

ALVAH AND FORGLEN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 31 MARCH 2026

AT ALVAH PARISH HALL

MINUTES

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1. Present

Doug Hill (Chairman), Carolyn Cox (Vice Chair), Mike Dewhurst (Treasurer), Barbara Foad (Secretary)

In attendance: Andrew Webster, David Stephen, Cllr John Cox James Bayne and Helen Bayne

Apologies

Apologies received from: Caroline Jones, Jacky Player and Peter Dow.

2 Minutes of Previous Meeting.

The minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2026 were previously circulated by email and approved at the meeting. Proposed by Barbara Foad and seconded by Mike Dewhurst and unanimously agreed.

3. Matters Arising

- a) **Bogton Noticeboard:** The Secretary has started an application in the online planning portal for advertisement consent for the noticeboard. The supporting documents have not yet been uploaded. The estimated cost will be in the region of £2000 and application will be submitted to The Deuchries Wind Farm Community Fund for this amount.
- b) **Forglen Cemetery Car Park:** The secretary has not received a reply from Ken Regan regarding the costings and boundaries of the car park. This means we are too late to apply for funding this year. The Secretary to repeat the request for 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. It was also requested that a key be obtained for Alvah Cemetery noticeboard so that can also be cleaned inside.
- c) **Kirton of Alvah Church:** Ongoing but maintain attention on any developments.
- d) **Sub-groups: Community Benefit:** Little change. Ongoing..
- e) **Grit Bins** ongoing
- f) **Sponsorship** Muirden Farms agreed to sponsor the new defibrillator batteries. The battery for Alvah Hall was changed tonight. Muirden are considering funding the cemetery Flower tubs.

4. Finance: Current AFCC Bank Balance: £2867

5. Rural Broadband and Digital Voice: It appears that cables are Currently being laid along the B9025.

6. Planning Applications.

Planning Applications: APP/2026/0323 Site Address: The Bungalow Greenlaw, Alvah, Banff, Aberdeenshire, AB45 3UB Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Dwellinghouse E.367815 N.858280

The Community Council will not comment

APP/2026/0303 Site Address: Deirdres, Banff, Aberdeenshire, AB45 3XN Applicant: Dennison Fishing Ltd. Full Planning Permission for Alterations and Extension to Domestic Building E.367928 N.853957

The Community Council will not comment

7 Floral Displays and Public Amenity Areas

An interim amount was agreed of £30 for each cemetery for bedding plants for the tubs. This may be revised if sponsorship is forthcoming. Or costs increase dramatically.

Helen Bayne has agreed to take responsibility for the Alvah tubs and to recruit volunteers to look after them.

8. Arts Group.

The next show is Arthur Coates and Kerron Cotterell Folk music. The event to be posted on Banff and Turriff What's on Facebook pages.

9. Community Action Plan

Planning Aid did not respond to the Chairs emails. It is now too late to apply for funding for this year. The proposed training session for Chair and Secretary in Inverness is cancelled, and we will leave this until next year. It is understood that the Banffshire Partnership is currently undertaking a Place Plan that includes Alvah and Forglen. We may be able to use the results of their surveys to inform our way forward with this. The Scottish Government is currently undertaking a revision of place standards for Remote and Island Area which may be of interest to us.

10. Updates from Aberdeenshire Councillors: Cllr Cox said that a 10% rise in council tax had been agreed. Aberdeenshire Council's Finances are in a critical position. Town Centre health checks have revealed fewer vacant shops, but none are 'destination shops' that bring in shoppers and visitors. There are pressures on local services and working families are under financial pressure

11. Any Questions from Members of the public: The Mountblairy Sign has fallen off its posts on the Banff side of the B9121. David Stephen requested copies of the Dispositions received from Aberdeenshire Council regarding the ownership of Forglen Cemetery Car Park. Secretary to email copies of this.

12. Any other Business

13. The police have requested meeting dates so that an officer can attend to introduce themselves. Secretary to provide the dates and times of meetings

14. Date of next meeting

Tuesday 28 April at 2026 FORGLEN HALL 7 pm

Barbara Foad

Secretary

Alvah and Forglan Community Council

ACTIONS

Bogton Noticeboard	Secretary to submit Planning application
Forglen Cemetery Car Park	Secretary to email Ken Regan again copy in three local Cllrs Ask for key to cemetery noticeboard to clean it. 11/4/2026
Kirkton of Alvah Church	Ongoing: Watching brief
Sub-groups: Community Benefit	Ongoing
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	Ongoing