



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

### **Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt [Chair], Lennox Anslie [Vice-Chair] , Joan Boyd [Secretary] Maria Ford [Minute Secretary] David Findlay, Ashley Sneddon, Stuart McAllister, David Aitchison, Alex King, Tom Sargent and Siobhan Samson.

**In Attendance:** Councillor Adrian Mahoney.

### **Apologies for Absence**

Owen Griffiths, Robyn Adamson and Ian Don.

### **Police Report**

**Officers in attendance – P. C. Graeme McDougall and Sergeant Graham Mackin** this report is to provide the local community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area.

#### **ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER**

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 2 minor assaults reported to Police.

#### **DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE**

Over the previous month, 1 Drug Search warrants have been enforced within the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area with a total of 1 drug supply/drug production charge being reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

#### **ROAD SAFETY**

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no speeding offences detected, no mobile phone offences detected and 1 seatbelt offence detected. No person has been charged with drink/drug drive offences.

6 fixed penalty tickets have been issued in regards to parking within the town centre.

#### **DISHONESTY CRIMES**

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 1 attempted housebreaking offence to a residential property. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There has been 2 Theft of Motor Vehicles and one attempted theft. There is no identified pattern or repeat location.

#### **OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS**

There have been complaints in regards to the parking of vehicles at both the Grange and Bo'ness Public Primary Schools. The local Community Officers will deploy to the schools as much as possible in an effort to tackle this issue.

### **Minutes of 10<sup>th</sup> August 2016**

Minutes read and accepted by Len Ainslie and Stuart McAllister.

### **Matters Arising**

Joan will give an update in her report in connection to the Airport and Projects.

### **Reports**

**Len Ainslie** – Nothing to report

**Ashley Sneddon** – Ashley and Owen are sitting on the Business Events Group forum looking at Town Centre events [Halloween and Christmas events]

**David Findlay** – attended the Hill Climb and enjoyed the event. He informed the Council that the Cenotaph was presently being cleaned. Remembrance march will be held on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

**Maria Ford**– **The Friends of Kinneil** Maria took the opportunity to distribute the Big Roman Week brochures to all of the Councillors. She stated that this was the biggest festival yet. The new event was the Antonine Wall Community Conference which will be held in the Hippodrome.

**Bo'net** – We are still waiting to find out if we are successful in our bid for £20,000.00 to assist groups in the town.

**Alex King** – **NHS Forth Valley Annual Review Public Session.** Alex attended this meeting as a representative of B.C.C. The meeting was opened by Ms Aileen Campbell, Minister of Health & Sport. The presentation was delivered by Alex Linkston , Chairman Forth Valley NHS Board.

Alex gave us a synopsis of the meeting – There is a big push on Infectious control – Last year 194,000 Flu injections were ministered. –Savings of £26,614 to be met. – Osteoporosis referrals have proved challenging but a new strategy is showing improvements. – Short discussion on unpaid carers, foreign nationals and unattended appointments. – Deaf people, how do they connect with ALFIE? -

**David Aitchison**- **Newtown Park Association** A new social group has been formed for men over 55 years of age. This will take place fortnightly on a Wednesday. The first event 10 people attended

**Bus Community Group** – The inaugural meeting over 70 people attended and the group received over 50 responses to the questionnaire. A working group has now been formed

**Councillor Mahoney** - **Buses** – City Link from Stirling/ Dunblaine/Grangemouth then proceeds onto the motorway heading to Edinburgh. Adrian is in contact to highlight the benefits to the Bo'ness Community if from Grangemouth the bus could travel to Bo'ness [even if was only two stops] then proceed onto the motorway. Talks are still continuing.

**Antonine Wall** – There will be new signage and interpretation along the wall and a film being made. Falkirk Council is working with all partners concerned.

**Budget** rounds are soon to take part £20 million cuts are being proposed.

**Tom Sargent** – Nothing to report.

**Siobhan Samson** – PAN from INEOS – includes proposed Grangemouth Road Closure.

Traffic counters have been installed by F.C. to target the flow of traffic. INEOS are carrying out the same procedure. Discussion took place regarding the proposed consultation and planning notices.

### **Stuart McAllister** - Planning Notices

Application No: P/16/0514/FUL

Location: Lidl UK GmbH, 2-4 Links Road, Bo'ness EH51 9AW

Proposal: Reconfiguration of Car Park and Installation of Trolley Bay.

Application No: P/16/0488/ADV

Location: Lidl UK GmbH, 2-4 Links Road, Bo'ness EH51 9AW

Proposal: Display of Illuminated Advertisement

Planning applications can be viewed at <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning>

### **Joan Boyd**– Airport Consultation

Joan spoke about the various meetings that she had attended with regard to the consultation process and the issues being experienced across the Lothians and Falkirk areas. Having been at four or more meetings related to this, it is clear that there so much information and contradictions in the information. Joan has spoken with some people in Bo'ness who have complained to us, not only about the noise, but the lack of concern shown by the airport when they do complain. They have indicated a general perception that that the information given in response to requests by members of the community is not believed to be accurate or their questions are not fully explained.

In particular, those people in Blackness and Bo'ness who have been complaining to the Airport about low flying planes, changed flight patterns and noise. Edinburgh airport denies any changes have been made since the withdrawal of the TUTOR trials. It was clear from a show of hands at one public meeting Joan attended that people, who did not experience noise prior to the TUTOR trials were now experiencing this (almost 100% of those in the room) and complaining about how the current paths are being used. The complaints we have received from our community indicate that the paths appear to be being used differently to those prior to the trials.

Joan commented on the findings of wide ranging research related to communities impacted upon by aircraft disruption to their lives. There is well documented research on the impacts on health and wellbeing, the reduced ability to learn of children affected by noise and experiencing sleep disruption.

The airport are asking only one question at this stage, which is what are the aspects that the community believes should be taken into account when considering changes to flight paths. However what the issues the community actually will experience once changes are made will ultimately depend on what flight paths Edinburgh airport design and how these are utilised.

For example complaints at present are around noise, flights flying at less than 4000ft and those airlines not being fined, early morning flights (5.30am and 6.00am). Edinburgh airport do not have an embargo on operating flying times the way, for example, Heathrow does. It is believed generally that the aim under the TUTOR trial that was cancelled last year was to have one aircraft taking off from the airport every minute. If this is still their aim and the pathways are utilised similarly to those in the trial then there is potential for a large number of families to be impacted upon.

Our response to this first phase of the consultation was discussed and it was agreed David and Joan would look at all of the aspects discussed and provide our response which will also set out what is special about Bo'ness in terms of heritage, coastal aspects and birds sanctuary etc. The consultation ends on the 19<sup>th</sup> September.

The first stage of this consultation was supposed to end on the 12<sup>th</sup> September and has been extended to the 19<sup>th</sup> September as the airport lost 199 responses to the consultation due to a technical issue. There will be a second phase where the airport will ask for further information based on what they are proposing and based on the results of the first stage. Then there will be a third stage where the airport will offer up to three options based on the design envelopes (flight paths) which they have shown some information about in the 84 page document available to the public on request.

[letssofar@edinburghairport.com](mailto:letssofar@edinburghairport.com)

<http://edinburghairportwatch.com>

**Madelene Hunt** – INEOS - Community Council representatives met with Grangemouth C.C representatives discussing the pending Grangemouth road closure and the effect it will have on the commuters also the health and safety aspect. A further meeting is proposed prior to both public Consultation meetings.

**One Stop Shop** – representatives for the C. Council will be meeting officers from F.C. prior to public consultation meetings.

### **Joan Boyd** - Correspondence.

#### **Letters:**

Letter from Falkirk Council roads related to the meeting we had with Mr Steedman and Mr Soutar about the junction of Borrowstoun Road and Linlithgow Road.

Councillor Mahoney forwarded a copy of the letters going out to households regarding the changes to recycling and waste collection services. – Green Bins every four weeks.

[www.falkirk.gov.uk/ahpcollection](http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/ahpcollection).

Householders are required to use the whole collection service which includes food waste. Green bins should only be used for material that cannot be recycled. It costs £10,000 a day to send household green bin material to Landfill.

Updated information, updated collection calendars, door-to-door visits if requested. A collection service for nappies and incontinence products to households that apply. Information and new calendars will be issued in September before the new service starts.

Anyone with specific concerns regarding their household can contact Falkirk Council via [zerowaste@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:zerowaste@falkirk.gov.uk)

(BCC met with Councillor Anne Ritchie?)

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

**E-mail** from Falkirk Trust 18/8/16 advising that unfortunately they have taken the decision to close off the five a side pitches at Bo'ness Recreation Centre after an inspection of the lighting columns, arranged in conjunction with our colleagues in Development Services. It was identified some essential strengthening works were required to the metal floodlight columns. This is a precautionary measure at this time to avoid any unnecessary risk to our customers. The area will be cordoned off until further inspection and repairs are arranged at the start of next week.

**e-mail** inviting all BCCs in Falkirk Council area to meet with representatives from Edinburgh Airport to discuss the consultation. Madelene and I attended and the information was included in my report. I will cover this in my report.

**e-mail** from Ian Mate, Edinburgh Airport Watch regarding a Parliamentary Motion that has been proposed.

<http://www.parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/28877.aspx?SearchType=Advance&ReferenceNumbers=S5M-00849&ResultsPerPage=10>

**e-mail** from Councillor Mahoney regarding the ROMAN WEEK. Listings are online at [www.bigromanweek.org.uk](http://www.bigromanweek.org.uk). Free Antonine Wall Community Conference being held in the Hippodrome on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September. Book a place at <http://j.mp/aw-conf> This is a half day event.

**E-mail** from Kay Wood regarding a meeting on the 29<sup>th</sup> September at the BCSG Cabin in Boundary Street at 10.30am to update the Over 50s Signposting Directory which I forwarded to you all on the 9<sup>th</sup>. Is anyone going along? **E-mail from Bo'ness Community Police asking** If we could put an information link on our Face book page or any communication you put out? It is the chance for the community to tell the police what is important to them It's a simple and quick process which takes around 15 minutes. The consultation process is open all year, if priorities change, tell us. The survey is aimed at people aged 16 or over who live or work in the community.

**Copy of an e-mail** from Rab Jeffrey regarding his belief that Falkirk Council transport officials made representation to Citylink to divert the 909 service via Bo'ness so that residents would retain a fast link to the City Centre last year which was declined. At a recent meeting about the transport Initiative he was asked to approach the Council on behalf of people attending to ask for re-consideration of this matter. He has also sent of his e-mail to copies to Humza Yousef, Scottish Government Transport Minister our MSP Angus MacDonald, Falkirk Council Transport Convenor Craig R Martin and our Bo'ness Councillors Adrian Mahoney, Ann Ritchie and Sandy Turner.

### **Invitations:**

**E-mail** from Dawna Chisholm from Falkirk Council to the grand opening of the Salmon Court Common Room. Unfortunately nobody was free to attend.

**E-mail** from FareShare to a drop-in event at Tesco's in Redding. Madelene and I attended and it was very interesting to hear about the projects across a number of areas.

E-mail inviting us to CAB (Grangemouth and Bo'ness) AGM on 7<sup>th</sup> October. (circulated to ascertain if anyone wants to go).

### **Notifications from Falkirk Council Roads:**

Notices advising the implementation of disabled parking spaces in three locations. One at the east side of Commissioner Street, 10 metres from the projected northern kerb line of Main

Street, Bo'ness. The second at the south side of Fountain Park Crescent, 25 metres west of the projected curb line of Harbour Road, Bo'ness and the third on Stewart Avenue at the eastern building line of 60 Stewart Avenue for 6.6 metres.

Confirmation of the No Waiting at any time order implementation from the projected northern building line of 75 Linlithgow Road for 10 metres.

Extension from 12<sup>th</sup> September until 10<sup>th</sup> October 2016 of the order prohibiting vehicles on Borrowstoun Road for services for new development,

### **AOCB**

Len spoke about the change to the Wheelie Bins collection.

**There being no other competent business and this having been one of the longest BCC meetings ever, Len proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.**