

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

ALVAH HALL: TUESDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2023

MINUTES

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1. Present.

Carol Cox (Chairman)

Doug Hill (Vice Chair)

Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer)

Barbara Foad (Secretary)

Caroline Jones

In attendance: Cllr Stewart Adam, Andrew Webster

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Cllr John Cox, Jim Bayne, Helen Bayne, Rhoda Burns, Carol Rewston and Jacky Player

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 31 October 2023 were previously approved online.

4. Matters Arising

Derelict Plot at Bogton_ Ongoing

Amenity and Garden Fund – Ongoing

Bogton Noticeboard- Ongoing

Community/ Place Planning- Chairman and secretary to attend online training session about this.

5. Community Police.

The Police were unable to attend due to prior commitments.

6. Rural Broadband.

R100 James Bayne advised by email that Alvah and Forglen would now get full fibre Broadband in 2027.

7. Planning Applications.

APP/2023/2085 and APP/2023/2126; As no residents have raised objections the community council will not comment.

8. Caledonian Windfarm Consultation.

A proposal was received from Whitehill Community Council to work collectively with other community councils in the area affected by the powerline. It was agreed that the secretary will respond stating that we are happy to talk further but will not commit until we know exactly what is proposed.

9. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

No update

10. Wild Flower Areas.

The verge to be scarified by a professional gardener using a scarifier to be hired from Balgownie in Turriff. Expected total cost £80 labour and £36 hire inc vat. Authorisation was given to spend up to £150 if the task takes longer than expected.

11. Community Council Insurance.

The treasurer advised that from April 2024 Aberdeenshire Council will no longer insure collectively, all Community Councils with Zurich Insurance. It will be up to us to source insurance ourselves whilst ensuring that we are getting a competitive price and are adequately insured. Community councilors are asked to think about all the things we currently do that should be covered by insurance. Treasurer to enquire if other insurance companies also offer appropriate cover.

12. Arts Group.

The two shows in the halls in November were enjoyed. Audience numbers are gradually increasing. A children's Show has been booked for 4 February Circus Berzerkus" A Comedy of Errors". We have previously had a show from this company which was real hit with adults and children alike.

13. Community Ownership Fund: Community Buildings/derelict land

Ongoing.

14. Community Action Plan.

Ongoing

16. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors.

There is still money available in the Area Initiatives Fund.

Budget challenges mean that further cuts in local services are likely to be made.

17. Any Questions from Members of the Public.

It was suggested that we investigate the possibility of buying an EE 4G wireless booster that can operate from a mobile phone to get Broadband available for community council meetings use if Alvah Hall committee decide not to install broadband in the hall as previously requested.

The secretary was asked to suggest to Alvah Hall Committee that they install motion sensor lights for the door and carpark. When opening or locking up in the winter it can be very hazardous.

18. Any other business

A new community representative for the Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund Committee. is needed as these must be changed every two years.

This should be someone who uses a hall. Caroline Jones will ask residents who use Forglen Hall to volunteer.

19. Date of next meeting – 19 December 2023 online Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77373429942?pwd=F5JVUHAoYZVBJdMAbiJIUWfsbZNnfW.1>

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

Matters Arising

Derelict plot in Bogton	John Burns to research funding to purchase derelict land.
Community Benefit Caledonian Windfarm. Amenity and garden fund. Proposed Bogton noticeboard. Send details of noticeboard and site to planning department Community Action Planning/Place Planning	Secretary to email Whitehill CC Secretary to submit application for bulbs once it has been approved that we can plant them. Secretary Secretary and Chairman to attend online session.