **[Secretary's Note: Application submitted to council]**

12. Any Other Business

(i) **Alvah Church.** Carol reported that the felting of the roof had been completed and that the harling had been stripped from the walls, revealing a lovely building. She understood that the owner intended to make the building weatherproof and put it up for sale.

(ii) **Alvah Hall Attendance.** Liz reported that she had advised at the WRI that a hall representative should come to the Community Council meetings.

(iii) **Speed Restriction Through Bogton.** Cllr. Cox reported that a reduced speed limit of 40mph had been approved by the Area Committee. He asked that any further concerns regarding pedestrian safety on this road should be sent to him. John and Rhoda agreed to send him some concerns/observations.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 19:00 hours on 27 June 2017.

Annex - list of actions

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ANNEX

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Contact Jan Emery regarding feasibility study	Secretary	15 June
Advise Cllr. Cox on any pedestrian safety issues on Bogton Road.	John and Rhoda Burns	20 June
Contact CBS	Secretary	12 June