

ALLOA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting 13th May 2013
7pm Greenfield House, Alloa**

In the presence of members of the public

Present: Simon Karner (Chair), Campbell Millar, Bill Thomson, David Erskine, Anna Forbes, Katarzyna Wright, Andrew Wright, William Duncanson, Cameron Little

In attendance: Michael Reilly

1. Welcome & introductions

Alloa Community Council Chair, Simon Karner, opened the meeting by welcoming everyone

2. Apologies

Apologies were received from Gary Robertson.

3. Declaration of conflict of interest

None declared

4. Clackmannanshire's Local Police Plans 2013/14

4.1 Chief Inspector Stephen Sneddon along with Police Scotland colleagues Inspector Charlie Mitchell and PC Ian Moffat provided an overview of the new national police force structure and the local police plans which came into operation on 1st April 2013.

4.2 CI Sneddon explained that due to time constraints there was limited opportunity to gain local input into the 2013/14 police plans and for this reason the plans are interim and will be replaced with a 3 year plan in 2014 which will draw on ongoing consultation with local communities over the coming months.

4.3 On 9 May an Alloa meeting of the Police Board provided an opportunity for dialogue between community activists and the police and more of these can be organised in the future if communities request them. The Chief Inspector also proposed providing 6 monthly updates on ward plans at the JCCF meeting.

4.4 Inspector Charlie Mitchell explained that the new police force operates through three main strands: response policing covering emergency calls, community policing and specialist resourcing covering such as areas as policing at football matches. Inspector Mitchell said that community police resources are now shared across the county and that part of his role is to identify priorities and assign

resources accordingly. He is supported by Sergeants Scott Thompson and Kevin Chase who are our main points of contact for passing on information.

- 4.5 The new single non emergency number for contacting Police Scotland is 101 and additional communication channels are available via Twitter and Facebook.

- 4.6 PC Ian Moffat provided the police update for April and May - see attachment

5 Actions from previous minutes

5.4/080413

Community engagement funding application and tendering - see point 7 below

5.1/040313

Road maintenance schedule - o/s

Action: Alan Murray

5.3/040313

Visibility of cycle path crossing on Alloa Park Drive - o/s

Action: Alan Murray

12.0/080413

B&M application for off-sale licence - Campbell Millar reported that a formal objection was lodged with Clackmannanshire Council.

Guest speakers - It was agreed that we would not have a special "guest speaker's" event but would continue to tag on guest speakers to our normal scheduled meetings.

6 Approval of minutes

Bill Duncanson questioned the outcome of the vote to elect a vice chair. There was considerable and at times belligerent discussion about the issue of whether someone could vote for themselves and it was agreed that the voting procedure should be clarified for future elections.

Action: Simon Karner

7 Community engagement

Simon Karner reported that the funding application to Investing in Ideas has been completed and has distributed it for comment. Six potential providers have been identified for the consultancy tender and this will now be completed.

Action: All to review funding application and feedback comments to Simon

8 Community events

8.1 The events sub-committee reported that plans for both the Coronation Ball and the Fun Day were progressing well. Attractions which have been confirmed for the Fun Day are available on the ACC website.

8.2 Andrew Wright said that these events are for the benefit of the public and that it was important to open up ticket sales for the Ball as much as possible and not just to people we know. Campbell Millar confirmed that there would be a notice in the Alloa Advertiser the following week, that posters and a banner were going up at the Town Hall and that tickets would be on sale at the library on 23 May. He also suggested providing a poster in electronic format to all Community Councillors so that we can print these off and advertise the Ball as much as possible. Any remaining tickets can be put on sale at the Fun Day.

9 Report from the secretary

Nothing additional to report

10 Report from the treasurer

David Erskine outlined the system for claiming petty cash. All claims have to be accompanied with a receipt and small amounts will be reimbursed at the end of each session. He confirmed that licensing and booking fees for summer events had been paid and that an invoice for the ticket printing had been received. £2000 was received from Clackmannanshire Council toward the community engagement project.

11 Report from Topic leads

Transport - Cameron Little reported that he had approached Councillor Holden regarding the park and choose facility, car parking at Forth Valley Royal and the community room at the Speirs Centre.

Planning - Bill Thompson confirmed that the new Redwell Primary School had received final approval and that Weatherspoons had submitted a planning application for the old Co-op building in Drysdale Street.

Web Master: Simon Karner received a request from Ellen Forsen to have a stall for the Yes referendum campaign. Simon declined this on the basis that we are non political.

FOI: David Erskine has written to Alan Murray at Clackmannanshire Council requesting details of money and time spent on the Claremont/Kellie Place crossing.

12 AOCB

As the meeting had already run well over time we were unable to cover AOCB

13 Details of next meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7pm on 3rd June 2013 at Greenfield House