

## ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2025 AT ALVAH HALL

### MINUTES

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#### 1. **Present**

Doug Hill (Chairman), Carol Cox (Vice Chair), Barbara Foad (Secretary), Caroline Jones and Peter Dow

In attendance: Cllr Stewart Adam , Cllr John Cox and Andrew Webster

#### 2. **Apologies**

Apologies received from: Mike Dewhurst and Jacky Player

#### 3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 29 July 2025 were previously circulated by email and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Carol Cox and seconded by Doug Hill and unanimously agreed.

#### 4. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard:** Ongoing.
- b) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park:** Ongoing.
- c) **Kirton of Alvah Church:** Ongoing.
- d) **Sub-groups: Community Benefit:** Ongoing. Chair to be part of a subgroup with council officers to discuss the way forward.
- e) **Details of AFCC members to display in the hall noticeboards.** All details are available in the hall noticeboards and inside the halls.

5. **Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance:** there is currently GBP 2,6136 available

6. **Rural Broadband and Digital Voice:** No update on the roll-out.

#### 7. **Planning Applications.**

APP/2025/1407 Site Address: UMS Flowell Assets LTD, South Bogton, Forglen, Turriff, AB53 4LA, Applicant: UMS Flowell Full Planning Permission for Erection of Industrial Building (Class 5) E.367459 N.851126

APP/2025/1516 Site Address: Turfhill House, Forglen, Turriff, AB53 4LR Listed Building Consent for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse, E.366800 N.851753

The Community Council will not comment on either application.

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

The bulbs that have been ordered for planting at the Forglen Cemetery have not yet arrived. Once they have the secretary will advise Greenspace at Aberdeenshire Council.

### **Agreement of AFCC Policy on Flower tubs' management, ownership and content in the future.**

**Background:** In previous years Aberdeenshire Council provided annual bedding plants for the tubs FOC. This is no longer the case. We seek to establish a policy to ensure fairness and consistency in management of the tubs.

In future years the Community Councils expenditure of the administrative grant will be strictly assessed based on the criteria of, 1. Accommodation Costs, 2. Insurance, 3. Stationary/Printing, 4. Website Costs 5. Relevant software, virtual meeting platforms, office suites, storage, 6. IT Hardware, 7. Secretary/Treasurer Honoraria, 8. Storage.

AFCC could not fund flower tubs directly from the annual admin grant but could do so from current bank balance funds or via sponsorship from local firms or funds.

AFCC has approx. 37-40 tubs of which 24 are outside residents houses in Alvah, Mountblairy and Bogton, maintained by them, the remainder are at the two halls and the graveyards.

**Funding.** It was agreed that AFCC should not use its current bank balance to fund the tubs as there are already many calls on these funds (Proposed by Barbara Foad an Seconded by Doug Hill vote unanimous)

It was also agreed that in future we seek funding/sponsorship for this purpose from other sources for specific categories of tub placement. This will depend on tub ownership and siting.

### **Ownership of Tub**

It was agreed to transfer ownership of the tubs to the hall committees for the life of the tub if they remain in public view. (Proposed by Barbara Foad Seconded by Doug Hill Carried unanimously).

Tubs at the roadside will remain in the ownership of **AFCC** and should be in public view for the lifetime of the tub. AFCC will not fund the contents.

Tubs at the cemeteries: These are the only tubs that we will fund. We will research the average cost of plants for a tub and offer an annual grant per tub to organisations who have adopted them. i.e. Forglen Hall has taken over those at Forglen Cemetery.

## **9. Arts Group.**

The menu to choose shows for 2026 will be circulated by Caroline Jones. Please make your suggestions to Caroline asap.

**10. Convention of Community Councils** representing the North-East of Scotland to discuss concerns over renewable energy projects and major energy infrastructure in Aberdeenshire, Angus and Aberdeen City. Secretary to email to request online

attendance. If this is not possible, we cannot attend but support the objectives of the Convention.

**11. Community Benefit Funding: Solar Farm.** When does this apply?

Secretary to email Pippa at aurora planning. Jim Jenkinson stated at the AFCC presentation that they would open dialogue with us as soon as planning was granted.

**12. Campaign for better Funding share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian** (Appendix 1)

A motion was made by the secretary and seconded by the chairmen that we agree with the objectives of this paper and offer our wholehearted support, This was agreed unanimously

**13. Community Ownership Fund: Community Buildings/derelict land**

**14. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors:** Snow Wardens will be required if we wish to ask for grit for the roads and paths going forward. Peter Dow volunteered to be our warden. Secretary to contact the Area Manager to ask for a map of our grit bins as several that we know of have disappeared and we usually have just heaps of grit. We would like to review their placement to ensure that going forward we are adequately supplied.

**15. Any Questions from Members of the public:** None

**16. Any other Business** None

**17. Date of next meeting**

Tuesday 28 October 2025 at Forglen Hall

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

## **ACTIONS**

Bogton Noticeboard	Ongoing
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Ongoing
Kirkton of Alvah Church	Ongoing
Sub-groups: Community Benefit	The Chair to attend meeting by MS Teams
Convention of Community Councils	Secretary to email to ask for online access and support objectives
Details of AFCC members to display in noticeboard	Resolved and displayed
Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas	Caroline Jones to research bulb planters - ongoing
Deveronside walk	Jacky Player to contact the Secretary-ongoing
Community Benefit Funding: Solar Farm.	Secretary to email Pippa at Aurora Planning to request timescale to open discussions around community benefit.
Campaign for better Funding share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian	Secretary to email our support and email Karen Adams MSP to request that this inequality be addressed and point out the impact on our community.