



(DRAFT MINUTES)  
**BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2017**  
**IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

**Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ian Don (Treasurer), David Findlay, Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, Alex King.

**In Attendance** Councillor David Aitchison

**Apologies for Absence** Ashley Sneddon and Siobhan Samson.

**Police Report** - Police officers attended the meeting, however, the written report has not been received.

Madelene Hunt and Joan Boyd commented on cars speeding on Linlithgow and Grangemouth Roads. Alex King also commented on the speed of traffic.

David Findlay queried if there had been any issues on bonfire night and PC Greg Cruikshank's commented that it's the quietest Bonfire night since he started covering Bo'ness with very few incidents.

Alex King also commented on the HGV traffic coming through the center of town and ignoring the signed to turn up Commissioner Street. PC Cruikshank's commented that this is not the first complaint this week regarding this matter so it will be followed up.

**Community Safety Team**

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

**Period: 01/10/17 – 31/10/17**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Hags, Banknock	CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South
77	23	21	33

**Hotspot Patrols**

Area	Issues	Actions
		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 01/10/17 – 31/10/17**

<b>ASB Concern</b>	<b>No of reports</b>
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	9
Litter	0
Fly Tipping	5
Youth related disorder	8
Other	1

**Current CST activities in the area**

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Dog Fouling, Litter and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Community.

We are currently monitoring Stewart Avenue and Mingle Place for dog fouling. Anyone caught not picking up after their dog will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice.

Residents of Drumacre Road have reported Youth Disorder within the kids play area. We continue to monitor and will engage with any youths found to be within the area.

Residents of Birkhill Crescent are concerned about kids playing football in the street, hitting ball off cars and being in danger of getting knocked down when running after the ball. We continue to monitor and will engage with any kids seen playing football.

**Contact Us**

<b>Phone</b>	0808 100 3161	FREEPHONE 24/7
<b>Email</b>	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
<b>Online</b>	Falkirk Council Website	<a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today">www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today</a>

**Minutes of previous meeting** 11th Oct 2017 Minutes proposed by Lennox Ainslie and seconded by David Findlay

**Matters Arising**

David Findlay commented that poppy distribution and collection tubs for the local churches is being followed up.

Alex King commented a correction to his report that there was an exaggeration to his report and that certain areas of the harbour is impacted by debris but not it all. Joan has written to Brian Pirie to find out who actually owns the harbour and is responsible for the clean-up.

Owen still hasn't received a copy of the presentation following the airport consultation meeting on September 26th, this has been followed up, with no response.

Madelene commented that BCC have paid Cartmore Building Services for the paving at the war memorial garden ahead of the Marcus Strachan event and plaque unveiling on the 20<sup>th</sup> November.

**REPORTS**

**Ian Don** – Bank balance now stands at £428.12

**Lennox Ainslie** – reported that the Fair AGM will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> November at St Catherine’s Church at 7.30pm.

Lennox attended a presentation at INEOS on the development plan for the organisation and how this will and is already impacting the local area.

**David Findlay** – David received the letter of permission to march at the Remembrance Sunday Service on 8<sup>th</sup> November.

David will be attending the festival of remembrance with Madelene and Joan on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Robyn Adamson** – Local units are preparing for the biggest fundraising push of the year at the Santa Steam Trains. National #knowyourplace campaign launched highlighting the lack of volunteers in Girlguiding and urging people in the local community to Volunteer. Information can be found at <https://www.girlguiding.org.uk/get-involved/become-a-volunteer/why-volunteer/>

**Councillor Aitchison** – reported that the FC Budget consultation is now available on line and encourages the local community to review this and to feedback on the document to FC.

Community Bus Group will be holding a public meeting on Wednesday 22nd Nov at 2.15pm in Bo’ness Town Hall. This meeting is being held to discuss potential changes to routes and future proposals.

Joan Boyd raised a query regarding the bus group offering a service to local groups. Councillor Aitchison confirmed that in order to use this service they would need to be a member of the group. The route timetable is also being reviewed to include Newton and South Queensferry and was viewed favourably in those areas as something that would be used. This will be further discussed at the public meeting.

Newtown Park Association has submitted an application to Sport Scotland seeking £280,000 to continue the improvements at Newtown Park football ground, this application will not get a response until December at the earliest.

The Annual balloon race was held and raised around £520 the furthest balloon was reported in Lithuania.

### **Owen Griffiths – BCC Communications — PR and Publishing**

I met with Robyn and Joan on Tuesday 7th Nov to discuss ongoing development of the Community Council’s online presence; paying particular attention to our use of social media, and more importantly our own website.

Robyn and I have agreed to continue maintaining this part of the Council’s public communications and relations, posting regular news articles and relevant stories to Facebook, Twitter, and the BCC website — as functionality that is readily available on all three platforms.

The following were identified as potential new features and types of publication that we would like to include, particularly on the website:

- Polling on major topics (e.g. areas of key development)

- Public FAQ database: to help users identify issues that they may consult BCC on, or to direct them to the appropriate organisation for their enquiry.
- A case studies or “success stories” archive about the outreach work of BCC
- “Your view” interactive area: for input on LDPs, community concerns, budgets, planning, etc.
- Automated embedding of local planning applications

The Community Council should agree which of these they would like to progress, together with appropriate timescales. The communications team would appreciate help to write and collate content, where applicable, from other members of BCC.

### **BCC Communications — Policy of Online Presence for Community Councillors**

The team also agreed that policies should be drafted in relation to conduct for individual councillors posting to an online platform; with a view to establishing the difference between posting a “personal” view, or a view that represents that of BCC.

A draft policy document will be prepared for the December / January meetings, with the basis being that Community Councillors should be free to express their personal views from their own personal web profiles on social media (while nonetheless maintaining appropriate conduct); any views representative of BCC will only ever be published through the BCC website, BCC Twitter feed, or BCC Facebook Page.

**Alex King** – Nothing to report

**Stuart McAllister** – Reported the following planning applications

Application No: P/17/0628/FUL  
 Earliest Date of Decision 17 November 2017  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Erection of 6 Flatted Dwellinghouses and Associated Infrastructure  
 (Amendment to P/10/0321/FUL)  
 Location: Land to the North of [17 Kinacres Grove, Bridgeness](#) Road, Bo'ness  
 Applicant: Alpha Glen Developments Ltd

Application No: P/17/0686/FUL  
 Earliest Date of Decision 1 December 2017  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Alterations and Extensions to Station Building  
 Location: Bo'ness Station, Union Street, Bo'ness EH51 9AQ  
 Applicant: The Scottish Railway Preservation Society

**Siobhan Samson** – *Report Delivered by Joan Boyd on behalf of Siobhan.*

We will be attending the pre inquiry meeting on Mon 13th Nov at Grangemouth Town Hall. Please have a discussion about who you want to attend and whether you agree that I should lead the discussion on behalf of the CC. This is a procedural meeting only and there will be no discussion about the merits of the case.

We now have a second reporter on board. There is nothing sinister about this, it happens in most major cases. She is there to make sure that a comprehensive record of the sessions are recorded.

The pre inquiry meeting has 2 parts to it. The community issues, road closure etc will be dealt with by a hearing session. The technical issues regarding the transport issues will be dealt with by a PLI session.

I have spoken to the DPEA today and confirmed that we are only interested in the hearing part of the inquiry. We are unable to take part in the technical sessions to be heard at the PLI session as we have no witness on transport. This means we would not be allowed to cross examine the witnesses and we must therefore rely on Falkirk Council to stick to their transport objections.

The hearing session on the community issues is a much less formal process and does not require us to produce a witness. The reporter will lead discussion and we will debate each issue as it arises. We can easily cope with that.

Of course, we can still attend the PLI sessions should we want to but we won't be able to ask any questions.

Once the timetable has been agreed then we will have to adhere to the timescales. We will find out on the 13th what the reporter is going to propose so bring your diaries to the pre inquiry meeting to make sure that you are free on the dates that she is suggesting. I'm off on annual leave from the 14th Dec so hopefully she suggests a date after that.

After the dates are set we will be issued with a confirmation letter from the DPEA with a set of instructions on what we need to produce and when.

I am aware of the meeting which took place recently in the Abbotsinch Hotel in Grangemouth. I understand that the action group may be about to ask to join the PLI process.

### **Joan Boyd – Correspondence:**

#### **E-mails and information**

**E-mail** from Maria Ford related to a range of funding options available to groups in the town. She suggested we may wish to pass this on to other groups not members of Bo'net.

**E-mail** from Maria Ford giving information regarding the Kinneil Band Concert on 17<sup>th</sup> November in Bo'ness Town Hall. Tickets £8.00 can be purchased from LYSONS Hardware Store, Bo'ness or at the door on the night.

**E-mail from Maria** regarding the Community Payback Unpaid Work Team. The group undertake various work with the community but not for profit projects. Contact [Roy.dewar@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:Roy.dewar@falkirk.gov.uk) if you have jobs that require physical work.

**E-mail** – Congratulations to Bo'ness Kinneil Primary School Primary 5 Pupils. Lead by their teacher Lauren Young, the children have won a competition and thousands of pounds worth of prizes. The pupils wrote a story in the genre of Enid Blyton which is set at Kinneil House. <https://news.microsoft.com/en-gb/2017/10/27/scottish-schoolchildren-wrote-a-story-like-enid-blyton-and-won-thousands-of-pounds-worth-of-prizes/>

It was agreed that we write to the Head Master acknowledging this achievement and congratulating the Children, their teacher and the School.

**E-mail** giving details of the CVS Falkirk AGM on the 22<sup>nd</sup> November at 2.30pm in St Francis Xavier 's Church Hall, Falkirk

**Letter** from the DPEA confirming the receipt of further information relating to the Planning Permission Appeal- Ineos Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth. This information is available to view on the following link <http://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=118166>

**Information** giving the latest news from the Inner Forth Partnership Team. Their conference takes place on 11 November from 9.00am to 4.45pm. There will be talks from RSPB, SCAPE TRUST, Buglife and many other organisations. Please see the website for further information.

**Agenda** for the Forth Estuary Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> November @10.00am in the Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry.

**Accident Damage Notification from Falkirk Council** – Parapet repairs will be carried out on the A706, Church Wynd, Bo'ness from the 16<sup>th</sup> to the 24<sup>th</sup> November. Temporary traffic lights, off peak will be in operation for the duration of the work.

### **Madelene Hunt**

There will be an update meeting held on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November in relation to The Harcus Strachan event which is taking place on Nov 20th at 12 noon at the Cenotaph. Event information will be added to the CC website so that members of the community are made aware of the event. BCC will look to erect a larger memorial in addition to the Cairn in the coming months. There are many options in discussion but the final design will be put to a vote and a local poll would be held to share some designs and get community involvement.

Madelene commented that Falkirk Council have now removed all departmental phone contact numbers from their website and all calls are being directed via the main call centre, which is increasing the call waiting times. BCC has already suggested that there should be a dedicated emergency line for the public.

INEOS Consultation meeting on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> will be attended by Madelene Hunt, Joan Boyd and Siobhan Samson. It was agreed that during this meeting Siobhan will take the lead for BCC comments if necessary.

### **AOCB**

CC election process went live on 23rd October 2017, nomination process closes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November for both paper and online submissions.

The Community Choices feedback event was held on 27<sup>th</sup> October, approx. 30 groups with over 200 people were in attendance, 3 funders were also in attendance. The event went well and received positive feedback. Thanks to Tesco and Bakavar for providing the catering for the event, it was also noted that leftovers were handed over to the Storehouse project. Update on the event will be added to the webpage, and a note of thanks will be written to Maria Ford for her work in pulling the event together.

Buzzness held a prize bingo on 1<sup>st</sup> Novemeber at Kinneil Bowling Club and raised £1147.50

Meeting came to a close.

**Lennox Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.**