



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 10th May 2017

Held in St. Catharine's Church Hall, Bo'ness

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

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

In attendance: Councillor Lynn Munro

3. Apologies for Absence

David Aitchison and Ian Don (Treasurer)

4. Police Report

Author of report: PC Graeme McDougall

Report presented by: PC Graeme McDougall

Officers in attendance: PC 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 17 incidents of ASB over the previous month. There is no identified pattern or repeat locations. There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 11 minor assaults reported to Police.

Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse

Over the previous month, there have been 2 Drug Search warrants enforced within the Bo'ness area, with reports being submitted in each case. 3 people have been found in possession of controlled substances.

Road Safety

There have been 5 speeding offences detected, 2 MOT offences detected and 1 offence detected in relation to driving whilst disqualified

There have been no offences for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Dishonesty Crimes

There have been 2 housebreaking offences relating to residential properties. There was 1 theft of a motor vehicle. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There have been 6 minor thefts.

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

Q: Cars have been going very fast along Deanfield Road to Castlehill, which is possibly hazardous to pedestrians? Also on South Street

A: Police will do speed checks in these areas.

Q: Who asked for the road to be closed, in the recent incident because of Ineos gas leak?

A: Ineos asked for Wholeflats Road to be closed.

Q: In the above mentioned incident, why were there no signs on the Linlithgow side of the road, indicating the road was closed? Cars ended up having to go through Nether Kinneil road, where a local farmer ended up putting out bales of straw to slow down traffic.

A: There were numerous media releases including Facebook and radio (though it was pointed out and acknowledged by police that not everyone has access to these.)

Q: There have been reports of lots of youngsters at Kinneil House. They have been reported as drunken and disorderly, and also leaving behind a lot of mess. On the previous Saturday to this meeting, there were around 50 – this can be quite intimidating to anyone walking their dogs etc.

A: Fire and police are doing joint patrols in the area

Community Safety Report sent by e mail

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

Period: 01/04/17 – 30/04/17

T o t a l R e p o r t s F a l k i r k C o u n c i l A r e a	A S B	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
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Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
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N/A		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.
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Investigations: Period 01/04/017 – 30/04/17

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	13
Litter/Fly Tipping	3
Youth related disorder	2
Other	6

Further Information

Community Safety Team continues to monitor for all aspects of Anti Social Behaviour. In particular we have been monitoring the Bo'ness Football Club due to the damage that has been getting done within the park. Also Kinneil Woods for the fire raising and youths drinking.

Contact Us

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

Member of Public in Attendance: Steven Carr

Madelene met Steven today to ask what his plans were for Newtown Bar. He has recently purchased and started refurbishing what was formerly the **Newtown Bar**. An FC application has been submitted for retail units and 3-bedroom flat.

If planning consent is granted part of the ground floor site will become a class 3 unit for hot food. There may also be a legal space requirement for car parking, so this will need to be expanded and resurfaced. Should be ready in October.

There are no current bids for the units from any shop or brand.

5. Minutes of Wednesday 12th April 2016

Minutes read and accepted by Lennox Ainslie and Stuart McAllister.

6 Matters Arising

Pg. 3 – Correction: £30K, instead of £30.

7. Reports

Len Ainslie – Nothing to report.

Owen Griffiths – Nothing to report.

Siobhan McMahon – Nothing to report.

Robyn Adamson – Nothing to report.

Ashley Sneddon – Buzzness is active and trying to find more funding. As each event has a base cost of £1000 (for a road closure) and £800 (for security), Buzzness needs a base cost of £1800 to even begin to organise an event in Bo'ness town. Lennox Ainslie echoed this sentiment, as the Fair Committee is also bearing the brunt of the costs of policing their event.

David Findlay – David's recent concert went well and the hall was packed out.

Alex King – Alex is interested in seeing Bonnie Bo'ness more active.

Stuart McAllister –

Application No: P/17/0236/FUL

Application Type: Planning Permission

Proposal: Extension to Commercial Garage

Location: 2 Dock Street, Bo'ness EH51 9AL

Councillor Lynn Munro

This was Councillor Munro's first attendance at the Community Council after local Council Elections. The Council was still deciding appointments. She had a few questions and suggestions, rather than a full report; however a full Councillor's Report will be issued in future minutes.

Councillor Munro said that she feels the town is extremely attractive, but let down by the Town Centre, such as the empty flower borders in the square. Councillor Munro compared this to Linlithgow's Burgh Beautiful programme, which is primarily run by volunteers. Alex King informed Councillor Munro that there had been a group in place called 'Bonnie Bo'ness', but it had lapsed recently due to lack of interest and the people in it being volunteers in many other things in the town as well. Alex is, however, still very much interested in reviving Bonnie Bo'ness if he can gather enough volunteers and interest. Councillor Munro suggested writing to Falkirk BIDS regarding the Town Centre. Madelene said this is a decision for the businesses, although BCC would be happy to support them.

Councillor Munro also spoke about a dedicated OAP centre where she grew up and suggested that a dedicated OAP building could be opened in Bo'ness, as a place for elderly people to meet and have a chat together.

It was noted that the brown bin collection has switched to a fortnightly collection for the summer months.

9. Correspondence. [Secretary] Joan Boyd.

Joan mentioned that Edinburgh Airport Flight Path was still ongoing and we may hear more flights over Bo'ness in the future. We have only had a few complaints from Bo'ness residents.

Could I please have volunteers to deliver leaflets about a consultation in Deanburn School on 25th May at 7pm re fracking. We need to deliver to as many areas as possible. Please let me know if you can help.

The moratorium on fracking ends on the 31st of May. Leaflets will be put out for a meeting regarding this and giving more information on how fracking will affect the local area.

We also had an email from Councillor Adrian Mahoney telling us he was standing down and thanking us

I have met with Robyn and Owen re BCC web site, we can get more space for uploads for a one off payment £240. It was agreed to do this but there are a few queries as well.

10. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

We are still waiting to hear how Council decided how much money would be distributed to each group who applied for funding at the Changes Event in Bo'ness Town Hall on Saturday 18th March, 2017.

The foreshore buoy is ready now, thanks to the Community Council who are leading on this project and the site has been picked on the foreshore opposite the Post Office. There will be a run on the foreshore on the 14th of June.

11. A.O.C.B.

Ineos – On the subject of the road closure, and the recent chaos caused by the chemical leak and lack of signage on the roads, the imminent decision of the road closure was discussed and what this would mean for Bo'ness, considering the recent handling of the temporary road closure. It was also suggested that SEPA should have an office on the strip for emergencies such as this.

People have been complaining of deposits of ash from Longannet ash pond getting blown across the Forth this past fortnight making their cars and windows dirty. Scottish Water are dealing with this

Bo'net had excellent recent funding of 21k and have advertised for a Development Worker for 3 days per week.

The Fair Committee had a recent meeting and Lennox discussed the cost of policing the event this year and how it takes a lot of money now just to get an event up and running.

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