



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting 10th May 2023

St. Catharine's Church Hall 7.30pm

1. Welcome

Owen Griffiths welcomed everyone to the meeting and said he would be chairing the meeting. He said that discussions had been taking place outwith BCC meetings. These discussions should take place at BCC meetings. He asked that reports, next steps and definitive goals be the main focus of discussions.

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Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Owen Griffiths (Vice Convenor), Lennox Ainslie, Stuart McAllister, Stephen Baird, Gordon Clark, John Ogden, Val Spowart, Wendy Turner

In attendance:

PC Graeme McDougall, PC John Cochrane

2. Apologies for Absence

Councillor Stacey Devine, Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Ann Ritchie, Matteo Petruzzo. Billy Horn, Brian Laird

3. Minutes of the 12th April 2023 meeting

Minutes were accepted.

4. Matters Arising

Laptop and printer for Secretary – this should have come to BCC for approval before purchase. However, the laptop and printer has been purchased.

Madelene Hunt asked for an update on the funding application to Outdoor Gym for the equipment for the Foreshore. Brian Dempsey and Jaine McLean will bring a report to the June meeting. £15k has been requested for 9 pieces of equipment. They suggested that other places for equipment could be sought.

Action: JM and BD to provide report

5. Police Report

PC Graeme McDougall presented the Police Report for crimes that had taken place locally over the last month. There were 53 reports relating to 36 incidents. Please see the report for details.

Trading Standards information was sent to Jaine McLean which she will circulate to all BCC members.

Action: JM to send report to BCC

Jaine McLean asked about the uptake in “dirt bikes”. PC McDougall explained that any incidents involving these bikes come under road traffic offences. If the bikes are uninsured and un-registered, they won’t be returned. However, incidents are challenging. Madelene Hunt suggested that the Police should do a social media campaign about this.

Bogus callers – PC McDougall said there are “No Cold Caller” stickers available and will bring a supply to the next meeting.

6. Reports

Madelene Hunt

- Reported that Dr Callendar’s son had gifted three paintings to BCC to be hung in the library.
- Brian Pirie had sent apologies for attending the meeting
- Head of Building Services to be invited to the June meeting

Val Spowart

- Reported that the street lighting in Kinneil Estate is going off at 11.30pm. She asked if this was a decision or an issue with the lights.

Gordon Clark

- Reported that the Friends of Kinneil opening weekend had been very popular, An Antonine Wall Exhibition will be coming into the House and will open as soon as possible. The Hidden Heritage Trail through the Estate is back on track for completion. There are still concerns about possible vandalism. Historic Environment Scotland have given permission for the installation to take place
- Reported that on Carriden Brae lorries and trailers are going into Jenkinson’s Yard from 5am until 1am. Noise Abatement may be the route to go. Jaine McLean will contact Councillor Ritchie about Air Quality, and Traffic Calming which is needed for children crossing to the Football Ground. GPS takes you down Carriden Brae, would a sign saying don’t follow GPS help.

Lennox Ainslie

- Reported that it is six weeks to the Fair. The door-to-door collection has been successful. A golf competition raised £1500 and a Richmond Park event raised

£1600. There will not be as many bands in the parade. The website is very good. There are many young people joining as officials.

Stephen Baird

- Reported there will be a Bo'net meeting to look at a new 5 Year Plan. The previous Bo'ness Plan was developed after two public meetings and 220 attendees.

Stuart McAllister

- There are no current planning applications for Bo'ness.
- Reported on the merging of Kinglass and Forthview Drs practices to become Kinneil Practice
- There is a report on the reduction of Library opening hours. She will ask Councillor Ritchie for an update on this matter.
- There was a public meeting about the re-opening of the Public Toilets. The meeting was featured in The Journal.

John Ogden

- Reported on new lighting installed in Hazeldean. He asked whether the Council had looked at sustainable methods such as photovoltaic instead of hard wiring. Have the Council conducted Due Diligence on installing LEDs. Jaine McLean will email Councillor Ritchie to ask for an update.
- Reported on a new path at Crawfield Road which has been paid for by the house owner to allow the garden to be extended.
- Reported that West Lothian will be following Falkirk Council's system. Jaine McLean reported she had received a response from a Councillor and had passed it onto John Ogden

Jaine McLean

- Reported for **Billy Horn** that there will be a Buzzness Picnic at the Foreshore on 29th July. Applications have been put into the Council.
- Reported for **Billy Horn** that as the Falkirk Council funding for the Xmas lights has been withdrawn, Buzzness will take this on. Licensing are currently checking Buzzness's Constitution. £10k will be needed to run the event so fundraising will need to take place. What grants could we apply for? We need to use BCC channels to get the news out. Madelene Hunt attended the Buzzness AGM. Val Spowart suggested an envelope collection as per the Fair Day. Wendy Turner offered to check out a list of businesses.
- Reported on the Public Toilets meeting. 30 people attended and 20 volunteered to be involved. Art Berg is the Council contact person; and Garry Greenhorn has sent through costings. An application has been made to Walker Homes for £2k. Sustrans have been contacted with regards to the John Muir Way. Wendy Turner suggested contacting Forth Environment Link. It is estimated that it will cost £3k to £5k for running costs. Community Asset Transfer is being looked at but this takes time and so a short Lease is being pursued.
- Bloomin Bo'ness – there are two new flower beds by the Miner's Memorial. There are also new beds on Cadzow Crescent and at the Marcus Strachan Memorial.

- The final stages of Community Asset Transfer have been completed for Cowdenhill Community Centre.

Owen Griffith

- Asked that we use all available channels to celebrate success.
- Reported that the website will have an Events Calendar and Volunteer Opportunities
- The Office Bearers are to discuss outgoings to Sanctus Media and The PR Store and report to the next meeting. Jaine McLean raised the issue of the invoices from Adrian Mahoney. Madelene Hunt explained there was no-one on BCC who could undertake this work.

Brian Dempsey

- Reported that the laptop, printer and software for the Secretary had cost £542
- Reported that a new cheque book is needed

7. Correspondence

No correspondence was reported on.

8. AOB

Lennox Ainslie suggested that the Real Ale Society provides sponsorship and might be willing to support the Xmas lights.

Brian Laird suggested a fund-raising event at The Corbie Inn. Jaine McLean will contact Gail about this.

Owen reported on the image that had been used on the website about fly-tipping. The Falkirk Community Safety Group had originally used the image and it had been added to the BCC website. Communication with the owner of the copyright for the image will be needed

Lennox Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 14th June May 2023
at 7.30pm at St Catharine's Church Hall**