

# **ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2019**

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. Present.**

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Carolyn Cox, Willie Paterson, Lorna Chapman and: Moray East Windfarm - Colette Flynn (Siemens). Anwer Korba (Siemens), Andrew Boxall (Mowel), James Petty (Bell Ingram) and Kevin Gray (VolkerInfra).

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Carol Rewston and Phil Duffield.

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

### **4. Matters Arising**

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Identify potential river projects. Ongoing action with Stewart Adams.
- (c) Community Action Plan. Secretary had confirmed with the Area Manager's Office that AFCC was included in the programme.

### **5. Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

### **6. Moray Offshore Windfarm**

**6.1** The Moray Offshore Windfarm team (the company) and roles is attached at Annex B.

**6.2** The Secretary explained that:

- The company had, at a presentation in Portsoy, assured him that no trees

would be felled on the Stonieley site. The planning application approved by Aberdeenshire Council also highlighted that no trees would be felled in this area.

- A large number of trees had been felled over the past few weeks.
- When he informed the company it immediately stopped work in the area.

**6.3** The company explained that:

- It had clearly breached approved conditions and apologised for the unauthorised felling of trees.
- It had conducted an investigation to establish why this had occurred. This had identified clear management failings and the company had put in place remedial action.
- The instruction to fell the trees had come from an unauthorised source.
- The on-site team had worked outside its brief and had been given written warnings.
- The work teams would now be given written instructions and would have to sign release documents. There would also be additional patrolling of the sites and each team would be given a clear point of reference for decision making when there was doubt.
- At least 50 trees had been felled.

**6.4** The company could not explain why the team had chainsaws, but agreed that there should not have been chainsaws on site.

**6.5** The company did not know why trees had also been felled outside the marked corridor.

**6.6** The company did not know if a felling licence had been sought.

**6.7** It was agreed that the company would meet with the community council to discuss compensatory options.

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

Nothing to report.

**8. Rural Broadband**

(a) Secretary has expected a full report from DSSB on what is planned for Alvah and Forglen. Unfortunately, the debrief has been delayed to the end of May/early June.

(b) R100 does not expect to place contracts until the end of the year.

**9. Forglen Window.**

Secretary reported that following discussions with 3 potential restorers, the contract had been placed with Linda Cannon, a well know stained glass restorer based in

Glasgow. The window would be removed on 8 May, repaired in the Glasgow workshop and reinstalled in Forglen Hall at the end of August/early September. [**Secretary's Note: Window safely removed on 8 May.**]

#### **10. Arts Group.**

Barbara reported that:

- (a) The show on 27 April, Doorways in Drumorty, was a huge success with over 70 people attending.
- (b) The next show, Dad's Army Radio Show, would be on 17 May and that there had already been 40 on-line bookings.
- (c) The next children's puppet show on 15 June at 14:30 in Forglen Hall was called The Lighthouse Keeper's Tale.
- (d) The Arts Group had been successful in getting grants from the Deuchries Fund of £600 towards the children's shows and £1520 towards the Art Group tuition.

#### **11. Scheme of Establishment**

It was agreed that AFCC should respond to the consultation that there was no rationale for the 3 year voting cycle and that this should be no more than for local politicians i.e. 5 years. [**Secretary's Note: Aberdeenshire council informed.**]

#### **12. Planning Applications.**

- (a) APP/2019/0598 – Penelope Fields Farmhouse.

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

#### **13. Any Other Business**

- (a) Defibrillators.

Secretary reported that he had inspected both defibrillators and that the pads in both had reached their safe lifetime. It was agreed that the Secretary should order new pads at a cost of about £120. [**Secretary's Note: New pads fitted on 13 May.**]

- (b) Forestry Commission.

The Secretary would submit an FOI request asking how many complaints about unapproved felling in Aberdeenshire had been investigated over the past 3 years and how many had resulted in a prosecution. [**Secretary's Note: FOI submitted on 2 May.**]

#### **14. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be on 28 May 2019 at Forglen Hall, commencing 19:00 hours.

Annex A - list of actions.

Annex B – list and roles of Murray East representatives.

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**ANNEX A**

**ACTIONS**

	<b>OWNER</b>	<b>COMPLETION</b>
Prepare history of Alvah and Forglen	Liz Jones	Ongoing
Identify potential river projects	Stewart Adams	Ongoing

## **ANNEX B**

### **Siemens**

Colette Flynn  
Community & Stakeholder Engagement Manager

Anwer Amara Korba  
Project Director

### **Moray Offshore Windfarm East Ltd (Mowel)**

Andrew Boxall  
Onshore Lead

### **Bell Ingram Land Liaison Officers for Siemens**

James Petty  
Partner

Kevin Gray  
Operations Manager  
VolkerInfra