

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 30 JANUARY 2018**  
**MINUTES**

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**1. Present.**

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| Christina Roebuck (Chairman) | Helen Bayne   | John Burns     |
| Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman) | Phil Duffield | Caroline Jones |
| J Bayne (Secretary)          | Liz Jones     | Jacky Player   |
| Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)    | Rhoda Burns   |                |

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council) Stewart Adams, Willie Paterson, Jimmy Paterson, Anne Buck-Simpson, Stuart Buck-Simpson, Stuart Parks, Peter Dow, Fiona Stephen, Douglas Stephen, Carol Cox, Caroline Opre, Andrew Pride (Alvah Hall), Adrian Wilson (Alvah Hall), Barry Clear, Andrew Winton, WPC Beattie and PC Will.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Doug Hill, Carol Rewston and Cllr. Reynolds.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**4. Matters Arising**

(a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.

(b) Arrange Defibrillator Training. Secretary had emailed the community councillors with two possible dates. **It was agreed that the training should take place at Alvah Hall on 13 March starting 19:00 hours.**

(c) Grit Bins. Cllr. Roy reported that Aberdeenshire Council would be carrying out a review of winter preparation, including the location of grit bins

**5. Community Police.**

(a) WPC Beattie reported that there was very little crime in Alvah and Forglen.

(b) PC Will advised that the battle against drugs was ongoing and that it had to be intelligence led. He said that if anybody noticed anything suspicious they should reported it through 101. He stressed that no call was ever a waste of time and that

residents should not be afraid to report any concerns.

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

Nothing to report.

## **7. Rural Broadband**

(a) The Secretary reported that:

(i) He had met with Sara Budge, Director DSSB on 11 January. It was a very positive meeting. The following was noted:

- DSSB reports to Scottish Enterprise and not directly to Scottish Government.
- AFCC submissions to CBS and the Rural Economy and Connectivity committee had reached other parts of Government.
- Despite the Scottish Government saying that there was no Phase 2, it has already started. Nothing in it for Alvah and Forglen just now but there will be a further uplift of funds in the autumn. Phase 2 completes in March 2019, and then Phase 3 starts with new funding.
- DSSB will manage phases 2 and 3. Scottish Government will manage R100.
- Of the local councils who contributed to the current funding, Aberdeenshire contributed the most.
- Aberdeenshire gets a quarterly report which includes progress and the financial spend in Aberdeenshire.
- The fibre contracts are for infrastructure only, supply to the householder is by competition.
- Scottish Government claims that there is £600M (all from SG) available for R100.
- Sara asked AFCC to send her a fresh submission making the case for Alvah and Forglen. This has been done, and positive responses received.
- Sara later sent contact details for R100.

(ii) He spoke to Duncan Nesbit, the director of R100, who advised that:

- R100 would be split into 3 areas – North, South and Central.
- The management structure had not yet been agreed.
- Invitations to tender went out in December. For 3 separate packages, North, South and Central.

- Next stage would be a short list and further discussion with bidders.
- It was likely that no single contractor would win all regions.
- He would meet AFCC in March.

(c) It was agreed that only the Secretary should meet with Duncan Nesbit at this stage.

## **8. Planning.**

### (a) APP/2017/3158 – Campsite at Forglen.

- (i) The residents present raised concerns about the safety on the private road. They said that the applicant had tried to put in passing places but they were no more than a scrape on the bank and were already deteriorating.
- (ii) It was noted that the applicant had not proposed anything that would overcome the Reporter's reasons for rejecting the previous application on the same site.
- (iii) It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council should object to the application.
- (iv) Secretary agreed to draft a response for comment. **[Secretary's Note: draft agreed and submitted to Planning Department on 1 February]**

### (b) APP/2018/0002 – Mains of Carnousie.

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

### (c) APP/2017/2942 – Westside of Forglen.

- (i) The application was for retrospective approval to quarry at Westside Farm, Forglen.
- (ii) Residents local to the site reported that:
  - There had been a number of enforcement orders to stop quarrying placed on the applicant, but all had been ignored.
  - 8 to 10 lorries containing mineral extraction went along the road every day.
  - The quarrying was fairly continuous and very noisy.
  - Badger sites had been destroyed.
  - Large amounts of building waste was being buried on the site.
  - There was seepage from the site into the local burn which in turn ran into the Deveron.
  - There were regular bonfires on the site.
  - The road to the site and past the residential houses was very narrow with no passing places, and a ditch on either side. There was no lighting along the road.
- (iii) The residents said that their amenity had been adversely affected because of the noise, the smell of bonfires and the increase risk on the road due to its

narrowness and the number of large lorries which transport material from the quarry.

(iv) The Community Council was very concerned that enforcement orders were being ignored with impunity.

(v) Cllr. Cox advised that the Aberdeenshire Policy regarding the enforcement process was under review.

(vi) It was unanimously agreed that the Community Council should object to the application.

(vii) Secretary agreed to draft a response for comment.

(viii) Secretary agreed to write to SEPA with the residents' concerns.

## **9. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Parking in Aberdeenshire.**

Cllr. Roy reported that Aberdeenshire Council had debated the current charging regimes across Aberdeenshire and agreed to conduct a review, including a public consultation.

### **(b) Resignation of Philip Foad.**

(i) Secretary reported that he had received a letter of resignation from Philip Foad.

(ii) Philip was an original member of the new formed community council but due to pressure of work, he could no longer give his time to the community council.

(iii) The community council reluctantly accepted the resignation but understood fully the difficulty in managing competing demands on time.

## **10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Forglen Hall at 19.00 hours on 27 February 2018.

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           |
| Draft objection to Westside farm application | Secretary    | February          |
| Write to SEPA regarding Westside Farm        | Secretary    | February          |
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