

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2026

AT ALVAH PARISH HALL

MINUTES

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1. **Present**

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

In attendance: Andrew Webster and Cllr Stewart Adams

Apologies

Apologies received from: Jacky Player and Cllr John Cox

2 **Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting held on 27 January 2026 were previously circulated by email and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Mike Dewhurst and seconded by Caroline Jones and unanimously agreed.

3. **Matters Arising**

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard:** Caroline Jones has spoken to the Homeowners in the vicinity including Lesley Chapman who are pleased to have a noticeboard. Secretary to email planning to confirm if planning permission is necessary for it.
- b) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park:** Chair advises that we have 4-6 weeks left to apply to Deuchries Windfarm Community Fund. Secretary to contact Ken Regan for quotes and updates. Secretary to share the application for funding for the two existing noticeboards with the chair. Secretary to request a key to the existing Aberdeenshire noticeboard at the cemetery gate so that we can clean it and perhaps post Community Council notices of relevance.
- c) **Kirton of Alvah Church:** Ongoing but maintain attention on any developments.
- d) **Sub-groups: Community Benefit:** The Chair advised that there had not been any change to planned meetings. The chair has been to other community benefit events. He advises that there is to be a change in the community benefit amount generated from £100 to £1000 per MW and for battery storage but it is unclear whether this is standalone batteries only or those associated with generating sites...more than the £500 we have been offered for the solar farm. Plus £150 per MW.
Chair advised of a one day seminar on community planning on MS Teams if anyone wanted to attend.
- e) **Community Councils Campaign for better Funding Share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian:** Alexander Burnett MSP has had a motion granted to discuss a Fairer share of Funding for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian. Here is link to detail of the Motion
<https://www.parliament.scot/chamber-and-committees/votes-and-motions/S6M-20268>

This was considered in the Scottish Parliament on 19 February 2026. Ongoing.

- f) **Grit Bins** Two piles of grit have arrived in Bogton. Secretary to email the Comms address asking about the possibility of some grit bins having been removed and not replaced over some years being replaced now. Bogton would like a grit bin rather than piles of grit.

Residents are reminded that they are entitled to three bags of grit per annum from Aberdeenshire Council. The depot at Markethill, Turriff currently has stock.

- g) **Sponsorship** Muirden Farms to be contacted regarding sponsorship for the new defibrillator batteries that will soon be required as they previously sponsored these. We will be requiring sponsors for other defibrillator consumables: The graveyard flower tubs in Alvah and Forglen
Possible businesses to be approached Maxwell Farms. Floweell, Forglen Estate, Mountblairy Estate.

4. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance: £3220

5. Rural Broadband and Digital Voice: None

6. Planning Applications.

App/2026/0102, Newton Croft, Alvah. The community council will not comment.

7 Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

Nothing to report. A discussion will be scheduled to agree an amount to pay to pay for churchyard tubs at Alvah and Forglen being an equal amount to both. Ongoing

8. Arts Group.

The next show is 'Just Like That' (Tommy Cooper tribute) Thursday 19 March 2026 7pm
Tickets £12

9. Community Action Plan

The Chair has contacted Planning Aid several times to find out projected costs for work related to our Community Action Plan. They have not yet replied. If we do not get an idea of what they can do for what cost we might apply to Deuchies Wind Farm Community Fund for a printer, ink and paper to produce our own mailings and fliers. We need to prioritise what we apply for to this source of funding.

The chair will attend a one day workshop/seminar/discussion via ZOOM

- 10. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors:** Cllr Adams told us to expect a 10% rise in council tax. The details of the budget to be announced on 26 February 2026. Questions were asked about the reliability of Stagecoach buses to the area. Stagecoach is not advising when buses are cancelled. The chair will put a link to a realtime map of the buses so people waiting can see if their bus is in transit. Cllr Adams advised of the possibility of a new company with an electric bus providing a bus on the A947 if they can secure suitable charging station in Macduff. We are to expect a walk-in GP Centre somewhere in Aberdeenshire soon

11. Any Questions from Members of the public: The total funds available from The deuchries Wind Farm Community Fund is £60,000. Concern was expressed on the number of larger projects based in Aberchirder which have used up large parts of the funds meaning that smaller projects in Alvah and Forglen have missed out.

12. The public were advised that Alvah and Forglen will be applying for 50-60% of the total available this year. The table of awards is available on the afcc.uk page and our facebook page if you go to the post of 22/1/2026 you can see a summary of all previous awards.

13. Any other Business

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 31 MARCH at 2026 ALVAH HALL 7 pm

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglen Community Council

ACTIONS

Bogton Noticeboard	Secretary to check planning requirements. Chair to prepare funding application for the board and erection.
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to email Ken Regan again copy in three local Cllrs Ask for key to cemetery noticeboard to clean it.
Kirkton of Alvah Church	Ongoing: Watching brief
Sub-groups: Community Benefit	The Chair to attend workshop/seminar/discussion visa ZOOM
Campaign for better Funding share for Aberdeenshire Council and NHS Grampian WECC	Ongoing
NECC	Ongoing
Deveronside walk	Jacky Player to contact the Secretary-ongoing
Community Benefit Funding: Solar Farm.	Ongoing see sub-group above
Access to Planning Officers	Chair to email Area Manager and copy in Local Councillor
Grit Bins	Secretary to email to check if bins can be replaced.