

**ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 29 JANUARY 2019**

**MINUTES**

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**1. Present.**

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Carolyn Cox, Willie Paterson and Alistair Millar (Senior Roads Engineer Aberdeenshire Council.)

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Cllr. John Cox.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 18 December were accepted as a true record.

**4. Matters Arising**

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Seek funding for Window. Andrew reported that the church would consider when more detail was available regarding the programme.

**5. Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

**6. B9121.**

Alistair Millar reported:

(a) B9121 Assessment.

- (i) The assessment results were almost identical to the 2014 assessment. This meant that there could be no change to the speed limit. Different signing and lining might be possible. Different entering signs were shown. Soft copies would be sent to the secretary to be attached to the minutes and sent to the Mountblairy community for their

views.

(ii) The first part of the Turriff Bridge study had been completed. The first stage will be to improve signage. Traffic lights had not been recommended but had not been taken off the table. The study showed that 30% of vehicles crossing the bridge were HGVs.

(iii) Whitehills Turn Off.

Obstructing foliage had been cut back.

(iv) Safe Route Assessment for Mountblairy School Buses.

The Safer Route for Schools assessment was ongoing.

(v) Horse Signs for Forglen.

The horse signs had been ordered.

(vi) Footpath at Mountblairy.

Secretary would seek the views of the Mountblairy residents.

(vii) Running Water on road at Penelope Fields Road.

Alistair would inform the roads inspector.

## **7. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.**

(a) Carol reported that nothing had been done regarding re-planting the tubs due to the cold weather.

(b) Cllr. Roy reported that no bulbs had been delivered due to a failure on the part of the contractor.

## **8. Rural Broadband**

Secretary reported that:

(a) MSP Peter Chapman, in his column in the Banffshire Journal, criticised the Scottish Government's progress on broadband and cited Alvah and Forglen as an area being badly served.

(b) The leader of the Aberdeenshire council, Jim Gifford, had advised the press that Aberdeenshire Council had done very well in investing in broadband. Secretary would write to Mr. Gifford suggesting that some rural areas would not agree.

(c) Openreach had launched a publicity campaign highlighting the investment that they had made in resources in Scotland. In a radio interview the director, Robert Thorburn spoke of this investment. AFCC had been in conversation with Mr. Thorburn when he was with BT and the secretary intended to speak with him again but so far he had proved elusive.

## **9. Forglen Window.**

Secretary advised that Historic Environment Scotland reported a delay due to the Christmas break but that the necessary reports were now available and that a decision would be made in the next few weeks.

## **10. Arts Group.**

Barbara reported that:

- (a) The next theatre night would be on Friday 1 March – Auld Lang Syne by Mairi Campbell – a night of storytelling and song. Mairi has been getting rave reviews, so it should be a great night.
- b) The next theatre night would be on 27 April, a play set in Aberdeenshire. This would be followed by ‘Dad’s Army’ on 17 May.
- (c) The Arts Class resumes in March.

## **11. Planning.**

### **(a) Deuchries Wind Farm Extension.**

- (i) The secretary had circulated an assessment of the application prior to the council meeting.
- (ii) It was agreed that the application fell well short of meeting current policy regarding ‘The Strategic Landscape Capacity Study’ which is referenced in Policy C2.
- (iii) The secretary reminded the meeting that the number one priority in the Community Action Plan was that AFCC would object to all wind turbine applications that did not comply with Aberdeenshire Council planning policy.
- (iv) Barbara Foad proposed and Jacky Player seconded that AFCC should object to the application. The motion was unanimously approved. There were no other motions.
- (v) Secretary would prepare a draft objection for comment.
- (vi) Secretary advised that, out of courtesy, he would send a copy of the formal objection to the Aberchirder Association (ADCA).

## **12. Any Other Business**

### **(a) Year of Water and Coast.**

- (i) The secretary had sent round details of this funding opportunity. There was £600k in the fund for 2020. It applied to coastlines, coastal communities and rivers.
- (ii) Stewart Adams agreed to lead in identifying potential projects.

### **(b) Deuchries Funding**

Applications for Deuchries funding had to be made by 22 March.

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

The next meeting would be on 26 February at Alvah Parish 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
Soft copies to Secretary	Alistair Millar	10 February
Secretary to inform Mountblairy residents.	Secretary	10 February
Contact Jim Gifford	Secretary	10 February
Contact Robert Thorburn	Secretary	10 February
Draft objection to Deuchries extension.	Secretary	10 February
Identify potential river projects	Stewart Adams	May