



# BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## Minutes of Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> March 2023

### St. Catharine's Church Hall 7.30pm

#### **1. Welcome**

Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone including Brian Barker (Technical Manager) and Chris Wright of Dandara Homes. to the meeting and informed us that Dandara hoped to attend our next meeting. Madelene thanked Stuart for doing the minutes for the February meeting.

#### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Owen Griffiths (Vice Convenor), Lennox Ainslie, Stuart McAllister, Stephen Baird, Gordon Clark Matteo Petruzzo. Billy Horn, Wendy Turner

#### **In attendance:**

PC Graeme McDougall

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Stacey Devine, Councillor Anne Ritchie, Councillor David Aitchison, Val Spowart, John Ogden, Brian Laird

#### **3. Minutes of the 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023 meeting**

Minutes were accepted with amendment of spelling of Matteo Petruzzo's name.

#### **4. Matters Arising**

Layby actions needed to deal with litter. Councillor Aitchison was following this up. Councillor Devine is to be asked to follow up as well.

Outdoor Gym Equipment – Brian Demsey reported that he had made contact with a equipment supplier who quoted c. £14k would be needed. Wendy Turner suggested a Community Choices funding application. Builder Development Funding could also be used.

Madelene Hunt will ask for the Head of Building Services to attend a BCC meeting to answer questions about this funding. Owen Griffiths reported that he had put in a Freedom of Information request and had been told this would take 234 hours (at £14

an hour) to answer. Owen will follow this up with Brian Pirie and will ask how to get a response.

## **5. Dandara Homes Presentation**

Brian Barker and Chris Wright reported on plans to build 80 3,4 and 5 bedrooms homes at Drum Farm South. They reported that they have given two public presentations on 31<sup>st</sup> January and 21<sup>st</sup> February. All comments from the meetings are being taken on board. All these meetings are prior to the Planning Application being put into Falkirk Council. All documents are available online. [Home - Dandara East Scotland Ltd - Consultation \(consultationonline.co.uk\)](http://www.consultationonline.co.uk). The route for construction traffic will be from Carriden Brae above the Cemetery. Concern was raised about the use of this road due to its width and also how busy the road is when there is a funeral. Dandara confirmed there will be a Transport statement as well as Road Safety mitigations and a Road Cleaning Strategy. The route for residential traffic will be from the roundabout on the main road. Stephen Baird asked about loss of trees. Dandara explained a tree survey has been completed and as few trees as possible will be cut down. Dandara confirmed an ecology study is also being undertaken. Stephen asked about parking provision and pavements. The bus services from Bo'ness have been cut and so the only real option is to drive. Dandara replied that they are following the Scottish Government rules around designing streets and the scheme will balance the needs for pavements and roads. Janine McLean how people will walk safely and Dandara confirmed pavements are in the development. Billy Horn asked about playpark provision. Dandara said they will be making a contribution for a play park. There was discussion about the Developer Contribution being spent in the area where new developments are being built. There was discussion about the levels within the development and Dandara confirmed that levels will be such that views will be maintained. The construction programme will be 2 to 2 ½ years. An archaeological survey will be undertaken.

Dandara reported that concerns raised at the consultation events were:

- Construction Traffic Route
- Traffic
- Loss of Green Field Site
- Education, Health Impacts
- Lack of investment
- Lack of shops and sports facilities
- Loss of views.

## **6. Police Report**

PC Graeme McDougall presented the Police Report for crimes that had taken place locally over the last month. In particular PC MacDougall reported on car thefts from outside houses and advised that car keys should be stored away from doors and windows.

## 7. Reports

**Lennox Ainslie** reported that Brown Bin Requests are proving difficult.

**Jaine McLean** reported that work has begun at the Library and is expected to take 16 weeks.

**Stuart McAllister** planning applications

2 Register Street Alteration to from Dentist to Flatted Dwelling

Romwall, Grahamsdyke Lane – construction of dwelling-house

Minton Cottage, 29 Panbrae – alteration to dwelling house (new door)

Modular Building, Seaview Place – change of use from Church

4 Bridgeness Crescent – extension to dwelling house

Bus Stop Cottage, Carriden Brae – alterations to dwelling house

28 Forth Crescent – extension to dwelling house

Murray House, Acre Road – alteration and extension to dwelling house

**Matteo Petruzzo** reported on the noise and smell from Ballantines. He had reported this but received no response. It was suggested that direct contact with SEPA might be more successful.

**Stephen Baird** a budget of £2.7m has been allocated to the Champany Junction. This work is likely to take place from 2026 to 2027.

**Brian Dempsey** has Forms for signature for the Bank Account.

**Billy Horn** reported that Buzzness have met to discuss the re-opening of the public toilets. Art Berg is the contact at the Council. He reports that a SCIO would have to be set up to proceed with this.

He also asked for clarification of the purpose of Bo'ness Community Council.

**Owen Griffiths** reported that he would like to discuss proposals for improving the outreach of BCC and suggested a discussion at the next meeting.

## 8. Correspondence

**Jaine McLean** reported on an email regarding a proposed Orange March on 24<sup>th</sup> June. Comments can be sent to Falkirk Council about this. Janie will email out the link. It is reported that Falkirk Council are paying for police and traffic management. Billy Horn asked why Buzzness and Bo'ness Fair have to pay for these facilities.

**Brian Dempsey** reported on an email about the “Flag Pole” in Chance Park and the fact it is in poor condition. This is actually a post showing where the Chance Park Mine Shaft is. There are bats roosting in it and so no action can be taken at the moment.

**Stuart McAllister** reported on an email about filming taking place in the Town Centre.

**9. AOB**

The meeting was drawn to an early end due to the weather.

Lennox Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 7.30pm at St Catharine's Church Hall**