

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 29 JUNE 2021
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Barbara Foad (Chairman)	Helen Bayne	
Jim Bayne (Secretary)	Phil Duffield	
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Carolyn Cox	John Burns
Stewart Adams (Vice Chairman)	Rhoda Burns	Jacky Player

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Christina Roebuck , Caroline Jones, Carol Rewston, Doug Hill, Cllrs. Roy and Cox (Aberdeenshire Council).

3. **Introduction.**

The Chairman explained that:

- Thanks to the excellent COVID risk assessment and mitigation carried out by the Alvah Hall committee, AFCC were able to have its first face to face meeting since February last year.
- Face masks would be worn for the duration of the meeting and there would be no access to other parts of the hall. No paperwork should be left behind after the meeting.
- Despite Covid restrictions and lockdown AFCC had managed to conduct monthly business by a combination of email, Zoom and the Secretary's monthly update.
- The AGM would be followed immediately by the regular meeting.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous AGM held via Zoom on 27 October 2020 were formally approved by email on 1 November 2020.

5. **Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that the Community Action Plan (CAP) 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 no applications for wind turbines in the past year.
- **Improve Broadband.**

This was the most important project for the community council. AFCC had engaged fully with Community Broadband Scotland and R100. Three contracts had been placed with BT for South, Central and North (including Alvah and Forglen) Scotland. The North contract was the last to be placed and

AFCC had not had a detailed breakdown of the project. However, R100 had advised that the majority of Alvah and Forglen would be linked by fibre. Unfortunately, at this stage, AFCC does not know if this means fibre direct to the premises. R100 had promised a detailed programme before the end of the summer. AFCC would continue to make representations on behalf of Alvah and Forglen at every opportunity. Broadband would remain the key project.

- **Preserve the Unique Beauty of the Area.**

- There are now 28 flower tubs throughout the area.
- Due to Covid restrictions, AFCC did not plant any daffodils last year. Over the past 4 years 12000 bulbs had been planted and the show across the area this year was wonderful.
- Despite Covid all the tubs had been planted out.
- AFCC objected to the replacement of the historical Cat B listed Alvah Church gates with incongruous galvanised steel ones. Environment Services were ordered to remove the galvanised gates and replace them with wrought iron gates identical to the originals. The new gates were badly damaged during installation. Unfortunately, the contractor has gone into receivership and planning services are now looking for another contractor to rectify the damage.

- **Restore Derelict Properties.** The conversion of Alvah Church started well, but, partly due to Covid, there had been very little progress since.

- **Introduce Community Policing. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.** This is an area where work had 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.**

This had been an area of great success, but Covid restrictions have prohibited the use of the halls over the past year.

6. **Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that:

- Membership had remained constant. AFCC had 14 members, almost all of whom had been members since AFCC was re-established 7 years ago. Currently there were 3 vacancies.
- AFCC had not objected to any planning applications over the past year.
- AFCC should have developed a new Community Action Plan this year but the

lockdown had made this impossible.

- He was greatly appreciative of the support he has had from the Area Manager's office.
- A good rapport had been maintained with the Roads Department and Landscape Department who had always responded quickly to AFCC concerns and observations. The Roads Department, in particular, had responded very effectively despite Covid restrictions.
- A good relationship had been maintained with both halls' committees.
- AFCC was grateful for the continued regular attendance and advice of the local Aberdeenshire councillors.
- AFCC website and Facebook were always up to date and had proved a good way to connect with local residents and beyond.
- AFCC greatly appreciated the regular funding from Brydock and Deuchries windfarms.
- He greatly appreciated the help and support of all the Community Councillors in commenting on and contributing to correspondence with various bodies.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that:

- The accounts (attached as Annex) were distributed to all councillors before the meeting.
- AFCC was on a sound financial footing.
- AFCC should consider contributing to any small local worthwhile projects.
- Approval of the accounts was proposed by Jim Bayne and seconded by Jacky Player.
- The accounts were approved unanimously.

8. **Election of Officers.**

It was proposed by Phil Duffield and seconded by Rhoda Burns that the current officers standing for re-election be elected en bloc.

Chairman – Barbara Foad

Treasurer – Mike Dewhurst

Vice Chairman – Stewart Adams

There were no other nominations.

The officers were elected unanimously.

Secretary – The current Secretary would stand down at the end of the AGM.
There was no application for the post of Secretary.

J Bayne

Secretary

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Alvah & Forglan Community Council

Statement of Income & Expenditure

1st April 2020 - 31st March 2021

Income		Expenditure		
Aberdeenshire Council - Admin Grant	Jun-20	£572.00	1st Banff Boys Brigade (w/teath)	£34.00
Sale of Forglan window unravelling event stock	Dec-20	£60.00	Data Protection fee	£40.00
Deuchries Winfarm Community Fund	Dec-20	£783.52	Purchase of planters	£923.40
			Administrative expenses	£66.29

Total **£1,415.52**

Bank Balance @ 01/04/2020 **£1,722.62**

£3,138.14

Bank Balance @ 31/03/2021

£3,138.14

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

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Signed



05/15/2021

Annex