

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ALVAH PARISH HALL: TUESDAY 26 JULY 2022

MINUTES

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1. Present.

Jim Bayne (Chairman)	Doug Hill
Barbara Foad (Secretary)	John Kelly
Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)	Peter Dow

In attendance: Andrew Webster

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from John Burns, Rhoda Burns, Helen Bayne, Carol Rewston and Cllr Stewart Adam

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 28 June were accepted as a true record.

4. Matters Arising.

There were no matters arising.

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Rural Broadband

Chairman reported that:

- He had circulated the email from Jack Rigby regarding the cost of the Alvah and Forglen lot.
- Jack had not yet met the BT Project Manager but would advise AFCC of further information as it became available.
- He had asked Jack to facilitate a meeting for AFCC with the BT Project Manager.

7. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas.

Carol is currently unwell. Members of the community council advised that red, orange and yellow is a successful colour choice all tubs and thriving and looking splendid. Thanks to Carol, Jim and Rhoda.

8. Arts Group.

Secretary reported that: The Art Club on Fridays in Alvah Hall 1-4 pm is building its membership. This will be closed in August and will start again on the first Friday in September until mid October.

Theatre: The Steptoe and Son Radio Show has been booked for Wednesday 21 September 7.30pm

9. Queen's Green Canopy Update

Secretary report that:

- Her daughter had sprayed the weeds between the trees.
- Her son had donated 500 fleeces to go round the bottom of the trees to suppress weeds and **she needed volunteers to place the fleeces.**
- She and the Chairman inspected the sites recently and the trees were progressing very well.
- A landowner, who had come to the unveiling of the plaque, had offered AFCC 7 acres of woodland in trust for the community.

- The landowner was drawing up the legal aspects for AFCC consideration.
- AFCC would consider the offer and the risks and commitments for AFCC when the legal documents are available.
- It is unlikely that a decision could be made before the end of the year.

10. Community Action Plan

Secretary reported that:

- She and the Chairman has met with the Banffshire Partnership to discuss the initiation of an updated Action Plan.
- Much depended on funding from the Area Manager but a target date of October was set.
- AFCC would have to determine the best way of advertising the event and all proposals were welcomed.
- Secretary is investigating survey tool options with Aberdeenshire Council, for a community survey online to reach as many community members as possible.

11. Any Other Business

(a) Growing Living Greenspaces Initiative.

- Chairman had distributed the Aberdeenshire Council invitation to plant on Aberdeenshire Land within the area.
- The plants, shrubs and trees would be provided by Aberdeenshire Council.
- Any ideas should be circulated within AFCC before making a case for plants.
- Chairman has emailed Aberdeenshire asking for information re council owned land in our area. We have previously asked this with regard to benches and think that they do not have any unused areas within our boundary.

(b) Sustainability of our Online Presence

- Chairman and Secretary to meet Doug Hill

12. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting would be on 27 September at Forglen Hall.

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Secretary
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