

# ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 29 APRIL 2025 AT ALVAH HALL

## MINUTES

Website: [www.alvahforglencc.wordpress.com](http://www.alvahforglencc.wordpress.com)

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### 1. Present.

Doug Hill (Chairman), Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer), Barbara Foad (Secretary), Caroline Jones and Peter Dow

In attendance: Helen Bayne, Andrew Webster

Due to a power cut affecting the whole of Alvah the online meeting could not go ahead. Apologies to anyone who was unable to connect.

### Apologies

Apologies received from: Cllr John Cox, Carol Cox and Jacky Player

Cllr Stewart Adams

### 2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting of 25 March were previously approved by email.

### 3. Matters Arising

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard.** Ongoing
- b) **Broadband in the halls.** Due to an area power cut this could not go ahead. Should this ever occur again the secretary will immediately send out an email to those invited to attend. The Chairman will investigate the viability of a battery pack to use in this event and discuss with the hall any options the hall might have to address such an issue.
- c) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park-**The secretary has received the outcome of the search of the Land Registers of Scotland. The whole of the car park is owned by Aberdeenshire Council. It was agreed that the secretary should forward the search results to the Area Manager and Heads of Landscape and Amenity Services, Alexandra Kemple and ????. AFCC feels that a fence to define the boundaries of the carpark and prevent ingress of soil from the adjacent fields and turning of farm vehicles on the surface is necessary. This should allow for a right of way at the Northern, Church Glebe end of the car park for the farmer to access the Western glebe field. The hardstanding area should be either scraped back and covered with scalplings. Or tarmaced. If budget pressures mean that Aberdeenshire Council cannot foresee this work being done in the near future AFCC would like permission to undertake the project with local contractors should we be able to secure sufficient grant funding.
- d) **Kirkton of Alvah Church Building – No update. The secretary will check with .** Shaun Norman
- e) **Sub-groups. Community Benefit sub-** Community Benefit: Moray East Wind Farm. It was agreed that AFCC will challenge the decision of Aberdeenshire Council officers to use the community benefit vehicle adopted by Banff and Buchan as the Coastal Communities Fund. As an area specifically affected by disruption from this development we will be prevented from making applications to this fund that are not specifically linked to the coast and sea. This is unacceptable to AFCC. Secretary to write to the Area Managers Office and copy in Local councillors. The Chair to also make representation to Aberdeenshire Council.
- f) **Deveron Footpath Project.** Secretary to contact the rights of way officer for help and guidance, Forgelin Estate and Turriff and District CC have not replied to emails yet. It is

noted that the footpath starts at Forglen Cemetery Car Park and proceeds to the Deveron Bridge so is integral to our plans as a place to park to begin the walk beside the river.

#### **5. Rural Broadband. and Digital Voice**

None

#### **6.Planning Applications:**

None

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

The contents of the Alvah tubs were discussed. There is a healthy growth of Toadfax at present. The Chair will wait to see if anything else comes up.

#### **8. Arts Group.**

25 May 7pm 'Fit Ya Sayin quine?' Alvah Hall. One Woman Doric Show that was at the Edinburgh Fringe in 2024 and had good reviews.

We will review the situation in June to determine if the group is viable in its current form.

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

Nothing to report

#### **11.Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors**

None

#### **12. Questions from Members of the Public**

Helen Bayne requested that the gates at Alvah Church should be made an essential repair by Aberdeenshire Council as they had undertaken to maintain these replacements for the wrought iron heritage gates that were erroneously removed by Aberdeenshire Council. Also, that the paint on the adjacent seat be scraped off if it cannot be repainted as it is a splinter hazard.

Andrew Webster requested clarification on the designation of the Deveron Valley Special Landscape Area. AFCC understands that this is a fundamental part of the Local Development Plan, the LDP. There has been a designation in place since the 1950's. This was reviewed and the Special Landscape Area replaced that. The designation relates purely to planning considerations.

#### **13. Any other business**

#### **.14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 27 MAY FORGLEN HALL**

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council









## **ACTIONS**

Community Benefit Caledonian Windfarm	Ongoing
Bogton Noticeboard	Caroline Jones to speak to Householders
Alvah Church	Secretary to email Shaun Norman
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to write to Amenities and Landscape services
Deveron side walk	Secretary to contact rights of way officer
Wildflowers verge at Forglen Cemetery	Ongoing
Alvah Church seat by War memorial needs painting	Secretary to contact Landscape services again
Coastal Communities Fund	Secretary to write to Area Manager , copied to three local Cllrs. Chaire to write to CEO and others