

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 28th SEPTEMBER 2021
MINUTES

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1. Present

Committee :
Barbara Foad (Chairman)
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)
Stewart Adams (Secretary)
John Burns, Rhoda Burns, Carol Rewston, Caroline Jones, Carol Cox, Helen Bayne, James Bayne

Councillors : None

Others : Andrew Webster

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Doug Hill, Jacky Player, Cllr. Roy (Aberdeenshire Council).

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting on 27th July were agreed by email.

4. Matters Arising.

- **Safety of School Children at Bogton Pick up Point.**
AFCC members John and Rhona Burns agreed to further discussions with concerned parents, will remain a AFCC agenda item, currently awaiting Aberdeenshire Council response from previous notification.

Alistair Miller, senior roads engineer, Aberdeenshire Council advised that:

- **Bus shelter on the B9025** - colleagues in the public transport unit will arrange to visit the site and assess what can be done and will feedback. Update – awaiting Road Team Visitation and assessment report.

5. Election of AFCC Secretary

Stewart Adams was proposed by Mr James Bayne, seconded by Mr Mike Dewhurst, and passed unanimously.

6. Resignation of Mr Phil Duffield

Chairman announced the resignation of Mr Phil Duffield, and paid tribute to his years of service, paying particular attention to his support in surveying the conditions of our local roads.

7. Community Police

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

8. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

- AFCC were informed that 500 bedding plants would be made available from Aberdeenshire Council, a similar number to previous years for distribution in floral arrays. AFCC agreed that they again would be used in floral arrays.
- Carol Rewston raised a point on the nature of future floral displays and to consider areas of environmental improvement. It was proposed that a small number of alternates (3 tubs) be considered and AFCC would assess the general response during 2022.

9. Rural Broadband

Jim Bayne had circulated correspondence with R100 and the web link to the locator would show what premises were to get fibre. He reminded members that residents applying for the £400 voucher to get their application in by the end of the year.

A R100 representative has offered to speak with AFCC in coming months – JB to arrange a date.

Jim Bayne has agreed to remain as the AFCC focal point for Broadband, and will communicate on future correspondence and progress.

10. Deuchries

It was agreed that Deuchries continue to be a standing item on the Community Council agenda to encourage and support future applications for funding. AFCC continue to remind our local groups of the funding support available via the Deuchries initiative.

AFCC would make an application for funding.

Applications for the next round of funding consideration should be submitted by 21st October 2021.

11. Queen's Green Canopy Project

Two local estates have shown earnest interest in supporting this Project. The Chairman and Mr Bayne will continue to hold discussions with both during the autumn.

12. Arts Group

(a) The Chairman reported that:

- The 20/21 AGM was held on 29 August 2021.
- The painting Group would now re-start in the New Year.
- The shows would start again in the New Year.
- There was the possibility of having a show at an outside venue, this is now a focal point as COVID continues to influence performances.
- New committee members were welcomed at the AGM.
- The Art Group would be making an application for Deuchries funding.

13. Planning

- APP/2021/1479 - Planning Permission in Principle for erection of Dwelling house – AFCC have no comment to make on this application.

14. Community Garden

Rhoda Burns has identified potential sites for a community garden in Bogton, Forglen.

No – new updates at this time.

- **A.O.B**

- Aberdeenshire Council Roads Team continue to re-surface roads, repair potholes, and improve drainage within AFCC boundary. AFCC expressed continued thanks to this continued effort.
- James Bayne informed AFCC that a centenary anniversary for Forglen Hall is approaching (2024).
- Chairman Barbara Foad expressed both her and the AFCC's gratitude to Mr James Bayne for his 7 years of devoted service and leadership to AFCC.

16. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on 26th October 2021 at Forglen Hall, commencing 19:00 hours.

Stewart Adams (Secretary)

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