

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 25 NOVEMBER 2025 AT ALVAH HALL

MINUTES

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1. **Present**

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

In attendance: Cllr Stewart Adam and Andrew Webster

Apologies

Apologies received from: None

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 28 October were previously circulated by email and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Caroline Jones and seconded by Doug Hill and unanimously agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard:** Ongoing.
- b) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park:** Secretary to email 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.
- c) **Kirton of Alvah Church:** Ongoing. Secretary to email Bell Ingram to re-state our interest in the building.
- d) **Sub-groups: Community Benefit:** The Chair attended an MS Teams meeting on 1 October. It was agreed that three further Community Council representatives are needed so that there is one for each geographical area in Aberdeenshire. A further meeting will be held in December 2025. This will inform our negotiations for any future community Benefit in Alvah and Forglen.
- e) **Convention of Community Councils Electricity Infrastructure; ongoing**
Community Councils Campaign for better Funding Share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian: the Chair of AFCC attended the Initial meeting to discuss the Issue of disparity of funding to Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian online on Monday 24 November 2025. A PowerPoint presentation was circulated by email to community council members. Westhill and Elrick CC have researched the historic Grant Aided Expenditure (GAE) underfunding Aberdeenshire Council of NHS Grampian National Resource Committee Allocation (NRAC). Across Scotland Local Authority Budgets are made up of different elements including (GAE) and Council tax typically 20%) The average GAE per head of the population is £2,973. Aberdeenshire Council receives just £2,813 (94.7% or £160 per head less than average across Scotland) Aberdeenshire population is 264,320 so funding is £42,000,000 less than average. Grampian Health Board Funding comes from the NRAC considering population, age, morbidity and life-circumstances, geography and service cost variations. The

average allocation across Scotland is £2,583. Grampian Health Board receives £2,300 per head of the population or £285 per head less than the average or £165,000,000 per annum, or £450,000 per day. If it received the average this would cover the current deficit with money over

f) **Letters to Halls re terms and conditions of tub ownership.**

Response from Alvah Hall agreeing terms and conditions.

Friends of Forglen requested the specification of the number of the tubs. The three tall three-tiered planter to be counted as two tubs each. There are three tubs at the hall and nine at Forglen cemetery, The tall tubs (6) plus three barrel planters, so a total of 12. Secretary to amend the letter and resend.

- g) **Grit Bins** The secretary requested a better map but was just resent the original which shows only one grit bin in our area. It was agreed that there used to be a grit bin at the junction of the Bogton road and the B9025 also one on the hill to Bogton from that road and one at the crossroads of the Bogton road with Penelopefield road. Also one at the Junction of Penelopefield Road and the B9025. In order to communicate this to the council we need to get the GPS coordinates to add to their spreadsheet. Can anyone help with this please? Should we adopt these bins in future we need to complete a long form and would then be responsible for the cost of the grit and the snow warden for ensuring it is ordered and spread.

4. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance: £2,493

5. Rural Broadband and Digital Voice: None

6. Planning Applications.

None.

7 Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

The bulbs were planted on the verge at Forglen Cemetery by the Secretary and her daughter at the beginning of November 2025

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 Forglen Hall.

11.Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr Stewart Adam advised that streetlights will be fitted with timers and turned off from 1 am to 5 am to save money.

The demographics of Aberdeenshire continue to change as more young people leave the area.

12.Any Questions from Members of the public: None

13.Any other Business In the January meeting council members are invited to bring their laptops for troubleshooting workshop re using MS and MS teams in meetings and document storage,

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 16 December 2025 ONLINE ONLY

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglan Community Council

ACTIONS

Bogton Noticeboard	Ongoing
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to email Ken Regan again 27/11.25
Kirkton of Alvah Church	Ongoing : secretary to email Bell Ingram to confirm continued interest
Sub-groups: Community Benefit	The Chair to attend meeting by MS Teams
Convention of Community Councils	Ongoing Secretary to email WECC to agree our support for Funding campaign
Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas	Secretary to email letter to Friends of Forglen Hall secretary with number of tubs. 27/11/25 the terms of reference of AFCC tubs
Deveronside walk	Jacky Player to contact the Secretary- ongoing
Community Benefit Funding: Solar Farm.	Ongoing see sub group above
Campaign for better Funding share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian	Ongoing see sub group above.