



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> OF MAY 2018 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

### **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Convenor), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ashley Sneddon (Minute Secretary), Ian Don (Treasurer), Valerie Spowart, Alan Gilbert, Gail Nash, Owen Griffiths (who left at 8.10 pm)

### **3. In Attendance**

None.

### **4. Apologies for Absence**

Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, Julie Keltie, Linda Stuart, Robyn Adamson, Wendy Turner and Rosie Walker from CVT could not attend but said she will attend the next meeting.

### **No Members of Public in Attendance**

### **5. Police Report - See Appendix 1**

The purpose of this report is to provide the local community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area. See Appendix 1

#### **Questions and Answers to the Police Officers**

**Alan** – The accident at the Champany was very serious, will the road layout be reviewed?

**Police** – It will be reviewed.

**Madelene** – What is the status of the caravan parked in the middle of the town?

**Police** – The council is in contact with the owner. We cannot enforce the 20 minute parking zone on it as the double yellow lines are not clearly visible.

**Val** – There has been a recent incident at the Public School where parents have been told it's a one-way system on Braehead Road. Residents have been verbally abused by parents due to this.

**Joan** - There have also incidents of parents driving into private property to turn their cars.

**Police** – This is purely a traffic calming measure, not official.

**Gail** – All schools have specific traffic issues around them. As part of Road Safety Month in May, residents have been issued letters and we are looking at these specific issues individually.

**Police** - Email Police with any complaints or questions.

**Joan** – Are the police taking part in patrols in Kinneil Woods.?

**Police** – These are continuing.

### **6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM - See Appendix 2**

### **7. Minutes of the previous meeting**

Approved by Alex King

Seconded by Lennox Ainslie

## 8. Matters Arising







Following the Office Bearers meeting to discuss Linda's suggestion, Joan spoke on behalf of the officers in regard to a comment made by a member at the previous meeting. She went on to state that those members of the Community Council who have been nominated to represent their community groups, will obviously report back on what is happening in their groups. There was an unfortunate choice of words used at the last meeting and whilst this may well not have been intended to cause offence, it could have done so. We should all be mindful of what we say.

The officers felt that perhaps we needed to explain more to the new members about our planned projects for this year and also to give a little background to more historic projects. It was also clear that there was not an understanding of the Standing Orders, Constitution and Establishment of Community Councils which were issued to all new members.

Following the project information, the officers wished to go round the table asking each member why he/she wished to come onto the Community Council and what was each individual's expectation of being a Community Councillor. It was hoped that this would create a better understanding across the membership.

### Current Projects and Historic Projects

#### BCC Current Project Plans:

Project/Event	Status	Partners	Time Frame
 <b>BO'NESS BUOY</b>	Almost Completed  2 <sup>nd</sup> Phase Maritime History	Bo'net, BCC Falkirk Council (FC)	5 years to date Bo'net, BCC and FC working on Buoy then Friends of Kinneil and Boat Club came on board. BCC is steering this project
 <b>HARCUS STRACHAN</b>	Phase 1 – Cairn Phase 2 – Stone Phase 3 – Quiet Garden	FC, BCC and Sanctus Media Live streaming of the event BCC and Community Schools , Youth Groups Involved	3 months Ongoing Madelene and Joan <b>Subject to:</b> Community Engagement with development and maintenance. Funding to be sourced.
 <b>INEOS CONSULTATION</b>	Appeal Enquiry in process  (BCC the only Community Council participating in the Appeal	Initial Engagement with INEOS. Initial engagement with Grangemouth CC to agree strategy Attendance at Grangemouth and Boness Information days polling the public	2 years + and ongoing Numerous meeting with Grangemouth CC 8 days canvassing the community. 2 days speaking to businesses. Pre- Enquiry meeting 4 days at the Enquiry (Siobhan and Madelene) 100 + e-mails with correspondence
 <b>NEW WEBSITE DEVELOPMENT</b>  We were the first CC in Falkirk to have a Website.	New Website and Platform to allow Polling and improved community engagement Now on Facebook and Twitter Doubled the numbers	BCC Project Sub Group progressing this	16 months - Ongoing
 <b>FRACKING CONSULTATION</b>	5000 leaflets distributed across community/Businesses Public meeting in Deanburn School	Scottish Government Initiative Consultants BCC Event	Report to Scottish Government within deadline 1Day organising the event 6 days canvassing community + time for leaflet distribution
 <b>P/ BUDGET PROJECT/ COMMUNITY CHOICES</b>	Completed with £78,000 allocated to Community Groups £40,000 in Bo'ness	Falkirk Council, BCC	6 months We asked for a review meeting. Just received the report of our review of the project with FC

<b>Historic projects:</b> ✚ <b>BO'NET</b>	Completed	2 BCC Members Founded Bo'net	Supports local groups with funding applications. £150,000 + has been brought into the town. Bonet was responsible for the Bo'ness Action Plan which is currently being updated. Employs a Development. Worker.
✚ <b>COAL ROAD FILMS</b>	Completed	BCC, Sanctus Media	2 YEARS
✚ <b>MEMORIAL TO MINING</b>	Completed	BBC, Bonnie Bo'ness, Falkirk Council	5 YEARS
✚ <b>BRIDGENESS SLAB +ROAD TO ROME DVDs</b>	Completed	BCC	10 YEARS
✚ <b>TOWN CLOCK IMPROVEMENT</b>	Completed	BCC 1980s	1 YEAR
✚ <b>VICTORIA STREET FAIR</b>	Now no longer supported	BCC, Falkirk Council, TCM and latterly Bo'net	RAN ANNUALLY FOR 10 + YEARS

**Note:** BCC was instrumental in the re-opening of the Hippodrome. It was also involved in the Town regeneration project. BCC writes letters of support for projects and funding applications being submitted by community groups. It brought together the Businesses in the Town to discuss the way forward when economic development funding was no longer available. As a result, Buzzness was formed and we helped the group with their constitution, which we have also done for many other newly forming groups in the town.

BCC's role is to represent the views of the Community to Falkirk Council. We have a legal statutory consultation role for Planning and Licensing decisions being made relating to Bo'ness. Where appropriate we are consulted by Falkirk Council on proposed changes or opportunities. For other aspects we may become involved in, Sub Groups are formed. These are currently in place for making comment on Falkirk Council participatory Budgeting, improvements to our Website and Communications, Airport Consultation, and the Harcus Strachan event/future phases.

**Gail** – Commented that, through the dementia friends' projects, they are looking for a place for dementia sufferers to sit, such as a garden. Joan responded that the Quiet Garden was the proposed 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the Harcus Strachan Project but this would only go ahead if the community got behind this project. Any garden would have to be funded, developed and maintained by the Community. Permission would have to be granted from Falkirk Council in the first instance.

**Alan** – I feel the Community Council hasn't promoted itself enough.

**Madelene** – There was no social media, or internet, when we started many of our projects. We don't blow our own trumpet on the Community Council. Joan confirmed again that the new Web site will be featuring our projects and now has the facility to poll the Community.

**Alan** – We should be doing smaller things in between like litter picks, and have small wins.

**Joan** – We used to do litter picks in the past but now that there are a number of community groups and schoolchildren doing regular litter picks which we can join in with we no longer do these as a Community Council.

**Ian** - The Mining Memorial cost £58, 538 and took 19 years.

**Len-** The town clock came from Edinburgh, and cost £2500 at the time. Ballantines provided the cast iron support standard.

The McLaren trophy has been going for more than 30 years. Madelene, Joan and I attend the Silent Film Festival to support this. Years ago the Railway Preservation society was started by the Community Council as was the Birkhill Clay Mine, which ran at a cost of £116,000 per year.

Stuart McAllister is a member of First Responders. Len Ainslie is the BCC representative on the Bo'ness Fair Committee.

## **REPORTS**

**Ian Don:** Treasurers report – Balance total of £2,190.71

**Len Ainslie.** The kirking of the Fair Queen will be on the Friday. There will be a collection of memorabilia in the Library.

**Gail Nash** – The Parent Council is very appreciative of representatives of the Community Council coming along to meet with them (Joan and Len). The Cluster Group are doing Dementia Awareness for schools, with friends training. The goal is to make sure all children have baseline knowledge of dementia. Road Safety Month continues.

**Len** – My wife has dementia and attends a memory clinic – they do checks and tests for dementia. The Memory Clinic may be a useful resource for information.

**Alan Gilbert** – Would like a session held to discuss the website. Could we provide reports in advance to cut down time in meetings? Joan remarked that if the members were to vote for that then someone else would have to cut paste and collate the information as she did not have the time available to do that each month in addition to the minutes, agenda etc. Also doing that would create problems for two members. Alan suggested more of a discussion of things on going and worth having a session on this, also? He commented that some people don't like sitting in meetings, but would prefer to go out and do something. "I don't just want to do reports every month". Can we create subgroups? Can we have a session to discuss project expectations? Can we send out a questionnaire?

**Madelene** – Reports are restricted to 3 minutes. A list was sent out with training. What would you like to learn? Any suggestions for Brian Pirie will be noted.

Joan - Our meetings have a laid down format which is set out, are more formal, have a structure and rules attached to them. All this is explained in the papers handed out to everyone by the Convenor at the first meeting. As previously explained, there are sub groups already and others can be created when required.

There was a heated discussion between two members regarding the drive and push to change things before some new members were fully aware of how and what we are duty bound to do. A comment was made that it might be a good idea if new members listened and understood more about our role and responsibilities before they made suggestions about how we do things. Other comments were made which one member took exception to and, after a heated debate, the member left the meeting.

**Ashley Sneddon:** Buzzness came third in the Coalfields regeneration project, we are aiming for a mural, and a boat planter, for which we would need volunteers.

**Alex King:** Bonnie Bo'ness is disbanding and gifting the money held to BRASS.

**Val Spowart: Bo'ness Churches Together** are having a flower festival on Friday and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and 12 May. On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> there will be a Songs of Praise all is Salvation Arm. A prayer walk on 19<sup>th</sup> of May from Craigmalen starts at 10am..

**Stuart McAllister:**

Application No: P/18/0140/FUL Earliest Date of Decision 2 May 2018  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Change of Use from Class5 to Used Car Sales  
Location: Fisher Coach Builders, Bo'mains Industrial Estate, Crawfield Lane, Bo'ness EH51 0QG  
Applicant: Central Motor Solutions Ltd.  
Case Officer: David Paterson (01324 504757)

Application No: P/18/0167/FUL Earliest Date of Decision 18 May 2018  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Demolition of Dwelling house and Erection of New house  
Location: Woodhome, Grahamsdyke Avenue, Bo'ness EH51 9EE  
Applicant: Mr. D Hebden  
Case Officer: Kevin Brown (01324 504701)

**Joan Boyd: Correspondence**

There were two notifications of an order for the provision of Disabled Parking

**Madelene Hunt:**

**A copy of The Scheme for the Establishment was distributed to everyone.**

**9. A.O.C.B.**

Links Road will be completely closed for replacement of Gas pipe works next Sunday.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks for the Convenor from Len Ainslie.

Name of  
Community  
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	09/05/18
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/04/2018 – 30/04/2018

**Foreword:**

This monthly report is intended to provide the local community with information on local policing issues and local police activity. Following consultation with the local community, the local priorities for the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder
- Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse
- Road Safety
- Dishonesty Crimes

Please note that any data presented within this report has been extracted from internal systems within Police Scotland and should not, in anyway, be interpreted as official Scottish Government recorded crime statistics.

**Ward Priorities:**

There has been a total of 50 crimes reports raised by Police this month.

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

There have been 23 crimes of ASB over the previous month 13 of which were vandalism. There have been no repeat locations, however a group of youths have been identified as repeat offenders. There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 12 minor assaults.

- Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse

Over the previous month, there was 1 Drug Search warrant enforced within the Bo'ness area, this resulted in 1 report to the procurator fiscal. 5 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances were detected over the past month.

- Road Safety

There has been 1 drink driving offence detected and 3 offences in relation to fail to report road accidents and one offence in relation to driving without insurance this month. There has been 1 offence in relation to Take and Drive Away a motor vehicle.

- Dishonesty Crimes

There has been no residential housebreaking offences reported. There have been 3 minor thefts. There has been 1 Motor vehicle theft with enquiries ongoing and 1 Theft from a motor vehicle.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

## **Community Engagement and Reassurance:**



**Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round.**

**The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website; [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)**

**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM (FALKIRK COUNCIL)**

**ASB Reports** Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

**Period: 01/03/18 – 31/03/18**

<b>Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area</b>	<b>Breakdown of 3 geographical areas</b>		
<b>97</b>	<b>EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes</b>	<b>WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Hags, Banknock</b>	<b>CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South</b>
	<b>36</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>

**Hotspot Patrols**

<b>Area</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Actions</b>
NONE		We identify hotspot areas through a multi-agency tasking group involving Police Scotland, Falkirk Housing, SACRO and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. These are areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour.

**Investigations: Period 01/03/18 – 31/03/18**

<b>ASB Concern</b>	<b>No of reports</b>
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	24
Litter & Fly Tipping	8
Youth related disorder	2
Other	2

**Current CST activities in the area**

**The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community. We are currently monitoring the Foreshore area of Bo'ness following reports of dog fouling. Patrols and monitoring continue within communal garden areas at Philpingstone Road following reports of dog fouling. We are also patrolling the area of Starks Brae following reports that dog walkers are bagging waste but then throwing it away without using a bin. Anyone witnessed allowing their dog to foul and fail to pick it up will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. This includes inappropriate disposal.**

**Contact Us**

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