

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

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**1. Present.**

Barbara Foad (Chairman)	Liz Jones	Jacky Player
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Caroline Jones	John Burns
Stuart Adams (Vice Chairman)	Carol Rewston	Rhoda Burns
Christina Roebuck	Doug Hill	Phil Duffield

In Attendance: Andrew Webster (Forglen Hall), Cllr. Michael Roy (Aberdeenshire Council), Jamie Cowie (Bell Ingram), Peter Taylor (VolkerInfra), Paul McGurk (Siemens) and Constable Graeme Smith.

**2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Helen Bayne, Mike Dewhurst, Carolyn Cox and Cllr. John Cox.

**3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

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

**4. Matters Arising**

- (a) History of Alvah and Forglen. Ongoing action with Liz Jones.
- (b) Timetable for CAP. Ongoing action with Area Manager.

**5. Community Police.**

Constable Graeme Smith reported that:

- There would be a drop-in surgery at Banff Library on 3 December between 13:00 and 16:00 hours.
- There would be festive patrols across the area.
- The Pub Watch initiative was ongoing.
- The Cedar road safety initiative was ongoing and more speed guns were available and more officers trained in their use.

**6. Moray Offshore Windfarm**

(a) The Secretary reported that:

- He, Jacky Player, Carol Rewston and Phil Duffield had met with the company the previous week to discuss the latest Compensatory Planting Plan.

- The group concluded that the plan was broadly acceptable but it would prefer that some trees be planted in the felled area.
- The company had gone back to the landowner to seek permission to plant some trees in the felled area but this had been refused.

(b) Jamie Cowie advised that:

- More than 1000 trees would be planted to compensate for the 150 felled.
- The trees would be suitable for the boggy ground in which they would be planted.
- A contractor would be employed to intensely maintain the trees for the first three years and then regular maintenance for a further 7 years. Any trees that died within this period would be replaced.

(c) The Community Council unanimously agreed that the Compensatory Planting Plan was broadly acceptable but that it would prefer that some trees be planted in the felled area. It was also agreed that it could not approve the plan as that was the responsibility of the planning authority as the company was in breach of the planning approval.

(d) The Secretary agreed to inform the planning authority of the community council's views. [**Secretary's Note: Planning Authority informed on 26 November.**]

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

(a) Carol reported that the 1000 daffodils allocated to Kirktown of Alvah had been planted.

(b) Rhoda and Stewart reported that the planting in their areas was still underway.

#### **8. Rural Broadband**

There was nothing to report.

#### **9. Arts Group.**

(a) Caroline reported that:

- The group were reviewing shows for next year. Hansel and Gretel, would be at Forglen Hall on 15 December.
- The next show at Alvah Hall would be the Jenny Sturgeon Duo on Thursday 28 November.

(b) Barbara reported that the Drawing Group was in recess until March 2020.

#### **10. Planning.**

##### **(a) APP/2019/2589 – Dwelling House at Cairnhill, Forglen.**

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

#### **11. Any Other Business**

- Forglen Window Invoices.
  - The Chairman reported that the Treasurer had been asked by the Secretary of Forglen Hall for the invoices for the repair to the

window. The Treasurer would like to know why this request was made.

- Andrew Webster advised that it was at the request of the church.
- The Secretary advised that the contract was between AFCC and the contractors and that the invoices were commercially sensitive and should only be seen by the buyer, seller and funders. As the church did not meet any of these criteria it would be improper for the church to have the invoices.
- It was agreed that the church should be advised that if it wanted to have the invoices it should request such from Secretary AFCC.
- Deuchries Funding.  
The Secretary advised that Deuchries Funding would be available in the new year and projects should now be developed by AFCC.
- Community Project Grant.  
Cllr. Roy advised that there was £300 to £400 pounds of community funding still available before March next year.
- Carol Service.  
The Forglen Hall carol service would be on 15 December commencing 18:30 hours.
- Scot's Night.  
There would be a Scot's Night at Forglen Hall on 29 November commencing 19:30 hours.

## **12. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting would be on 17 December 2019 at Forglen 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
Timetable for Community Action Plan.	Area Manager	Ongoing
Projects for Deuchries funding.	All	17 December