



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

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Madelene Hunt [Chair], Lennox Ainslie [Vice-Chair] , Joan Boyd [Secretary], Ian Don, [Treasurer] , Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Robyn Adamson, Siobhan Sansom, David Findlay, David Aitchison and Councilor Adrian Mahoney

3. Apologies for Absence

Owen Griffiths, Ashley Sneddon

4. Police Report Presented by: PC Greg Cruickshanks

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

There have been 11 incidents of ASB over the previous month. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 2 minor assaults reported to Police.

Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse

Over the previous month, there has been no Drug Search warrant enforced within the Bo'ness area. 2 persons have been found in possession of controlled substances.

Road Safety

There has been 1 speeding offence detected, 2 Hit & Run Offences, MOT offence and one offence relating to Driving dangerously.

Dishonesty Crimes

There has been 1 housebreaking offence relating to residential property there has been 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There have been 7 minor thefts.

Points raised regarding use of motorbikes on Bo'ness Foreshore and Cadzow Ave which police continue to investigate.

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

5. Minutes of Wednesday 11th January 2017

Minutes read and proposed by Stuart McAllister and seconded by Alex King.

6. Matters Arising

From last month's meeting it was advised that at a participatory budget meeting, Bo'ness could get a potential 1% of the £300 million government budget in the future. This year we got £30,000 from the Scottish Government's Changes Fund. This was topped up to £40,000 due to Falkirk Council adding £10,000.

7. McLaren Nominations

Four Nominations were received for the McLaren Trophy. BCC held a ballot and this year the Trophy will be presented to Kinneil Bowling Club Lady Bowlers for their help and support to local charitable groups over many years.

8. Reports

Lennox Ainslie – Nothing to report

Ian Don – reported that the current balance is £784.94

David Findlay – Nothing to report

Robyn Adamson – Nothing to report.

Siobhan Sansom – Siobhan, Joan and Madelene met with Grangemouth CC regarding the planning application which has now been submitted to Falkirk Council by INEOS. P/17/0041/FUL – “Works adjacent to and within the confines of Bo'ness Road, Grangemouth comprising the Construction of a Security Management Centre, 2 Security Gatehouses, Security Fencing and 5 Pipe Bridges with Supporting Infrastructure by Ineos Bo'ness Road Grangemouth FK3 9XH”.

A meeting is scheduled with Bernard Whittle and David Paterson next Friday 17th February here in the Library.

A public hearing/meeting is being held by Falkirk Council to look at proposals for the INEOS plant in Grangemouth. The Pre Determination Hearing will be held on Monday 13 March 2017 at 7 p.m. at Grangemouth High School, Tinto Drive, Grangemouth FK3 0HW.

Following the hearing it is proposed that the minute and a report will go to the full Council for consideration on Wednesday 29 March 2017.

David Aitchison – Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Association held a public meeting on Thursday which was well attended by approx. 80 people. Launch of a trial period of the Community Transport Bus has been delayed due to a delay in receiving permits, however it is anticipated that the community bus will be running by the end of April. This will be a 3-month trial to see what the uptake will be for the service. As this is a charity it can be a max of a 16 seater bus so it is advised that anyone wishing to use the service sign up to become a member for free at <https://www.facebook.com/Boness-and-Area-Community-Bus-Association-SCIO-1645798572316117/> to be added as they will be given priority. A just giving page will soon be launched for donations to help crowd fund the charity.

Alex King – Nothing to report.

Stuart McAllister
Planning Applications

Application No: P/16/0776/DMO Earliest Date of Decision 3 February 2017

Application Type: Demolition Notice

Location: Donaldson & McConnell, Grangemouth Road, Bo'ness EH51 0PU

Application No: P/170051/CPE Earliest Date of Decision 6 February 2017

Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Use

Location: 44 - 48 South Street, Bo'ness EH51 9HD

Application No: P/17/0060/PPP Earliest Date of Decision 10 March 2017

Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle

Location: Land to the East of 39 Braefoot Road, Braefoot Road, Bo'ness EH51

Councilor Adrian Mahoney

Adrian reported on Council Budget to advise that following Scottish Government Budget last week a further £220 million has been found by SG, this will mean a further sum for Falkirk Council. This could mean that some of the hardest cuts proposed in this year's budget may not go ahead this year.

He confirmed that Falkirk Councils Council Tax will rise this year and commented that Midlothian will also be taking this approach.

Adrian commented on the Library and relocation of the one stop to the Library and suggested that we could seek funding from the participatory budget to renovate the library. As Falkirk Community Trust is responsible for the Library building this would be something to consider if members wished to pursue.

Alex King commented on the dog waste bin at Crawfield Road which was reported last month, this was damaged and has subsequently been removed. An enquiry should be raised by BCC to find out what the stance is on replacement. Adrian commented about bins being removed after being damaged and not replaced and asked that if there are areas of concern to raise this with him.

Adrian confirmed that the Bonnybridge World Heritage Site sign for the Antoine Wall was funded by Bonnybridge C.C. If BCC wished to progress other signage in the town then we could seek funding.

Joan Boyd Madelene and Joan attended the launch of the Hippodrome Silent Film Festival Programme yesterday which looks like being another great event. We are also taking part in training later this month related to participatory budgeting. This is an opportunity for the community to access funding for community projects.

We have been approached by an Officer from Unite asking if we would be prepared to have potential involvement regarding a paper that has been presented to Parliament. This paper is related to the requirement for Bus Transport legislation. I have given my contact details and if we receive an invitation to give evidence regarding the impact on our community of bus transport withdrawal I will bring this to the members for consideration and voting.

Correspondence:

E-mails and information

E-mail forwarded on behalf of NHS 24:

A request to complete the consultation that is taking place on NHS 24's draft strategy, seeking their support to link in with patient groups/PPF's across Scotland. Madelene distributed this to all members. The draft strategy and details of how to take part can be found here: draft strategy www.nhs24.com/aboutus/nhs24board/strategicplanning/

The consultation closes on Friday 24 February 2017

E-mail from Merv Archibald (Blackness Community Council) regarding the data requested by Blackness Community Council in regard to the numbers of planes flying over Blackness.

E-mail from the Edinburgh Airport Consultation regarding the setting up of the Management Board which was forwarded to members on the 2/2

E-mail from the White Lady Mountain Group extending an invitation to attend their Drop-in evening on 22 February 2017. They will be discussing their plans to complete the first stage

of the bike trails in Kinneil Woods. They are also looking for volunteers to assist with the build features for the skills loop.

E-mail From a member of the public regarding the information in our December minutes which highlight the fact that flashing lights on bicycles, both front and rear, have in fact been legal since 2005. Madelene has addressed this.

E-mail – NHS Forth Valley News and updates – A FV nursing assistant celebrated her 80th birthday and was given a surprise party by her colleagues. Three expectant mothers in Clackmannanshire were the first to be presented with the new baby boxes by the first Minister. Mention was made of construction work starting on the new Stirling Care Village and of a fundraising event conducted by staff at the Forth valley Royal Hospital

E-mail Containing the Forth Valley Alcohol and Drugs Needs Assessment Report which was forwarded to members on 31/1/17.

E-mail from Councillor Adrian Mahoney regarding the increase in bus fares and the inclusion of Bo'ness in the Zonal ticket which was passed to members on 30/1/17

E-mail from Councillor Mahoney attaching a briefing COSLA gave to MSPs related to the Cuts facing Councils which was forwarded to all members on 31/1/17

E-mail from Falkirk Council regarding the Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 - Main issues Report Consultation. Madelene has asked for copies of the report to be sent to her. The consultation in Bo'ness will take place on the 27/2/17 at Bo'ness Recreation Centre 4-8pm and on the 25/3/17 at Tesco's 10.00am – 3pm (Ask for Volunteers to attend both sessions) Councillor Mahoney also made us aware of this.

E-mail from Falkirk Council advising of the INEOS application to erect security gates including the closure of Bo'ness Road. BCC has confirmed we wish to be consulted.

E-mail from Brian Pirie related to the Consultation with Community Councils on the future of the Scottish planning system giving a link to the survey which ends on **4th April 2017**. This was forwarded to all members on 19/1/17. (Ask if completed survey)

E-mail from Falkirk Council Environmental Health Dept regarding the spreading of Thermal Hydrolysis Cake at Northbank Farm which was forwarded to all members on 12/1/17

Notifications from Falkirk Council Roads

Notice advising the order to implement disabled parking space at Dawson Place from a point 1 metre south of the projected northern building line of no 47 in a northerly direction. Another on the west side of Cadzow Avenue, from a point of 15 metres north of the projected kerb line of Newtown in a northerly direction.

9. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

Nothing to report

10. A.O.C.B.

Len Ainslie shared that West Lothian Golf Course celebrates the 125th anniversary of its inauguration in 1892, a Brochure was also distributed.

As there was no further business Stuart McAllister proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING 8TH MARCH AT 7PM