



## **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12TH APRIL 2017 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

#### **Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

#### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Alex King, David Aitchison, Siobhan Samson, Owen Griffiths, Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary)

#### **Apologies for Absence**

Ian Don (Treasurer), David Findlay, Councillor Adrian Mahoney

#### **Presentation by Alistair Shaw from Planning**

Alistair Shaw, from Planning, kindly gave a presentation to the Community Council on Local Development Plan 2. LDP2 is a follow-on plan from LDP1, which started in 2015. LDP2 was started shortly afterwards.

The main content of these plans is to gather information and ask about local issues, consulting both Community Councils and residents – the main way this information has been gathered from this plan is from road shows. The stages of these plans are then put together and sent to the Scottish Government.

The annual target from planning for houses is 675. 100 of those being social housing, the rest will be private housing. Lack of land is the biggest current constraint in building houses. The majority of land is gifted or least valued open spaces.

Currently, interest in living in Bo'ness is very high.

#### **Crawfield Road Issues**

Due to the recent issue in Bo'ness of the strong split opinion on houses being built on a greenbelt area of Crawfield Road, this issue was covered in the presentation and discussed by Alistair and the Community Council.

As was mentioned above, the release of such a large portion of land was said by Planning to be 'quite unusual'. Planning were also keen to make sure there was a suitable buffer to the reserve to the south of the south, to maintain local ecology.

Concern was raised over the drainage in Crawfield Road, with some saying that the field drainage is not properly connected, to others saying there is no drainage at all. Other

issues raised included building in other brownfield sites in Bo'ness and finishing sites such as the Drum or building in, or near, the Town Centre before moving on to new projects on greenbelt areas.

### **Planning in other areas of Bo'ness**

Other areas of Bo'ness in the plans include Bo'ness Town Centre and Kinneil Estate, improving on 'key tourism nodes' and additional opportunities at Kinneil, including the walled garden. A cycle path connecting Bo'ness and Grangemouth is also being considered.

The end date for this plan to be finished is 2020.

Further, more detailed information on this presentation, (including statistics), can be obtained from the Community Council if interested.

### **Police Report Officers in attendance: P. C. Graeme McDougall, Sergeant Leslie Rennie.**

**No police report available sent by email**

### **Questions and Answers to the Police Officers**

Q: What is the average age of recent assault offenders?

A: For serious assaults there have been a wide age range, and for minor assaults, the average age range is 20-30.

Q: Does anti-social behavior increase during school holidays?

A: So far this year, in the holidays, there has not been much of an increase in ASB compared to the previous year.

### **Minutes of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017**

Minutes read and accepted by Siobhan Samson and Lennox Ainslie.

### **Matters Arising**

None.

### **Reports**

#### **Ian Don – Treasurer's Report:**

The books are with French Duncan and a new cheque book has been ordered.

Balance £531.55 at start of year.

**Len Ainslie** – Len attended the Silent Film Festival and reported it went very well and was very well supported. The quality of the programme was also praised as excellent, as well as the taxi services running from Bo'ness to Edinburgh at a reasonable price. Len was also elected as Vice Convenor of the Falkirk Council Taxi Forum.

**Owen Griffiths** – Nothing to report.

**Siobhan Samson** – Nothing to report.

**David Aitchison** – Newtown Park Association and Bo'ness and Area Community Bus Group both got recent funding from the Falkirk Trust Town Hall vote. The buses will hopefully be able to be up and running by next month.

**Ashley Sneddon** – Buzzness (Town Business Group). The name was believed to have been left off of the funding list from the Falkirk Trust in error, Owen is looking into this. The fundraiser disco did well to raise the profile and name of the group in Bo'ness.

**Alex King** – The Maggie Centre for cancer patients is now open in Larbert. The centre provides respite for cancer patients, their friends and family. Alex has previously described the excellent facilities and praised them.

**Stuart McAllister – Planning Reports:**

Application No P/17/0145/FUL  
Proposal Sub-division of Garden Ground and Erection of Dwellinghouse and domestic garage  
Location Glen Rosa 49A Grahamsdyke Road Bo'ness EH51 9ED

Application No P/17/0125/FUL  
Proposal Installation of BT Broadband Cabinet  
Location Site to the West of 1 Hope Street Gibson's Wynd Bo'ness

**Correspondence Secretary Joan Boyd.**

**Joan Boyd - BCC meeting 12th April 2017**

**Report**

The result of the public consultation, being conducted by Edinburgh Airport and the proposed flight path changes, has moved into the 2nd phase. There have been various e-mails and correspondence passed on from the Chair of Blackness Community Council, Edinburgh Airport Watch and the CEO of Edinburgh Airport. This relates to the Management Board being set up by Edinburgh Airport, a drop in Session held by the Airport on the 18th April in Falkirk and a meeting at the Scottish Parliament where there will be a round table briefing event with an MSP on the 20th April. Whilst we have had

very few complaints from the Community in Bo'ness, there is concern, given the TUTOR trial and the high level of complaints leading to its withdrawal, that at least one of the new proposed flight paths will fly over Bo'ness. There are a number of questions related to the proposed new flight paths. I hope to find out more by attending these meetings and will report back.

### **Correspondence:**

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

**E-mail** from Councillor Mahoney regarding the Central Scotland Green Network (CSGN) which launched a community Project Fund of £40K (£30 from The Greggs Foundation and £10K from CSGN) This is for one-off grants of up to £1000 to support small scale greenspace initiatives to foster community engagement in maintaining and enhancing the local environment. More information is available at:

[www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/cpf](http://www.centralscotlandgreennetwork.org/cpf) or [cpf@csgnt.org.uk](mailto:cpf@csgnt.org.uk). The application deadline is 1st May 2017.

### **Madelene Hunt [Chair]**

Madelene reported that the pre-determination hearing with INEOS went very well. Over 200 members of the public attended

### **A.O.C.B.**

The Community Council took a vote on the Crawfield Road issue. Among the Community Council, it was decided that better use could be made of other land first which is not in the Green Belt. Also land at the Drum which has planning permission should be used first. It was agreed the secretary would write to the Falkirk Planning Officer concerned.

**As there was no further business Alex King proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING 10th MAY 2017**