

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 26 JUNE 2018
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	John Burns
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman)	Emma Dowd	Caroline Jones
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Carol Rewston	
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Liz Jones	

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council)

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Stewart Adams, Helen Bayne and Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council)

3. **Constitution**

The draft constitution had been circulated prior to the meeting and all comments incorporated.

The constitution was unanimously approved.

Proposed by Jim Bayne and seconded by Mike Dewhurst.

4. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the Community Action Plan had been approved in May 2015 and that her report would relate the Community Council's achievements on the key issues in the CAP.

- **Proliferation of Wind Turbines.** There had been no applications in the past year.
- **Improve Broadband.** This is the most important project for AFCC. The community council had engaged fully with Community Broadband Scotland and R100 but to date had not had a greatly positive response. The latest policy from the Scottish Government was to prioritise rural areas. The Scottish Government claimed that it would provide funding of £600M but at the Scottish Affairs Committee in Westminster admitted that the money had not been earmarked and would have to come from other projects. Currently R100 has downselected 4 contractors for further negotiation, and it is expected that contracts will be placed early in the new year. AFCC will continue to make representations on behalf of Alvah and Forglen at every opportunity. .
- **Preserve the Unique Beauty of the Area.** There are 20 flower tubs

throughout the area. The daffodil planting had been very successful with over 10000 bulbs planted over the past 3 years. Deuchries funding has allowed the replacement 10 old tubs with 10 new low maintenance tubs.

- **Restore Derelict Properties.** AFCC supported the application to convert Alvah Church into a dwelling. Work had commenced and the new roof was installed.
- **Introduce Community Policing. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** This is an area where we have yet to start work, although we receive the monthly police report and the local police attend our meetings when work permitted. We place the police report on our website.
- **Make Greater Use of the Halls.**
 - There has been a number of presentations and talks at each of the halls.
 - Through funding from the Area Initiative Fund and Muirden Energy external notice boards are now in place at both halls.
 - The projector and screen that was procured last year has been used by other organisations.
 - A very well-attended course on CPR and the use of the defibrillator was conducted at Alvah Hall.
 - Through the Deuchries Windfarm fund Barbara Foad, with the support of AFCC, secured significant funds to start up an Arts Club, which will include painting classes and visiting drama companies.
 - The provenance of the stained glass window in Forglan Hall has been established and AFCC intends to secure funds to have it repaired.
 - AFCC has applied for funding to clean and repair Piper Findlater VC's grave in Forglan Cemetery.

5. **Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that:

- The greatest concern last year was the revised Scheme of Establishment. However, AFCC appealed against the proposal to reduce the membership from the current 17 to only 7. Thankfully Aberdeenshire Council agreed that AFCC numbers should remain at 17.
- As almost all the current membership had been councillors for more than 3 years, AFCC had to advertise the possibility of an election and seek

nominations for the Community Council. Only 12 nominations were received (all from existing councillors) so an election was not necessary and all applicants were automatically elected. That means that AFCC has 15 members and two vacancies.

- More residents attended the meetings this year and AFCC will continue to encourage this.
- He was greatly appreciative of the support he has had from the Area Manager's office. He is in regular contact with them and they have always been extremely helpful.
- AFCC has maintained a good rapport with the Roads Department and Landscape Department who have always responded quickly to concerns and observations.
- A good relationship has been maintained with both halls' committees.
- AFCC was grateful for the continued regular attendance and advice of some of our local councillors.
- AFCC website and Facebook are always up to date and have proved a good way to connect with local residents and beyond.
- He greatly appreciated the help and support of all the Community Councillors in commenting on and contributing to correspondence with various bodies.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that:

- The accounts (attached as Annex) were distributed to all councillors before the meeting.
- He explained that there was a healthy balance in the bank and, due to the change in the reporting period, the admin. grant would be included in next year's accounts.
- Approval of the accounts was proposed by John Burns and seconded by Liz Jones.
- The accounts were approved unanimously.

6. **Election of Officers.**

Chairman – Christina Roebuck was proposed by John Burns and seconded by Mike Dewhurst.

Secretary – Jim Bayne was proposed by Rhoda Burns and seconded by Liz Jones.

Treasurer – Mike Dewhurst was proposed by Caroline Jones and seconded by Carol Rewston.

Vice Chairman – Barbara Foad was proposed by Jim Bayne and seconded by Christina Roebuck.

There were no other nominations.

The officers were elected unanimously.

7. **Vote of Thanks.**

Liz Jones proposed a vote of thanks for the re-elected officers for the work they had done over the year.

J Bayne

Secretary

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ANNEX

Alvah & Forglen Community Council

Statement of Income & Expenditure

1st August 2017 - 30th April 2018

Income

Aberdeenshire Council - Area Initiative Fund Jan-18 £3,356.00

Expenditure

Data Protection Registration £35.00

Hall Hire £36.00

Notice Boards £3,501.60

Notice Board brackets (Forglen) £100.00

Hall Hire - first aid £12.00

Picture framing £140.10

Total £3,356.00

£3,824.70

Bank Balance @ 01/08/2017 £2,538.72

Bank Balance @ 30/04/2018 £2,070.02

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Certified correct based on bank statements, vouchers and information supplied.

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Signed:



Date: 28/05/2018

GRAEME WATT