

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2018
MINUTES

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1. Present.

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

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Stewart Adams, Willie Paterson, Jimmy Paterson, Carol Cox, Barry Clear, Andrew Winton, Craig Tetlow, David Morrison, Kimberly Murray.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Doug Hill, Carol Rewston, Helen Bayne, Cllrs. Roy and Reynolds.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 30 January were accepted as a true record with the following amendment: Para.9(c) (v) should read – Cllr. Cox advised that the Aberdeenshire Council Policy regarding the enforcement process was under review.

4. Matters Arising

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

(b) Draft objection to Westside Quarry. Secretary had submitted the objection to the planning department.

(c) Write to SEPA. Secretary had written to SEPA.

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.

Nothing to report.

7. Rural Broadband

The Secretary reported that he expected to meet with the Director of R100 before the end of March.

8. CPR Training.

(a) The Secretary advised that the training would be held on 13 March, starting at 19:00 hours and would last about one hour. It is a British Heart Foundation course and named certificates would be issued on completion. There would be 3 instructors and 7 manikins.

(b) The organiser had asked that attendees do not wear perfume, aftershave as he is allergic to them.

(c) People wishing to attend the training should inform the Secretary in order that he can pass the names to the organiser so that he can prepare the certificates. So far the Secretary was aware of Rhoda, Carol Cox, Barbara, Caroline Opre and himself

(d) Secretary agreed to inform Muirden Energy of the training.

9. Planning.

(a) APP/2017/2942 – Westside of Forglen.

(i) Kimberly Murray spoke in support of the application. She agreed that her script could be attached as an annex to the minutes of the meeting. Her script is attached at Annex B.

(ii) The Chairman thanked Kimberly for coming to the meeting and expressing her views.

(b) APP/2017/3158 – Campsite at Forglen.

(i) The Secretary reported that the planning department had recommended that the application be refused. The refusal notice had gone to the three local councillors for agreement but councillors Cox and Reynolds decided that the application should be debated by the Area Committee.

(ii) Cllr. Cox explained that his motive was to have a full Area Committee view and further examine the safety implications on the access road.

10. Deuchries Wind Farm

(a) The Chairman explained that there was £24,000 to be distributed annually from the windfarm, and that it would be managed by a committee of two people from Aberhirder & District Community Association (ADCA), one from AFCC and one representative for all the other interested organisations. An independent Chairman had been appointed.

(b) It was unanimously agreed that Stewart Adams would be the AFCC representative.

(c) The secretary explained that he had emailed the community council with the terms and conditions of the awards and the application form for organisations to

complete and submit to the Deuchries Committee.

(d) It was agreed that the structure of the awarding committee was imbalanced and that AFCC should have parity with ADCA i.e. the same number of representatives on the committee.

(e) The Secretary agreed to write to ADCA expressing AFCC's views.

[Secretary's Note: ADCA informed on 28February.]

11. Application to Join Community Council – Stewart Adams.

(a) The Secretary reported that Stewart had attended the Community Council for many months but only recently had there been a vacancy.

(b) The Secretary proposed that Stewart Adams be selected as a community councillor for Alvah and Forglan. The motion was seconded by John Burns.

(c) The motion was unanimously approved.

12. Any Other Business.

Secretary explained that following complaints of excessive noise from the Auchenbadie Turbine, Environmental Health had discovered that the turbine erected was not the one approved by the Area Committee. It was identical in size and output but the noise specification was higher. The owner of the turbine has to submit an application for the erected turbine by 24 March.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at Alvah Parish Hall at 19.00 hours on 27 March 2018.

Annex A - list of actions.

Annex B – Kimberly Murray presentation.

Jim Bayne

Secretary

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ANNEX A

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Advise secretary of attending CPR course.	All	7 March
Secretary to advise Muirden of CPR course.	Secretary	2 March

ANNEX B

I would like to read out the following points in relation to the objections made on the planning website and to the points made in the objection letter by the AFCC for the planning application at Westside, Forglen, Turriff.

I would also like to mention some of objectors are being dealt with as a civil case on what has been said. The comments made are also being passed on to our solicitor as it looks from what they have said they have by their own admission admitted trespassing and we have now also caught people trespassing on the 4th February from our CCTV when supposedly our horses had got out.

We have had some awful things said about us that are extremely dangerous and untrue that if it goes any further we would need to involve the police.

So as per your letter I would like to point out the following:

- We have 1 lorry as per the application and 1 regular driver that drives it.
- Never at any one time has there been 10 Lorries at Westside or 10 Lorries that have left there.
- Our regular driver only works from 7:30am to 4:30pm and adheres to break times etc
- Our work at Westside could not possibly be consistent as our jobs are approximately on average 10-15 miles away.
- Near all employees apart from our driver start work at 7am and no employee would be at Westside before then.

The drain going in to the burn that is in question is an existing pipe that was put in by the previous owners of Westside.

- Nothing has been buried on site and as per letters these untruths are being dealt with as a civil case.
- We work alongside SEPA and have a close relationship with them to make sure we are correct in all we do as we have all relevant paragraphs for our work at Westside.
- No bonfires have occurred at night but we do have a domestic rented property on site, we can't be held responsible for anything done with them but will look into putting it in to our lease agreement for the next tenants
- I have worked at the office since 2011 and work 40+ hours a week from Westside and have never seen a badger or a badger sett, my colleagues in the office and the men on site have

also said they have never seen a badger to this date either.

- Work in the office and important phone calls have never been interrupted by noise in the

yard and we work in thin walled porta cabins.

- A road has never been blocked by us, our drivers adhere to the laws in place and stick to

the speed limit. The only blockage our company has ever experienced on the roads is from

neighbours who don't have any delivery or turning areas which results in materials being

loaded off of Lorries parked on the road.

- If the planning application doesn't go ahead we will still have our builder's yard and our

lorry will still be delivering materials from our stock at the farm and again if the planning

application doesn't go ahead we can still take hardcore from our suppliers and get it delivered to the farm which would mean our suppliers would be driving along the roads

instead of ourselves and we would have no control over these drivers like we do for our

own.

Some of the objectors on the planning website have taken hardcore from here before for back filling sheds etc and had no objection then - very hypocritical to now be putting their objection in now.

When Westside was bought there was nothing in the title deeds to not allow us to quarry here so previous owners should have put this in if they didn't want it to happen. We also employ 27 local employees and not getting this planning application wouldn't be beneficial to the company and these employees.