

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 29 MAY 2018
MINUTES

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1. Present.

Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Stewart Adams
J Bayne (Secretary)	Helen Bayne
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Rhoda Burns
Liz Jones	Phil Duffield
John Burns	Carol Rewston
Doug Hill	Emma Dow

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Willie Paterson, Jimmy Paterson, Carol Cox, Caroline Orpe, Kimberly Murray, Neil Murray, Cllr. Mark Findlater (Aberdeenshire Council).

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Christina Roebuck, Jacky Player, Caroline Jones and Helen Bayne.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 24 April were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

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

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.

Carol reported that she had collected the summer bedding plants and that they would be put in the flower tubs over the next couple of weeks.

7. Rural Broadband

The Secretary reported that:

- He had circulated the R100 report to all members.
- It was a very poor report with no mention of funding.
- There were only 52 responses to the draft from across Scotland.

- The only good thing in the report was the commitment to target rural areas first.

8. Deuchries Wind Farm Fund

Stewart Adams reported that the first meeting of the Deuchries committee would be on 5 June.

9. Planning.

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

- (i) The Secretary reported that that the application would be heard by the Area Committee on 12 June at Fraserburgh. The planner had recommended refusal.
- (ii) Kimberly reported that she was aware of the date and recommendation and that she had sought clarification on some aspects of the road report.

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

- (i) The Secretary reported that;
 - The ISC had approved the application by 8 votes to 6 despite the planner and the roads department recommending refusal.
 - The planner advised that it was not good practise to approve applications based on promises that most probably could not be met.
 - Cllr. Cox had opened the debate by saying that the committee had heard many good things from the planner in support of the application.
 - He thought that Cllr. Cox must have been at a different meeting as the planner made it very clear that the application should be refused.
 - All community concillors had received a copy of his complaint to Aberdeenshire Council and details of legal action by a resident against the applicant.
- (ii) Cllr. Cox advised that he did not say that the planner had said good things in support of the application but that the planning report contained good things.

10. Community Council Elections.

Secretary collected nomination forms from all community councillors present and would deliver them to the Area Manager. **[Secretary's Note: Forms delivered.]**

11. Piper Findlater.

(a) Councillor Findlater reported that:

- (i) Piper Findlater won his VC in India.
- (ii) He would like funding to clean and repair the gravestone in Forglen cemetery.
- (iii) As AFCC had last year supported a Piper Findlater event at the cemetery

and there was Piper Findlater memorabilia and a plaque in Forglen Hall, he invited AFCC to support the cleaning of the stone.

(iv) He intended to have a plaque erected outside the graveyard at a later stage and hoped that AFCC would help with the funding.

(b) It was agreed that AFCC would seek a grant of £500 from the Aberdeenshire Community Project Fund to support the cleaning of the stone, but that AFCC's contribution would be limited to no more than £250. **[Secretary's Note: Closing date for applications was 25 May. However, the fund is undersubscribed so application will go in for next tranche after the Area Committee on 12 June.]**

(c) It was agreed that the Secretary should ask the roads department to put up a more prominent sign to the graveyard and perhaps a sign to Piper Findlater's grave.

12. Any Other Business

(a) Forglen Hall Window.

(i) Secretary reported that:

- The window was commissioned from a famous London company, Clayton and Bell, who specialised in religious windows.
- It was installed in the west side of the hall in Ardmiddle House in 1868. Another Clayton and Bell window was installed at the same time in the east side of the hall. The owner of Ardmiddle, R C Caw, donated the window to Forglen Hall in 1924.
- James Duncan was the architect for Ardmiddle and his son William Liddle Duncan was the architect of Forglen Hall. The company eventually became Duncan and Munro of Turriff.
- The archives department in Aberdeen had been especially helpfully in establishing the history of the window.
- It would be useful to find out what happened to the other window and also a little more about R C Caw. Duncan and Munro no longer existed but it donated its records to Aberdeen archives. The archives team would search the documents for any reference to Caw or the windows, for a small fee of no more than £100.

(ii) It was agreed that the secretary should commission Aberdeen Archives for a fee of no more than £100.

b. Arts Group.

Barbara Foad reported that:

- The Arts Group had been set up.
- She had booked a children's show at Forglen Hall for the 29 September. It would be suitable for children over 4 years old and adults.
- She had booked the "Great Safari Cabaret" for Alvah Hall on 5 October. Tickets would be £10 and you could bring your own picnic.
- She had applied to the Deuchries Wind Farm Fund for start-up costs. Thereafter, the Arts Group should be self-financing.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting (including AGM) will be held at Forglen Hall at 19.00 hours on 26 June 2018.

Annex A - list of actions.

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ANNEX A

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Ask roads department about sign at Forglen graveyard	Secretary	6 June
Commission Aberdeen Archives	Secretary	6 June