



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th OF MARCH 2017 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

2. Sederunt

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), David Aitchison, David Findlay, Siobhan Samson, Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Councillor Adrian Mahoney

3. Apologies for Absence

Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths

As this meeting did not meet the minimum attendance of members, please note this meeting is not Quorate and minutes may not be as detailed as normal. Items will be discussed as normal but no decisions can be made.

4. Police Report

Report Presented by: P.C. Graeme McDougall

The purpose of this report is to provide the local community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder**

There have been 9 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 6 minor assaults reported to Police.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, there have been no Drug Search warrants enforced within the Bo'ness area. 3 persons have been found in possession of controlled substances.

- **Road Safety**

There has been no speeding offences detected, 1 offence for driving under the influence of alcohol, 2 offences for no Insurance

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 1 housebreaking offence relating to residential property.
 There have been 2 thefts of motor vehicles and 2 thefts from motor vehicles. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There have been 3 minor thefts.

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

The police stated there has been a recent increase in anti-social behavior, but this is in-keeping with patterns leading up to the summer, especially in Bo’ness.

Q: Does the police have any follow-up to the van mentioned last month, which is parked on Crawfield Road?

A: Police have so far only observed this van parked correctly but they will continue to monitor and encourage anyone who sees a vehicle parked in a manner causing obstruction or illegally to contact them.

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

Community Safety Team Report

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.
Period: 01/02/17 – 28/02/17

| Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area | Breakdown of 3 geographical areas | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| | 130 | EAST- Grangemouth, Bo’ness, Braes | WEST- Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Hags, Banknock |
| | 59 | 33 | 38 |

Hotspot Patrols

| Area | Issues | Actions |
|------|--------|---|
| None | | We identify hotspot areas through a multi-agency tasking group involving Police, Housing, SACRO, Fire Service and Detached Youth. These are areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour. |

Investigations: Period 01/02/17 – 28/02/17

| ASB Concern | No of reports |
|-------------------------------|----------------------|
| Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs | 46 |
| Litter/Fly Tipping | 5 |
| Youth related disorder | 6 |
| Other | 2 |

Further Information

We continue to monitor the Bo'ness area for dog fouling, litter and Anti-Social Behaviour. Patrols are currently centred on specific areas including: Kinglass Community Woodland where general issues of Anti-Social behaviour have been reported including drug taking, drinking and off road motor vehicles.
Newtown Park – Youth Anti-Social Behaviour.
Some lunchtime patrols are targeting the area around Erngath Road where littering has been subject of complaint.

Contact Us

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| Phone | 0808 100 3161 | FREEPHONE 24/7 |
| Email | community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk | |
| Online | Falkirk Council Website | www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today |

You can also find interesting information on:

Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FalkirkLitterTeam (please like and share)

Twitter account at www.twitter.com/LitterTeam

5. Minutes of Wednesday 10th February 2016

Pg1 – Spelling of name, Siobhan Samson.

Pg2 – Misspelling of ‘Councillor’.

Pg3 – Figures corrected from £200m to £160m.

Minutes read and accepted by Lennox Ainslie and David Aitchison.

6. Matters Arising

Pg 2. On Participatory Budgeting: All stakeholders will be given a list of participants.

7. REPORTS

Len Ainslie – Len attended the recent War Animals exhibition and display in Bo’ness Library and was very impressed by the level of detail and knowledge put into it, as well as the amount of work put into it.

Len also attended the NHS PP, which he found interesting and impressive, as well as easy to understand for beginners. During this, the subject of defibrillators was brought up and, being a recent topic of discussion in Bo’ness, it was discussed how more knowledge could be put to the public of where the 5 defibrillators are in Bo’ness. This is something the Community Council would like to look into, further to Len’s suggestion.

David Findlay – Further to the road resurfacing question noted in the police Q&A, David also noted that there are many roads in Bo’ness which currently need resurfaced, but the road at Borrowstoun Crescent is in a particularly bad state. David was advised to email Falkirk Council, which he intends to do.

Siobhan Samson – Siobhan, along with Joan and Madelene, explained she is still doing ongoing research into the INEOS proposed road closure. Siobhan and Madelene are preparing to go to a public consultation on the road closure, and many people from Bo’ness are expected to attend. There were also some problems noted with comments on the INEOS website, where they were not appearing correctly. Siobhan said she would look into this.

David Aitchison – Newtown Park Association will be holding a cabaret night on the 26th of March. Tickets are £7 including buffet and all proceeds will go towards the proposed new recreation hub. The NPA have also applied to the community fund to hire an architect to draw up plans for the hub.

David is also part of the Bo’ness Area Community Bus Association, who are soon set to start a 3 month trial on a route from Bo’ness to Edinburgh, via Blackness. The Bus Association recently received 10k towards this trial from Falkirk Council.

The Bus Association is also running a membership programme – membership is free and members will get first chance to book and get on the bus.

Questionnaires are around town in various places to gather the Bo’ness public’s views on the project.

Ashley Sneddon – Ashley and Owen’s group, ‘Buzzness’ have been looking at reviving the various events in the town, as well as fundraising ways to do this. The group is having a disco in the Masonic Temple on 24th of March. Tickets are £3.

In the possible planning of the Victorian Street Fair, Buzzness have asked to consult Madelene in this meeting, as she is the one who has helped to run it previously. A meeting will be arranged with Madelene when this agenda comes up.

Stuart McAllister –
Planning Reports

Application No: P/170060/PPP

Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle

Proposal: Erection of a Dwellinghouse
Location: Land to the East of 39 Braefoot Road, Bo'ness

Application No: P/17/0078/FUL
Application Type: Planning Permission
Proposal: Erection of a Wood Waste Building and Installation of Plant Location:
Woodwaste Ltd Bo'ness, Carriden
EH51 9SF

Application No: P/17/0076/PPP
Application Type: Planning Permission in Principle
Proposal: Development for Residential Use. Location to the East of 37 Stewart
Avenue Bo'ness.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

[Secretary] Joan Boyd.

Joan mentioned that the airport, which the Bo'ness Community Council has been engaged with over noise complaints in recent months, have been having drop-in sessions. Joan will continue to brief us on any situation that develops.

Notes for the meeting

The results of the public consultation undertaken in relation to the INEOS Planning Application are as follows:

294 responses: 94.5% Objecting (278) 3.6% Supporting (9) and 5.5% Don't know (7). Given the short response time for objections and that there were only four of us able to undertake conversations with the community, this was a good result. The BCC objection was forwarded to Falkirk Council by the deadline and has been acknowledged. Several other objections were sent in separately to the above.

You will have seen the comments in the paper about the next phase of the Edinburgh airport consultation. It appears that the airport is holding drop in sessions in different areas. Blackness Community Council has been copying us into their correspondence with Gordon Dewar regarding clarification of information. They also commented strongly about the proposed Management Board. There appear to be two flight paths that can affect Bo'ness. I sent the survey details about the Management Board to all members last month. I will send a copy of Blackness Community Newsletter which details a number of perceived issues?

You would see the e-mail from Madelene regarding the petition that Unite presented to Parliament. Originally, my understanding was that this was a paper presented to Parliament and not a petition. Although we are a non a-political group this is about legislating bus companies for the benefit of communities. It was agreed that David Aitchison will pass the information to The Bo'ness Area Community Bus group to ensure they are aware of this petition so that they may comment should they wish to.

Correspondence:

E-mails and information

E-mail from Councillor Mahoney related to the hearing of the Ineos Planning application on the 13th March at 7.00pm in Grangemouth High School.

E-mail from the WWI project asking me to pass on their thanks to all at the Community Council for their support.

E-mail From Falkirk Council related to the Main Issues Report (planning for 2020) which I forwarded to you. Madelene is going along to the consultation meetings on 15th march. However nobody else has agreed to go along to the one on 20th March.

E-mail from Falkirk Council related to the Community Safety Team report

E-mail From Regarding Kinneil Orchard Volunteering sessions. Falkirk community trust and the Friends of Kinneil are holding a short volunteering session in the Orchard at Kinneil on the morning of 1st April. If you would be interested in coming along please e-mail Claire.mennim@falkirkcommunitytrust.org

Joan also updated the meeting on the Notifications from Falkirk Council Roads related to disabled parking spaces and work being undertaken locally.

9. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

The Community Council received a letter of thanks from the World War One project mentioned a few months ago for our letter of endorsement to receive possible lottery funding.

There will be meetings in March for local development at Callendar House Madelene will be attending.

The Community Council members received with thanks their invitations to the McLaren Cup Award.

10. A.O.C.B.

A short discussion was had on the proposed new housing development to build 450 houses on the greenbelt land at Crawfield Road.

Councillor Mahoney attended the Community Council meeting after his surgery and explained the project in greater detail. Using a map of the area, he explained what the development and build would mean for Bo'ness, not just in the short term, but also for the long-term prospects, such as its growth as a town, as well as detailing which places in Bo'ness were currently considered Brownfield and which were Greenbelt. The Community Council also carefully considered and discussed in-depth both the upsides and downsides to this development, as well as the complaints and the comments from members of the community.

This will be further discussed at our next meeting and a decision will be made as to how we wish to proceed

As there was no further business Lennox Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.

NEXT MEETING IS ON 12th APRIL AT 7PM