

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
FORGLEN HALL: TUESDAY 28 JUNE 2022
MINUTES

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1. **Present**

Jim Bayne (Vice Chairman)	John Kelly
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Christina Roebuck
Caroline Jones	
Carol Rewston	

In attendance: Cllr. Adams (Aberdeenshire Council), Andrew and Mabel Webster (Friends of Forglen).

2. **Apologies**

Apologies were received from Barbara Foad, Jacky Player, Helen Bayne, Jemima Chillingworth, Doug Hill and Cllr. Cox (Aberdeenshire Council.)

3. **Introduction.**

The Chairman welcomed all and introduced new member, John Kelly.

4. **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the previous AGM held on 29 June 2021 were formally approved by email on 11 July 2021.

5. **Chairman's Report**

Vice Chairman reported on behalf of the Chairman that the Community Action Plan (CAP) had been approved in May 2015 and that his 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 is the most important project for the community council. Team Leader R100 presented the proposals for Alvah and Forglen to AFCC in March this year. The summary was:

- Alvah and Forglen average broadband speed is one of the worst in Scotland.
- The contract for superfast broadband in Alvah and Forglen was awarded to BT in December 2020.
- Households in the contract are to get fibre to the premises.
- Only 50% of households in the area are included in the contract - 170.
- Work was due to commence at end of 2023 and be completed in 2025.

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

- AFCC has placed 56 flower tubs throughout the area.
- Over the past 4 years 12000 bulbs had been planted and the show across the area this year was wonderful.
- AFCC objected to the replacement of the historical and Cat B listed Alvah Church gates with incongruous galvanised steel ones. The gates were replaced by black wrought iron gates but were damaged on installation. After a lengthy delay Aberdeenshire Council had the gates repaired.
- **Restore Derelict Properties.**
 - The conversion of Cat B listed Alvah Church started well but there has been very little progress and the church has continued to deteriorate.
 - AFCC approached the owners but did not get a reply.
 - Aberdeenshire Council then contacted the owners who said that they intend to continue with the conversion.

- **Queen's Platinum Jubilee Green Canopy**

Thanks to generous financial support from Brydock Windfarm and an equally generous offer by Mountblairy Estate for the use of 2.8 acres of land, AFCC planted almost 2000 trees.

- **Introduce Community Policing. Neighbourhood Watch Scheme.**

This is an area where work had yet to start, but AFCC receives the monthly police report. The local police attend the community council when work permits.

- **Make Greater Use of the Halls.**

This was an area of great success before Covid restrictions limited the use of the halls. However, the Arts Group now has 11 active members and intends to re-start the Theatre Nights after September.

6. **Secretary's Report.**

The Secretary reported that:

- Membership had remained constant. AFCC had 15 members, almost all of whom had been members since AFCC was re-established 8 years Ago. There have two recruits this year but lost two councillors as they were elected to Aberdeenshire Council. Currently there were 2 vacancies.
- AFCC had not objected to any planning applications over the past year.
- AFCC were in preliminary contact with the Area Manager regarding the process for establishing a new Community Action Plan.

- 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.
- 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 the Brydock and Deuchries windfarms.

7. **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported that:

- The accounts (attached as Annex) were distributed to all councillors before the meeting.
- Although the accounts showed a balance of almost £10000, the accounting period did not consider outstanding liabilities of over £8000.
- AFCC was on a sound financial footing.

Approval of the accounts was proposed by Carol Rewston and Seconded by Caroline Jones.

The accounts were approved unanimously.

8. **Election of Officers.**

The following members stood for election:

Chairman – Jim Bayne

Secretary – Barbara Foad

Treasurer – Mike Dewhurst

Vice Chairman – Carolyn Cox

There were no other nominations.

It was proposed by Caroline Jones and seconded by Carol Rewston that the current candidates be elected.

The officers were elected unanimously.

The Chairman, on behalf of AFCC, expressed his gratitude to the outgoing chairman for the fantastic job she had done over the past 3 years, particularly in keeping AFCC together through the terrible Covid period. Through emails, Zoom and Secretary's updates and restricted meetings she made sure that AFCC

ran our business as usual.

9 Review of Constitution.

There were no proposals to amend the constitution.

10. Dates of Future Meetings

The dates for the following 12 months were:

26 July 2022	Alvah Hall
27 September 2022	Forglen Hall
25 October 2022	Alvah Hall
29 November 2022	Forglen Hall
20 December 2022	Alvah Hall
31 January 2023	Forglen Hall
28 February 2023	Alvah Hall
28 March 2023	Forglen Hall
25 April 2023	Alvah Hall
30 May 2023	Forglen Hall
27 June 2023	Alvah Hall

J Bayne

Chairman

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Annex

Avon & Foyles Community Council

Statement of income & expenditure

1st April 2021 - 31st March 2022

Income

Aberevenshire Council - Admin Grant
 Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund
 Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund
 South of Brydock Windfarm
 South of Brydock Windfarm

Jul-21 £375.00
 Jul-21 £3,110.44
 Nov-21 £1,728.99
 Dec-21 £429.99
 Mar-22 £7,500.00

Expenditure

Purchase of planters
 Administrative expenses
 Purchase of potting compost
 Purchase of planters
 Friends of Chalmers Hospital
 1 Bent's Boys Bridge (weath)
 AFS subscription

£3,110.44
 £154.98
 £297.00
 £431.30
 £424.99
 £35.50
 £26.00

TOTAL

£13,343.92

£5,484.11

Bank balance @ 01/04/2021

£2,074.45

Bank balance @ 31/03/2022

£9,934.16

£15,418.37

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

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Signed Graeme Watt

Date

07/06/2022

