

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

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1. Present.

Christina Roebuck (Chairman)	Rhoda Burns
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Carol Rewston
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	John Burns
Barbara Foad (Deputy Chairman)	Liz Jones
Caroline Jones	Stewart Adams
Jacky Player	

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. John Cox (Aberdeenshire Council), Alistair Millar (Senior Roads Engineer Aberdeenshire Council), Willie Paterson, Carol Cox, Linda Craib, Gordon Hanna, Claire Rose, Brian Rose, John Robertson and Lorraine Still.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Doug Hill, Helen Bayne and Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 25 September were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) B9121 concerns, Turriff Bridge and Bogton Speed Limit. Secretary advised that he had informed the council of these concerns and that they would be covered in detail by Alistair Millar under Item 6.

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Presentation by Roads Department.

Alistair Millar reported the following:

- (a) Assessment Procedure.
- Aberdeenshire had adopted the National procedure.
 - It comprised mainly of a flow chart with a list of criteria to be determined, which in turn indicated the best solution.

- The main criteria were:
 - Can the area be considered a village i.e. 20 houses over 600m?
 - Are there vulnerable road users e.g. is there a school, church or shop?
 - Are the houses set back from the road or on the road?
 - Is there a high incidence of bends on the road?
 - Have there been a number of reported accidents?

(b) B9121 at Mountblairy.

- An assessment was carried out in 2014.
- It showed that:
 - The average speed was between 44 and 46 mph.
 - There were 15 or 16 houses along the road.
 - All of the houses were set back from the road.
 - There was no school, church or shop.
 - There were no reported accidents.
 - An independent police assessment supported the roads department conclusions.

[Secretary's Note: The full presentation used by Alistair is attached at Annex B]

(c) Turriff Bridge.

Structures Department and road safety were conducting a survey to determine the need for lights at the bridge.

(d) Bogton Speed Limit.

There would be a future re-assessment.

Actions Arising from Presentation

- Alistair would arrange re-assessment of road at Mountblairy.
- Alistair would relate the residents' concerns to the Safer Route for Schools Co-coordinator
- Gordon Hanna would co-ordinate a response from the residents using the council flow chart.

7. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.

Carol reported that she had expected to have started planting the daffodil bulbs but Aberdeenshire council had not yet received them.

8. Rural Broadband

Secretary reported that he had a less than informative response from R100 which he would circulate to the community councillors.

9. Planning.

APP/2018/1903 – Burnend Cottage.

The application would be considered at the Banff and Buchan Area Committee on 6 November.

10. Deuchries.

(a) Stewart reported that there was £5400 Deuchries funding available. The funding committee would meet on 8 November to consider bids.

(b) The Secretary suggested that, following the success of The Great Cabaret Safari, AFCC should bid for stage lighting and a PA system to be held at Alvah Hall but available to any group that might need it. The cost would be about £1000.

(c) Rhoda Burns proposed that AFCC should make a bid for the equipment. The proposal was seconded by Liz Jones. AFCC unanimously approved the proposal that AFCC should bid for lights and a PA system. **[Secretary's Note: Bid sent to Deuchries secretary on 31 October.]**

11. Forglen Window.

Secretary was waiting a decision from Historic Environment Scotland which was expected in December.

12. Arts Group.

Barbara reported that:

- The Art Group now has 7 full members, and there has been a number of enquiries about joining.
- The two theatre events had been a great success.
- The next children's theatre would be on the afternoon of 15 December at Forglen Hall, and the next adult theatre would be in the evening of 15 December at Alvah Hall.

13. Co-option of Jacky Player as community Councillor.

(a) Secretary explained that as Jacky Player had been in Rural France and unable to get broadband, she had not been able to submit her application to be a community councillor. However she could be co-opted as a member of AFCC with full voting rights until the next AGM when she could apply for full membership.

(b) The Secretary proposed and the Treasurer seconded that Jacky Player be co-opted on to AFCC.

(c) The proposal was unanimously approved.

14. Any Other Business

(a) Visibility Obstruction at the B9025/B9121 Junction.

Concern was raised about the lack of visibility at the junction when travelling towards Aberchirder due to overhanging trees.

Alistair Millar agreed to see what could be done.

15. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on 27 November at Forglen Hall, commencing 19:00 hours.

Annex A - list of actions.

Annex B – Banffshire Council roads flow Chart

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ANNEX A

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Arrange assessment of B9121 at Mountblairy.	Alistair Millar	26 November
Co-ordinate resident's response.	Gordon Hanna	26 November
Inform Safe Route of resident's concerns	Alistair Millar	26 November
B9121/B9025 Visibiity.	Alistair Millar	26 November