

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 27 MAY 2025 AT FORGLEN HALL

MINUTES

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1. Present.

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

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

Apologies

Apologies received from: Jacky Player

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

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

3. Matters Arising

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard.** Ongoing
- b) **Broadband in the halls.** Working well but some loss of sound during this meeting.
- c) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park-**The secretary has ordered deeds for the Southern end of the car park which have shown again that this is still owned by Sir George Abercromby. The secretary has been in touch with the grandsons, one of whom is responsible for the mausoleum who advise there are no longer any trustees of Sir George's estate. They will write to advise that they agree to the car park being resurfaced and have no interest in the carpark land. David Stephen, the tenant of the glebe lands and owner of land adjacent to the southern car park area stated that his grandfather had given some land for the car park but he had no knowledge of where the boundaries are. Mr Stephen has access across the north end to access the glebe lands but requires access also across the south to access his owned land now incorporated into one field on the west of the car park. He would disagree with a fence and gates being erected as this would make it difficult to access his land.
The secretary has received an email from Heather McKay at Aberdeenshire Council. She advises that Ken Regan from Landscape services confirms that Forglen Cemetery car park is maintained by Landscape Services, but they have no money for improvements or repairs but if the community wants to investigate funding options, then revert to them for approval a porous surface would be preferable. It was agreed that we ask Ken Regan and Alistair Millar for a site visit to which David Stephen be invited to agree what surface we should get costings for and what types of fencing might be considered. Secretary to email Ken Regan and Alistair Millar to arrange the meeting.
- d) **Kirkton of Alvah Church Building – No update.** The secretary has checked with Shaun Norman who will chase up Landscape services about the test digging for the sewage treatment plant. Ken Regan has asked Philip to assess the damage to the gates.
- e) **Sub-groups. Community Benefit sub-** Community Benefit: Moray East Wind Farm. Ongoing.
Deveron Footpath Project. Secretary contacted the rights of way officer and has a response from Peter Coldwell environment project officer, who is working on the Aberdeenshire Coast Path who is happy to assist with our proposal to develop a path from

Bridge of Alvah through the estate to Banff. He requests a meeting to explain what he can do to assist in the process of path development. Secretary to arrange an online meeting.

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

5. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance – Current £2,800 available funds

6. Planning Applications: APP/2025/0705 Agricultural storage shed Sandlaw, Alvah

7. Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

Forglen Cemetery tubs moved. All well. Bogton tubs have been weeded and nasturtiums added. Alvah tubs will be left as they are for this year.

8. Arts Group.

Our last show booked for this year was 25 May 7pm 'Fit Ya Sayin quine?' Alvah Hall. Lovely show but very poor turn out

We will review the situation on 9 June to determine if the group is viable in its current form.

9. Community Ownership Fund: Community Buildings/derelect land

Nothing to report

11. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors

Cllr Cox advised that some planned closures of sheltered housing may be reconsidered due to the emotional impact on residents and families. Continuing problems with the Council budget. There are limited capital funds. The only tender for Pterhead's new school was withdrawn . Only essential work is being undertaken

12. Questions from Members of the Public

None

13. Any other business

David Jarvis has not attended seven successive meetings, and we have heard nothing from him. Secretary to email checking there is no reason for this and ask for attendance, resignation or he will be disqualified.

Mike Dewhurst attended The Community Council Forum on 21 May at Crudie School. He distributed fliers about 'Ask Boyndie' a service to help those in need by connecting them with someone who can help.

.14. Date of next meeting Tuesday 24 JUNE ALVAH HALL Following the AGM

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

ACTIONS

Community Benefit Caledonian Windfarm	Ongoing
Community Benefit Moray East Wind Farm/ Coastal Communities Fund	Ongoing
Bogton Noticeboard	Caroline Jones to speak to Householders
Alvah Church	Shaun Norman to check with Landscape/ Ken Regan- Gates
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to write to Roads, Landscape services and David Stephen
Deveronside walk	Secretary to contact rights of way officer to arrange online meeting
Wildflowers verge at Forglen Cemetery	Ongoing