

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2024 AT FORGLEN HALL

MINUTES

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1. Present.

Doug Hill (Chairman), Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer), Barbara Foad (Secretary)

It is noted that we are sorry to receive the resignation of Jemima Chillingworth and thank her for her work with the community council.

In attendance: Andrew Webster

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from: Carol Cox (Vice Chair), Jacky Player and Cllr Stewart Adam, David Jarvis, Caroline Jones and Peter Dow.

3. Sub-groups. Creation of sub- groups was agreed unanimously. The terms of reference and membership previously circulated by email, was deferred due to the low numbers in attendance

4. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 29 October were previously approved by email.

5. Matters Arising

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard.** Planning options received. Deferred to next meeting for action.
- b) **EE Broadband at Alvah Hall:** Tests show that hybrid meetings are feasible. Once all infrastructure is in place and security is adequate for storage of items we will move to always offer hybrid attendance.
- c) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park-**
Waiting for a response from the Church of Scotland Property department, Ongoing
- d) **Community Benefit from Offshore Windfarms and Renewable Energy**
- e) **Concerns raised about Kirkton of Alvah Church Building.** The situation will be monitored and revisited

6. Community Police

The inadequate content of new Police reports was raised at the Community Council Forum. Other Community councils and Aberdeenshire Councillors have also asked for more details to be included.

7. Rural Broadband. and Digital Voice

Nothing to report about National policy except rollout completion date for the Alvah area is now stated to be June 2028.

8. Planning Applications.

APP/2024/1812- Caledonia Offshore Wind Farm onshore cables. Doug Hill to lead after completing submission to Scottish Govt around Consent for Electricity Infrastructure due 31/11/24. Barbara Foad offered to read the mitigation chapter.

APP/2024/1797; Upper Mains of Rosieburn, Alvah. The Community Council will not comment.

9. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

The Secretary has contacted Aberdeenshire Council to ask when the reinstatement of the wildflower verge will take place. To date, no response.

10. Arts Group.

Hancock's Half Hour on 20 November was cancelled due to the ice and snow.

The Snow Queen (for children) in Forglen Hall on Saturday 14 December 2024 at 2.00 pm

11. Community Ownership Fund: Community Buildings/derelict land

The secretary has received a response from the Area Manager about the concerns raised about Alvah Church. The email will be forwarded to John Pirie in case the Area manager does not pass this to him.

12. Community Action Plan / Place Plan

The secretary has emailed Duncan Leece and Elaine Cunningham to ask for a date In Spring 2025.

No reply to date.

13.Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors

None

14 Questions from Members of the Public

None

15 Any other business

The Chair spoke to Brian Wilkie of Whitehills CC at the Community Council Forum. He subsequently sent him an email re collaboration of community councils on the Ocean Winds Caledonia cable route.

Andrew Webster asked that the Arts Group arrange to book a local singer at Forglen Hall through NEAT Shows. We advised that the singer should contact NEAT shows directly.

17. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 17 December Online with a glass of wine and a mince pie, Secretary to cancel Alvah Hall booking.

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

ACTIONS

Community Benefit Caledonian Windfarm	Ongoing.
Bogton Noticeboard	Deferred
Community Action Planning	Secretary to chase up contact with Duncan Leece and Elaine Sinclair for a date in 2025 Done 3/11/24 ongoing
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to contact Church of Scotland. Done 3/11/24 ongoing
Signatories for the community council bank account	Ongoing
Alvah Church	Secretary to forward feedback to John Pirie. Secretary to Contact Bell Ingram, Inverness to register AFCC interest in the property. Done 3/11/24 Ongoing
Wildflowers verge at Forglen Cemetery	Ongoing