

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER 2025

ONLINE ONLY

MINUTES

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1. Present

Doug Hill (Chairman), Carol Cox, Mike Dewhurst, Barbara Foad (Secretary), and Caroline Jones

In attendance: Cllr John Cox and Andrew Webster

Apologies

Apologies received from: Jacky Player was trying unsuccessfully to join the meeting

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2025 were previously circulated by email and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Mike Dewhurst and seconded by Doug Hill and unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard:** Ongoing.
- b) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park:** Secretary has sent an email to Kenneth Regan again to chase up establishing the legal boundaries and a specification for resurfacing and a quote. This is needed by January 2026 so that we can apply to Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund in March 2026. The secretary has to date had no reply. Secretary to send another email to Ken Regan on this matter and copy in all three local councillors.
- c) **Kirton of Alvah Church:** Ongoing but maintain attention on any developments.
- d) **Sub-groups: Community Benefit:** The Chair attended further meetings. Reid Hutchison is preparing a draft statement for circulation. The sub group is laying the groundwork for future actions and making steady progress.
- e) **Community Councils Campaign for better Funding Share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian:** The community council agreed to endorse and support the campaign for better funding share. Proposed by Barbara Foad seconded by Doug Hill. Secretary to send our endorsement.
- f) **Convention of Community Councils Electricity Infrastructure;** The North East Convention of Community Councils (NESCC) circulated a 'Unified statement of the NECC' for our endorsement in which it calls on the Scottish Government which recognised the impact of climate change and the need for transition to renewable energy. NESCC does not accept that the industrialisation of the Northeast of Scotland is necessary or represents a Just Transition. Also that community consultation and engagement are inadequate and local democracy is being overridden. NESCC calls on the Scottish Parliament to 1. Pause all major applications and pending decisions, given the impact upon our communities, until a clear National Energy Strategy is in place and social, environmental and economic

impact assessments are undertaken. 2. Establish an Independent Commission to examine the cumulative impact of all major renewable energy infrastructure developments, including transmission, storage and generation, with all ancillary infrastructure, on our communities, landscape and regional economy. 3. Develop a cohesive National Energy Strategy for energy generation and storage and transmission, in full meaningful consultation with communities across Scotland, with clearly defined pragmatic targets and spatial planning.'

There followed a discussion that decided that whilst having reservations on how successful some demands could be that we broadly endorse what is being called for. Note that there is no mention of community benefit. They should change the policy to this being mandatory rather than voluntary. Also that ordinary people are paying to build an infrastructure for a private company.

The motion to support was proposed by Barbara Foad and seconded by Mike Dewhurst and carried by a majority.

- g) **Grit Bins** Chairman to determine the GPS coordinates of missing bins and secretary to request that they are replaced.

4. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance: Current balance £2860 plus annual administration budget of £724 to be spent on admin only. The community council will be reimbursed for costs evidenced as spent.

The new signatories to the bank account have finally been approved using paper applications.

5. Rural Broadband and Digital Voice: None

6. Planning Applications.

1. APP/2025/1914 Site Address: Gledsgreen, Banff, AB45 3BS Applicant: J A Gammie c/o Shand Building Design Limited, The Cabin, 1 Hilton Park, Hilton, Banff, AB45 3AP Prior Notification for Erection of Forestry Machinery Maintenance Building

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The community council endorses the view of the council that there should be compensatory tree planting for 1,000 square metres of tree removal Proposed by Doug Hill and seconded by Mike Dewhurst.

7 Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

Letters to Halls re terms and conditions of tub ownership.

Response received from Friends of Forglen Hall accepting terms and conditions.

8. Arts Group.

We have been offered two shows The Sorries (Proclaimers tribute band) Sunday 10 May 2026 7pm Forglen Hall and 'Just Like That' (Tommy Cooper tribute) Thursday 19 March 2026 7pm Alvah Hall.

11. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr Cox The council has had a significant overspend as has the Health Board. There is a crisis of food security for local working people creating large demand on local food banks.

12. Any Questions from Members of the public: None

13. Any other Business Secretary advised we have been offered free door stickers stating that cold callers are not welcome. Secretary to order 200 to be left in the halls for anyone who wants one for themselves of a vulnerable neighbour. Caroline Jones agreed that Forglen Hall would be happy to take them .

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 27 JANUARY at 2026 ALVAH HALL 7 pm

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

ACTIONS

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| Bogton Noticeboard | Ongoing |
| Forglen Cemetery Car Park | Secretary to email Ken Regan again copy in three local Cllrs 6/1/26 |
| Kirkton of Alvah Church | Ongoing: Watching brief |
| Sub-groups: Community Benefit | The Chair to attend meetings by MS Teams |
| Campaign for better Funding share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian WECC | Ongoing Secretary to email WECC to agree our support for Funding campaign 6/1/26 |
| NECC | Secretary to email our endorsement of Energy Infrastructure Statement 6/1/26 |
| Deveronside walk | Jacky Player to contact the Secretary-ongoing |
| Community Benefit Funding: Solar Farm. | Ongoing see sub-group above |