

# **ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**

**ALVAH HALL: TUESDAY 27 JUNE 2023**

## **MINUTES**

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### **1. Present.**

Carol Cox (Vice Chairman)

Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)

Barbara Foad (Secretary)

John Kelly, Peter Dow, Doug Hill, Caroline Jones, Jemima Chillingworth Rhoda Burns and John Burns

In attendance: Cllr Stewart Adams, Cllr John Cox and Andrew Webster

### **2. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Jim Bayne (Chairman), Carol Rewston, Helen Bayne, Jackie Player and Cllr Glen Reynolds

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 30 May 2023 were previously approved online.

### **4. Matters Arising.**

There has been no further updates concerning Community Councils' role in Aberdeenshire consultations documents.

### **5. Community Police.**

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

### **6. Rural Broadband.**

Vice Chairman noted that there was nothing to report.

### **7. Planning Applications.**

APP/2023/0056 . It was agreed to make no comment.

### **8. Caledonian Windfarm Consultation.**

The final route will be confirmed in August 2024.

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

Carol Cox collected the annuals from Macduff . Carol Rewston planted 27 tubs for Alvah and Barbara Foad and Rhoda Burns planted the Bogton and Forglen Cemetery Tubs.

Grateful thanks for The Friends of Forglen Hall for taking over the Hall tubs.

The trial of perennials in the tub at Bogton and the tiered planters at the cemetery was successful. Going forward we will plan to plant tubs with the majority as perennials and add in a few colourful annuals such as fuschia, geraniums and begonias.

#### **10 . Wild Flower Areas.**

It was noted that in our area June is the month when we should not mow the cemetery rather than May. The grass was cut at the time the wildflowers were just coming out and by that time the grass was overlong and left a lot of mulch on the surface.

#### **11. Arts Group.**

The next show booked is MenShed on 28 September at Alvah Hall

The Arts Group is waiting for confirmation of booking from Neats of, Myth of the Vikings (children's show) 7/10 at Alvah Hall , Desert Island Flicks 11/11 Alvah Hall and Hebridean Fire Sunday 26 November Forglen Hall 1

#### **12. Green Canopy Update**

Nothing to report

#### **13. Community Ownership Fund: Community Buildings/derelict land**

Secretary to contact the planning department to clarify the planning status of the derelict plot in Bogton.

#### **14. Community Action Plan.**

Vice Chairman reported that there was no update

#### **15. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors**

**The council is seeking feedback on how we access recycling centres in the future i.e.**

Booking or not or a mix. <https://engage.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/embeds/projects/25169/survey-tools/25720>

**Please share survey link widely.**

The Area Initiative's Fund second tranche is now open.

#### **16. Any Questions from Members of the Public.**

None

#### **17. Any other business**

Jemima Chillingworth reported concern that her neighbour recently collapsed ant home and an ambulance took 3 hours to attend. Her neighbour subsequently died. We understand that local ambulances that go into Aberdeen to take a patient to ARI first may be stuck in a queue at A & E but then on the way back are called to patients in Aberdeen or other places on the way leaving our area with no ambulances on a regular basis. Consequently ambulances are then called to us from places like Moray or Inverness.

The secretary is to write to our MP and MSP's to express our concerns.

Given the distance for residents to any A and E i.e. about an hour's drive away in Elgin or Aberdeen, we question the practice of not returning our local ambulances to their base before dispatching them again.

**18. Date of next meeting – 25 JULY 2023 Forglen Hall**

Mike Dewhurst

Treasurer

**Matters Arising**

Derelict plot in Bogton	Secretary to contact planning department.
Concern over ambulance availability	Secretary to write to MP and MSP's.