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Report to: Clackmannanshire Council

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Date: 2 June, 2011

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Subject: Submission of Petition & Request To Be Heard - Save Alva Pool Campaign Group and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Group in Association With Alva Community Council

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Report by: Head of Strategy & Customer Services

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## **1.0 Purpose**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Council formally of the receipt of a petition by Save Alva Pool Campaign Group and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Group in association with Alva Community Council and for Council to consider whether or not comments by the Group should be heard at this meeting of the Council.

## **2.0 Recommendation**

- 2.1 It is recommended the Council:
- a) notes the submission and contents of the petition submitted by Save Alva Pool Campaign Group and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Group in association with Alva Community Council; and
  - b) decides under Standing Order 34.2 whether the groups' comments will be heard at this meeting.

## **3.0 Background**

- 3.1 A petition signed by 4824 individuals was handed in to the Council on 21 April. (A copy of the terms of the petition and the letter which accompanied it are appended to this report; the full petition is available for review from Members' Services).
- 3.2 The text of the petition is as follows:

*"Save Alva Swimming Pool Facebook Campaign and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Groups*

*Save Our Swimming pool (including its Public Toilets and Sports Hall)*

*We the undersigned call on Clackmannanshire Council to reverse its decision to close and demolish the Alva Pool and Sports complex and to establish a committee of community reps and user groups to ensure the facility is well managed, promoted and developed as a key sport and leisure facility for the benefit of Clackmannanshire and safeguard the common good rights of the people of Alva."*

#### **4.0 Presenting Petitions & Hearing Comments**

4.1 Standing Order 34 sets out how the Council deals with the presentation of petitions and requests for comments to be heard.

4.2 The process to be followed under this Standing Order can be summarised as follows:

a) SO 34.1 - requests for comments to be heard must be received in writing at least 8 clear days before the meeting (this requirement has been met)

b) SO 34.1 - applications for comments to be heard will be included as part of the agenda for the meeting (this requirement has been met)

c) SO 34.2 - the Council will decide by a majority whether the comments will be heard

d) SO 34.4 - if the Council decides to hear comments, representatives of the organisation will speak for no more than five minutes, unless the Provost decides otherwise

e) SO 34.5 - after the comments have been made, councillors may ask questions of the petitioners.

#### **5.0 Sustainability Implications - N/A**

#### **6.0 Resource Implications**

*Financial & Staffing Details* - none directly from this report

#### **7.0 Exempt Reports**

7.1 Is this report exempt?      No

#### **8.0 Declarations**

The recommendations contained within this report support or implement our Corporate Priorities and Council Policies.

**(1) Our Priorities 2008 - 2011** (Please tick ☒)

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| The area has a positive image and attracts people and businesses         | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Our communities are more cohesive and inclusive                          | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| People are better skilled, trained and ready for learning and employment | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Our communities are safer  | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Vulnerable people and families are supported                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |
| Substance misuse and its effects are reduced                             | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| Health is improving and health inequalities are reducing                 | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| The environment is protected and enhanced for all                        | <input type="checkbox"/>            |
| The Council is effective, efficient and recognised for excellence        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |

**(2) Council Policies** (Please detail)

**9.0 Equalities Impact**

- 9.1 Have you undertaken the required equalities impact assessment to ensure that no groups are adversely affected by the recommendations? NO

**10.0 Legality**

- 10.1 It has been confirmed that in adopting the recommendations contained in this report, the Council is acting within its legal powers. YES

**11.0 Appendices**

1) Terms of petition submitted by Save Alva Pool Campaign Group and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Group in association with Alva Community Council

2) Letter from Facebook Campaign and Alva Community Council


**12.0 Background Papers**

- 12.1 Have you used other documents to compile your report? (All documents must be kept available by the author for public inspection for four years from the date of meeting at which the report is considered)


Yes ☒ (please list the documents below) No ☐

1 - Petition to Clackmannanshire Council from Save Alva Pool Campaign Group and Save Our Swimming Pool Campaign Group in association with Alva Community Council - 21 April

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Save Alva Pool facebook Campaign and Save our Swimming Pool campaign  
Groups in association with Alva Community Council.

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21st April 2011

**To the Provost and Elected Members of Clackmannanshire Council**

Please accept the attached petition on behalf of the citizens of Alva and Clackmannanshire as well as the user groups of the Alva Pool Complex.

4824 petitioners have recorded their objection to the proposed closure of the Alva Swimming Pool Complex. This is the clear voice of the community.

On behalf of our Community we urge you to think again and establish a committee or group of community reps and user groups to advise the council and ensure the facility is well managed, promoted and developed as a key sport and leisure facility for the benefit of Alva and Clackmannanshire.

In accordance with your standing order 34 we formally request to be heard at the next Council Meeting on June 2nd 2011, when the Council considers our petition. Please reply to the addresses below

Yours Sincerely



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**Delivered and Presented to Clackmannanshire Council on 21st April 2011**

