

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 25 JUNE 2019
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

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

In Attendance: Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jacky Player and Cllr. Cox (Aberdeenshire Council).

3. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the Community Action Plan had been approved in May 2015 and that her report would relate the Community Council's achievements on the key issues in the CAP.

- **Proliferation of Wind Turbines.** There had been only one application in the past year (Deuchries Extension). AFCC objected to the application, which has yet to be considered by the Area Committee.
- **Improve Broadband.** This is the most important project for AFCC. The community council had engaged fully with Community Broadband Scotland and R100 but to date had not had a greatly positive response from the authorities. The latest policy from the Scottish Government was to prioritise rural areas. Currently R100 is in discussion with 3 contractors. It was intended to split Scotland into 3 areas and the contractors could bid for any or all of the areas. It was expected that contracts would be placed early in the New Year. AFCC would continue to make representations on behalf of Alvah and Forglen at every opportunity.
- **Preserve the Unique Beauty of the Area.** AFCC has now placed 26 flower tubs throughout the area. The daffodil planting had been very successful with over 10000 bulbs planted over the past 3 years and more will be ordered for planting later in the year.
- **Restore Derelict Properties.** AFCC supported the application to convert

Alvah Church into a dwelling. The roof was replaced but unfortunately the church was again up for sale.

- **Introduce Community Policing. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** This is an area where work has yet to start, but AFCC receives the monthly police report which was placed on the AFCC website. The local police attend the community council when work permits.
- **Make Greater Use of the Halls.**
 - Through the Deuchries windfarm fund Barbara Foad, with the support of AFCC, set up the Arts Club, which had been a great success. It comprised painting classes and visiting drama companies at Alvah Hall and children's shows at Forglan Hall.
 - AFCC secured funds from Brydock Windfarm and Historic Environment Scotland to repair the stained glass window in Forglan Hall. A contract was placed with Linda Cannon and the window had been removed to her workshop in Glasgow. Progress had been good and it was expected that the window would be re-installed by early September. The project had attracted much press interest and it was hoped that this would result in more visitors to the hall.

4. **Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that:

- Membership had remained constant and AFCC had 15 members, almost all of whom had been members since AFCC was re-established 4 years ago.
- Many more residents attended the meetings this year and this would be encouraged. AFCC supported the residents in having the quarry in Forglan refused by the ISC and the Government Reporter. It also supported the residents having signs installed in Mountblairy to make the road safer for residents.
- AFCC would develop a new Community Action Plan in the coming year. The Area Manager had been informed.
- He was greatly appreciative of the support he has had from the Area Manager's office. He is in regular contact with them and they had always been extremely helpful.
- AFCC had maintained a good rapport with the Roads Department and Landscape Department who had always responded quickly to concerns and

observations.

- A good relationship had been maintained with both halls' committees.
- AFCC was grateful for the continued regular attendance and advice of Councillor Mike Roy.
- AFCC website and Facebook were always up to date and had proved a good way to connect with local residents and beyond.
- He greatly appreciated the help and support of all the Community Councillors in commenting on and contributing to correspondence with various bodies.

5. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that:

- The accounts (attached as Annex) were distributed to all councillors before the meeting.
- He explained that there was a healthy balance in the bank.
- AFCC should consider contributing to any small local worthwhile projects.
- Approval of the accounts was proposed by Phil Duffield and seconded by Carol Rewston.
- The accounts were approved unanimously.

6. **Election of Officers.**

Chairman – Barbara Foad was proposed by Jim Bayne and seconded by Stewart Adams.

Secretary – Jim Bayne was proposed by John Burns and seconded by Mike Dewhurst.

Treasurer – Mike Dewhurst was proposed by Carol Rewston and seconded by Rhoda Burns.

Vice Chairman – Stewart Adams was proposed by Barbara Foad and seconded by John Burns.

There were no other nominations.

The officers were elected unanimously.

7. **Valedictory Speech.**

Christina, who had completed her three year tenure, thanked all for supporting her. She said that it had been a pleasure working with the group and was pleased that so much had been achieved over the years. She intended to continue as a community councillor.

J Bayne

Secretary

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Alvah & Forsten Community Council

Statement of Income & Expenditure

1st May 2018 - 31st March 2019

Income		Expenditure	
Aberdeenshire Council - Admin Grant	Jul-18 £473.62	Gift of flowers	£25.00
Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund	Jul-18 £900.00	Data Protection fee	£40.00
Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund	Dec-18 £1,010.00	Flindler Memorial rascal	£468.00
		Compost for planters	£41.94
		Purchase of planters	£900.00
		Microphones	£120.00
		Sound and lighting equipment	£97.00

Total £2,383.62

Bank Balance @ 01/05/2018 £2,070.02

Bank Balance @ 31/03/2019

£1,861.70

£4,453.64

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Certified correct based on bank statements, vouchers and information supplied.

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Signed



25 /05/2019