

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2017**  
**MINUTES**

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1. **Present.**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Helen Bayne	Caroline Jones
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Carol Rewston	
J Bayne (Secretary)	Jacky Player	Rhoda Burns
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	John Burns	

In Attendance: Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council) Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Stewart Adams.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. Reynolds, Emma Dowd, Phil Duffield, Doug Hill and Philip Foad.

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 31 October were accepted as a true record with the following amendment:

Add: Item 3(d) - It was agreed that the secretary should request Aberdeenshire Council to update its maps to show the true number of wind turbines in the area.

4. **Matters Arising**

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Report AFCC observations on APP/2017/2511. Secretary had submitted observations.
- (c) Prepare draft constitution. Draft completed and would be circulated for comment.

5. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

Carol reported that:

- (i) The daffodils had not been delivered by the council. **[Secretary' Note: Daffodils delivered on 29 November.]**
- (ii) She had the primula to be planted in the tubs when weather permitted.

7. **Rural Broadband**

(a) The Secretary reported that he and the local MP, David Duguid, had met Mark Dames, Head of Policy and Public Affairs BT Scotland, and Sara Budge, Director of Digital Scotland Superfast Broadband. Although the Alvah and Forglen specific needs were not discussed, the following points were made.

- Commercially viable means payback in under 12 years
- Non Commercial means no payback without gap funding.
- £21M will be carried forward from Phase 1 into R100.
- By the end of the year Phase 1 will have delivered 90% coverage by fibre.
- In new builds clusters of over 30 homes will get fibre automatically. Less than that will require funding from the builder.
- It is now easier to address the original technical problems with Exchange Only lines.
- In rural communities clusters of 15 - 20 homes would usually be addressed by fibre to the premises.
- Cut off installation cost for fibre to the premises would be in the region of £10K per premise.
- The cost of fibre optic cable has greatly reduced.
- The £16M provided by Aberdeenshire is either spent or committed (in Aberdeenshire?).

(b) DSSB had agreed to a further meeting with DSSB [**Secretary's Note: Meeting arranged for 11 January.**]

## **8. Planning**

There were no outstanding planning applications

## **9. Scheme of Establishment.**

Secretary had drafted a new AFCC constitution to reflect the Scheme of Establishment and would circulate it for comment before submitting to the council for approval. [**Secretary's Note: Draft circulated for comment**]

## **10. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Notice Boards.**

Andrew reported that both notice boards had been delivered to him and he had left the Alvah one behind the Alvah Hall to be installed by the contractors currently working on the wall.

### **(b) Defibrillator Training.**

It was agreed that the Secretary should arrange a defibrillator training session at Alvah

hall in Spring

(c) Surface Water on Roads. There was general concern about the amount of surface water on main roads. **[Secretary's Note: Cllr. Cox subsequently reported that Aberdeenshire council had discussed the problem of surface water on the A947.]**

(d) Area Manager

The Community Council was grateful for the considerable support it had received from Margaret-Jane Cardno, the previous Area Manager, and wished her all success in her new post.

## **11. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 19.00 hours on 28 December 2017.

Annex A - list of actions

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**ANNEX A**

**ACTIONS**

	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>COMPLETION</b>
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Arrange defibrillator training	Secretary	January