

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2019
MINUTES

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1. Present.

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Carolyn Cox, Willie Paterson, Heather McKay (Area Manager's Office), Lis Farquhar (Area Manager's Office), John Robertson, Brian Rose, Linda Craib and Iris Hanna.

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Helen Bayne, Barbara Foad and Cllr. John Cox.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 29 January were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Soft copies to Secretary. Alistair Millar had sent the soft copies of his report and photographs of the signs to the secretary.
- (c) Secretary to inform Mountblairy Residents. Secretary had informed residents.
- (d) Contact Jim Gifford. Secretary had spoken to Jim Gifford and would report fully under Item 8.
- (e) Contact Robert Thorburn. Secretary had contacted Robert and would report fully under Item 8.
- (f) Draft objection to Deuchries extension. Draft had been approved and delivered to Aberdeenshire Council.
- (g) Identify potential river projects. Ongoing action with Stewart Adams.

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. B9121.

The residents had agreed the form of signage they wanted and would deal direct with Alistair Millar regarding the positioning.

7. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.

- (a) Carol reported that most of the tubs had been replanted.

8. Rural Broadband

Secretary reported that:

- (a) He had spoken to Jim Gifford the leader of Aberdeenshire Council about the poor broadband in the area. Jim Gifford was surprised that Alvah and Forglen were getting such poor broadband. However, he was meeting Robert Thorburn, Director Openreach Scotland, the following day and would ask him to get in touch.
- (b) Robert Thorburn had got in touch and the secretary sent him data on Alvah and Forglen broadband.
- (c) Robert Thorburn replied with an email that the secretary read to the meeting. He reported that he would get in touch with the R100 team to see if more could be done for Alvah and Forglen. He would report back to the secretary in due course.

9. Forglen Window.

Secretary reported that:

- (a) Historic Environment Scotland had approved the full grant for the window.
- (b) He had been in touch with the planner as the hall is a grade C listed building.
- (c) He was in contact with 2 potential bidders and would arrange visits to the hall for them to inspect the window. **[Secretary's Note: Site visits would be held on 5 and 7 March.]**

10. Arts Group.

Liz 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 had been getting rave reviews.
- (b) The next two shows are: Doorways In Drumorty, on April 27, a witty play by Strichen author Lorna Moon; and Dad's Army, The Radio Show on 17 May.
- b) Doug advised that details of the shows could be found on the AFCC website and also on the Arts Group webpage

11. Planning.

- (a) APP/2019/0046 – Site Adjacent to Glenalva, Bogton.

As no local residents had raised any issues it was agreed that the Community Council would not comment on the application.

- (b) APP/2019/0100 – Kilkalden House, Forglen.

As no local residents had raised any issues it was agreed that the Community Council would not comment on the application.

12. Any Other Business

- (a) Roads - U12l at Berryton

The secretary agreed to inform the roads department that the road at Berryton had further deteriorated to a dangerous condition.

[Secretary's Note: Roads Department informed on 27 February and road to be repaired in week beginning 18 March.]

(c) Alvah Hall AGM

Mike reported that he had attended the Alvah Hall AGM and that the Hall Committee had a number of projects in hand and others being planned.

(d) Quarry

The Secretary advised that the reporter had visited the site and that his decision should be published in a few weeks. **[Secretary's Note: The reporter had requested further information from the appellant and from the planning department. This would delay the decision by a few weeks.]**

(e) Vacancies on AFCC.

Heather McKay advised that:

(i) AFCC had 4 vacancies which included one co-opted member and another whose 3 year period would soon expire.

(ii) The elections would be in May and the ballot, if needed, 7 to 10 days before the AGM in June. **[Secretary's Note: The timetable is attached for information.]**

(f) Community Action Plan

(i) Secretary explained that the community action plan had to be renewed.

(ii) Heather would contact the Community Planning Officer to set the process in motion.

(g) Area Initiative Fund.

The closing date for applying for funding from the AIF would be 31 May.

13. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on 26 March at Forglen Hall, commencing 19:00 hours.

Annex A - list of actions.

Jim Bayne

Secretary

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ANNEX A

ACTIONS

	OWNER	COMPLETION
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Identify potential river projects	Stewart Adams	Ongoing
Table tennis scope	Stewart Adams	March
Inform Community Planning Officer	Heather McKay	March

ACTION	DETAILS	
<p>1. Area Office will contact you to ascertain if you have any vacancies and seek confirmation of the date of your AGM.</p>		
<p>2. Community Council will be asked to:-</p> <p>Arrange venue and agree times for any election that may be required. Provisional booking to be made by the Community Council (or Area Office if preferred) in the week commencing 6 May 2019. Unless otherwise agreed suggest polling station open between 6pm and 8pm and booking required from 5pm until 9pm.</p> <p>Area Office will provide nomination form for your Community Council. Please check that this is correct in line with your constitution.</p> <p>Once all arrangements are agreed, press releases and social media posts will be compiled by the Area Office. Posters will also be provided for the Community Council to display. The Community Council should also advertise locally by including in newsletter/website/social media, as appropriate.</p>	<p>Please provide details of the following to the Area Office by 07 May 2019</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Venue and times • Where posters are to be displayed • Where nomination forms will be available locally 	

<p>2. Timescales</p> <p>Notice of Elections published. This is the start of the election process and will be when press releases are sent and posters etc should go up</p> <p>Close of nominations (Area Office to inform CC of outcome)</p>	<p>The publish date is 14 May 2019</p> <p>The nomination closing date is 04 June 2019</p>	
<p>4. Ballot held (if necessary). Details already agreed and advertised with notice of election.</p>	<p>The election date (if required) will be (7-10 days before the AGM (depending on day of week).</p>	
<p>5. Following result of election the Area Office will:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • write to all of the candidates indicating whether they were successful and the date of the AGM for them to attend • provide a list for the Community Council (including names addresses and votes cast for each candidate) and the press (names only) 	<p>Day after election</p>	
<p>6. AGM held</p> <p>To be chaired by the Returning Officer or their nominated person.</p>	<p>Tuesday, 25 June 2019, 7.00 pm, Alvah Hall</p>	