

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**ALVAH PARISH HALL HALL: TUESDAY 31 JULY 2018**  
**MINUTES**

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1. **Present.**

Christine Roebuck (Chairman)	Emma Dow
Barbara Foad (Vice Chairman) (minutes)	Caroline Jones
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Carol Rewston
Doug Hill	Rhoda Burns
Liz Jones	John Burns
Phil Duffield	Jacky Player
Stewart Adams	

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. Glen Reynolds (Aberdeenshire Council), Willie Paterson and Jimmy Paterson.

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Helen Bayne, Jim Bayne, Cllr Mike Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), and Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council)

3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 26 June were accepted as a true record.

4. **Matters Arising**

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Stagecoach. Secretary had written to Stagecoach and had sent the reply to all AFCC members and to the resident who had raised her concerns about the 35 bus route.

5. **Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

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

Carol reported that red, yellow and orange has been a successful colour scheme for the tubs as they are very visible from the road. The flowers were commented on at the Strawberry Fair.

7. **Rural Broadband**

(a) Scottish Affairs Select Committee.

The Scottish Affairs Committee at Westminster has demanded that remote parts of Scotland must not be left behind. Official figures show that 94% of urban areas of Scotland can access superfast broadband but only 56% of rural areas. The committee advised that the Scotland and UK Government should work more closely together. The Scottish Government welcomed the report and wanted to work more closely with the UK Government, however they wanted more money from the UK Government. UK Government reports that investment per head of the population in Scotland has been double that of the rest of the UK. Good news is that because of the USO to provide a maximum of 10Mbps, a levy will be applied across all providers to help with the costs of bringing the current bad areas up to speed.

(b) Alvah and Forglen Electrical Storm.

The majority of committee had been affected by the storm which caused Broadband disconnections. The most affected expressed frustration at the perceived inefficiencies of Open Reach and the length of time taken to be reconnected.

**8. Planning.**

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

- (i) The contact for those attending the ISC on 23 August 2018 in Aberdeen and wish to speak is: [ann.riddle@aberdeenshire.gov.uk](mailto:ann.riddle@aberdeenshire.gov.uk).
- (ii) Jim Bayne will speak for the Community Council.

**9. Forglen Window.**

- (a) There is to be a church meeting on 21 August 2018 to discuss the window project.
- (b) The Secretary is still chasing funds for the project.

**10. Arts Group.**

Barbara reported that:

- A bank account had been opened.
- Mike Dewhurst has agreed to be the treasurer and Rhoda Burns the President.
- Doug Hill had set up a website. There is also a Facebook Page.
- The Art Group will start every Thursday evening in term time from 7.00 to 9.30 pm in Alvah Hall from 23 August 2018. Equipment to be supplied. Membership £10 for 6 months and £2 per session.
- Plays booked for 29 September, Martha, 2pm Forglen Hall. The Great Cabaret Safari, Alvah Hall Friday 5 October 2018 7.30 pm. Also, 15 December 2:30 to 3:30pm in Forglen Hall 'The Elves are very Shy' age 0-8 and, on the same evening, at 7.30 pm 'Can you Catch the Killer' Christmas Theme murder mystery. Also booked Doorways in Drumorty, April 27 Alvah Hall 7.30 pm

(sponsored by Aberdeenshire Council).

### **11. Piper Findlater VC Gravestone**

AFCC had agreed to fund the cleaning of the stone at a cost of £390.00 plus VAT. The cleaning had been completed.

### **12. AOB**

(a) Accident at Bogton: Signs have still not been erected. Cllr Reynolds agreed to follow this up immediately. **[Secretary's Note: Work completed.]**

(b) Road Safety.

(i) It was reported that on the Banff road coming towards Alvah the hedge has grown so much that the turning to Alvah cannot be seen when you approach. The secretary is to be asked to write to the council about this.

(ii) Concerns were expressed about the A947 being the deadliest road in Scotland. Cllr Reynolds advised that a review group had been set up in February to discuss this. Cllr. Reynold suggested that we invite Alistair Miller who has responsibility for long term strategy for roads for a briefing and put our points to him. **[Secretary's Note: Alistair Miller will present at the next AFCC on 25 September.]**

(c) Liz Jones reported that at the Strawberry Fair, the Heartstart Instructor from Gamrie expressed concerns that the defibrillator was not locked. He advised that we should check that we are insured in case they are interfered with. **[Secretary's Note: It was agreed by AFCC at the time of installation that the cabinets would not be locked as using a passcode would incur critical delay.]**

### **13. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be on 25 September at Forglen Hall, commencing 19:00 hours.

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
Road signs at Bogton	Cllr. Reynolds	September