

# ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 24 JUNE 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), Carol Cox (Vice Chair), Barbara Foad (Secretary), Caroline Jones and Peter Dow- Resignation of David Jarvis was accepted. Secretary to email David to thank him for letting us know.

In attendance: Andrew Webster and Cllr Stewart Adams.

### **Apologies**

Apologies received from: Cllr John Cox and Jacky Player

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of 27 May were previously approved by email.

### **3. Matters Arising**

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard.** Ongoing
- b) **Broadband in the halls.** Working well - item to be deleted from the Agenda.
- c) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park-** Doug Hill and Barbara Foad met Ken Regan of Aberdeenshire Council to discuss the options for resurfacing the Forglen Cemetery Car Park also in attendance was David Stephen the neighbouring landowner. Mr Regan will liaise with the roads department to agree a suitable geotextile mat and chippings surface and any drainage requirements and any fencing and gates required.. Mr Stephen requested that a stone drain be constructed down the side of the cemetery to the south end of the park. Mr Regan advised that were this to happen that the maintenance of the drain would fall to the landowner. Mr Regan assured AFCC that by contributing to the cost of the car park surface that AFCC would not be coming liable for any future maintenance or replacement.  
AFCC requested that Aberdeenshire council's legal department assist with establishing the actual cemetery car park boundary. AFCC has undertaken a land registry search and purchased deeds but none of these have any maps. The only map we have was provided by the church of Scotland and varies from MR Stephen's understanding of his land ownership.  
AFCC would like Aberdeenshire council to suggest a suitable fence and gate system to protect the new surface from heavy machinery and ensure public safety from livestock straying.
- d) **Kirkton of Alvah Church Building – No update.**
- e) **Sub-groups. Community Benefit sub-** Community Benefit: Moray East Wind Farm. Ongoing. Cllr Stewart Adams suggested that we ask Paul Macari of Aberdeenshire Council to send an officer to explain to us how we can ensure that we receive the community benefit funds that we should receive given the disruption w the area suffered when the cable was installed across Alvah. Secretary to follow up.

**DWFCF Website-** was unanimously approved for release. Thanks to Doug Hill for his hard work and time constructing and populating this. We understand that Kevin Stearman of DWFCF is in agreement and we are just waiting for ADCA to approve as well.

**Deveron Footpath Project.** Secretary contacted Peter Coldwell environment project officer but to date has had no reply. The secretary will follow this up.

- f) **Rural Broadband. and Digital Voice** Current expected date for Digital voice now January 2027

**5. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance –** Current £2,700 available funds

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

- APP/2025/0841 Site Address: UMS Flowell Assets Ltd South Bogton, Forglen, Turriff, AB53 4LA Full Planning Permission for Erection of Dry Storage Canopy (Class 6) E.367459 N.851182: Ongoing
- APP/2025/0889 Gawns Moss, Banff, Prior Notification for Erection of Agricultural Building for Straw Storage E.363530 N.858471: Approved
- APP/2025/0916 Gawns Moss Farm, Banff, Aberdeenshire, AB45 3BS Prior Notification for Erection of Agricultural Machine Store E.363530 N.858471: Approved
- The Solar Farm at Brownside Farm has been approved

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

Compliments to everyone who manages the tubs which are looking lovely. Additional perennial plants will be discussed later in the year.

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

Will circulate the next show menu to all the community council to try to better choose shows that the public will attend. There will be an AGM in the autumn to review the future of the Arts Group. If anyone wants to join the committee to take this forward please contact the AFCC Secretary.

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

Nothing to report

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

Cllr Adams advised that the sheltered housing review will be out later in June. There will be some rationalisation of early learning centers due to changing demographics of the population. The IJB, dealing with social care, is also changing how they deliver some services to become more efficient.

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

Andrew Webster asked for a list of the names of Community Councillors to display on the noticeboard at the halls. He advised that not everyone could access the website or Facebook page. Secretary to discuss what is usual and whether names and secretary's email is sufficient.

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

None

### **.14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 29 JULY FORGLEN HALL** Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

## **ACTIONS**

Community Benefit Caledonian Windfarm	Ongoing – Secretary to email Paul Macari to arrange a speaker about how we can ensure we receive community benefit funds
Community Benefit Moray East Wind Farm/ Coastal Communities Fund	Ongoing - Dittoo
Bogton Noticeboard	Caroline Jones to speak to Householders
Alvah Church	Shaun Norman to check with Landscape Ongoing
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to respond to Ken Regan email and forward all maps , searches and deed regarding Forglen Cemetery
Deveronside walk	Secretary to contact rights of way officer to arrange online meeting
Wildflowers verge at Forglen Cemetery	Ongoing
Names of Community Councillors on noticeboards	Secretary to check what should be shown with Heather McKay/ Area Manager's Office.