



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> JUNE 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), David Findlay, Siobhan Samson (Community Councillor), Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths, Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Lynn Munro

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Joan Boyd (Secretary) and Ian Don (Treasurer)

### **4. Police Report Officers in attendance: 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 and Blackness ward area.

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

#### **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

#### **Road Safety**

#### **Dishonesty Crimes**

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

There have been 19 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 3 minor assaults reported to Police.

#### **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

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

#### **Road Safety**

There have been 3 speeding offences detected, 1 offence detected in relation to driving with no license, 3 offences relating to dangerous driving, 1 relating to careless driving and 3 relating to driving without insurance. There have been 2 offences of driving whilst under the influence of alcohol detected.

## Dishonesty Crimes

There have been 4 housebreaking offences, 1 relating to a residential property where the suspect has been identified and 3 relating to the Kinneil Kerse Recycling plant for which again a suspect has been identified. There was 1 theft of a motor vehicle offence and 1 theft from a motor vehicle. Kinneil Kerse recycling Plant is a repeat location. There are no other patterns or repeat locations identified. There have been 2 minor thefts.

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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

**No Questions and Answers to the Police Officer.**

## COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

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

**Period: 01/05/17 – 31/05/17**

<b>Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area</b>	<b>Breakdown of 3 geographical areas</b>		
<b>91</b>	<b>EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes</b>	<b>WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock</b>	<b>CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South</b>
	<b>37</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>30</b>

## Hotspot Patrols

<b>Area</b>	<b>Issues</b>	<b>Actions</b>
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.

**Investigations: Period 01/04/017 – 30/04/17**

<b>ASB Concern</b>	<b>N o o f reports</b>
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	16
Litter/Fly Tipping	4
Youth related disorder	9

Other	8
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### Further Information

**The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for all aspects of Anti-Social Behaviour. Kinneil Woods continues to be subject of regular patrols following reports via Scottish Fire service and Police Scotland regarding fire raising and youths gathering to drink alcohol. Patrols are also targeting a number of local areas following complaints of Dog fouling. A matter of youth disorder was reported close to the Muirhouses Avenue area. This has been resolved.**

**There are currently two on-going investigations in the Bo'ness area relating to the Control of Dogs (Scotland) Act.**

### Contact Us

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**Twitter** account at [www.twitter.com/LitterTeam](http://www.twitter.com/LitterTeam)

### **5. Members of Public, who attended last month's Scottish Government Fracking Consultation Meeting in Deanburn School, were in Attendance**

The members of public in attendance mostly listened to the meeting, but home insurance and fracking was discussed. Siobhan noted that the small print of many home insurance companies does not cover fracking.

Madelene said that although fracking may produce jobs, these would not be on a large scale. She also mentioned that Ineos had in the past, declined to implement previous safety suggestions as they were deemed 'too expensive'. Also, unlike America, which has many wide open areas, Scotland has many closely packed residential areas, making it difficult to find fracking sites away from residential areas.

Councillor Munro mentioned security of supply and wondered that, since France and Germany are dependent on oil and gas from Russia, it may not be wise to be too dependent on one country for a supply of energy.

### **6. Minutes of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2017**

Minutes read and accepted by Lennox Ainslie and Alex King.

### **7. Matters Arising**

The Safety Team will be doing their annual review of the safety report.

Pg. 3: It was erroneously reported that Alex would be interested in restarting Bonnie Bo'ness.

Bo'net has chosen their new Development Worker and they will start on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June.

The Scottish Government's Fracking Consultation Meeting had a large attendance and excellent information.

## **8. Reports**

**Len Ainslie** The Fair Executive meeting went very well. Glebe Park will have a 25 square metres screen, operated by Sanctus Media, which will allow people further back to see the details of the Crowning Ceremony itself. Bo'ness Journal printed the wrong information for the Kirkin' of the Queen, which resulted in people having to be notified of the correct date, time and place by members of the Fair Committee and others.

There was a Bo'net meeting on Monday the 12<sup>th</sup> of June. Interviews are taking place tomorrow for a Development Worker, there are 5 applicants.

The restoration of the Bo'ness Buoy being lead by BCC is complete and Chair has signed off the funding for this. A time capsule has been placed inside by Stuart McMartin from Friends of Kinneil. It is waiting to be sited on the foreshore near the Harbour. Two beacons will be erected as part of an IFLI project – one at Kinneil and one at the Foreshore.

**Owen Griffiths** This year, Sanctus Media has made extra provisions for the Bo'ness Fair. As mentioned in Len's report, Sanctus will be hiring a screen to magnify the footage, as well as messages from both the people in attendance and those watching online, and photos, etc.

Sanctus will also produce a DVD of the Fair, as well as a Netflix-like digital screening service.

**David Findlay** Attended the Linlithgow Marches and reported that the floats were great, as a preview for those coming to Bo'ness, and the weather was beautiful.

**Siobhan Samson** Is waiting for a date from the council for additional information on the Ineos Road Application.

**Robyn Adamson** Nothing to report.

**Alex King** Nothing to report.

**Stuart McAllister**

### **Planning Applications**

Application No: P/17/0355/PPP

Proposal: Erection of Dwellinghouse and Formation of Vehicular Access

Location: 57 Grahamsdyke Road, Bo'ness EH51 9DZ

Application No: P/17/0327/FUL

Proposal: Change of use from Class 2 (bank) to restaurant with hot food takeaway (Sui Generis)

Location: 22 East Pier Street, Bo'ness EH51 9AB

Pre-Application No. PRE/2017/0009/PAN

Proposal: Proposal of Application Notice - Residential Development (Ogilvie Homes Ltd)

Location: Land to the North of Drum Farm Lane Bo'ness, Harbour Road Bo'ness

Pre-Application No. PRE/2017/2017/0011/PAN

Proposal: Residential Development with Associated Infrastructure (Miller Homes)

Location: Land to the North West of Bonhard House, Bo'ness

A public engagement event will be held at Bo'ness Town Hall on 06 July 2017 for the Miller Homes proposal of pre application notice (PAN), between 2pm and 7pm. Notice of the exhibition will be published in the Falkirk Herald and Journal 7 days before the meeting.

**Ashley Sneddon** Buzzness has been planning a few events, but the only concrete one so far is a Summer Fete on 29<sup>th</sup> of July. This will encompass stalls and entertainment. To book a stall, anyone interested should contact Buzzness either by their Facebook page or by email at [buzzness.boness@outlook.com](mailto:buzzness.boness@outlook.com)

The details will be finalized in early July and updated on the Facebook event page.

Buzzness are also looking at a Hogmanay event, but are still looking into planning and where to hold it etc.

## **9. Correspondence.**

Lt. Tom Durham Corps Officer of Bo'ness Salvation is leaving Bo'ness and transferring to London H.Q. His wife Rachel has been accepted by the Salvation Army Training Corps and starts her studies in July.

The Farewell Event, to which we are all invited, is on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 4pm in the Salvation Army Hall.

## **10. Madelene Hunt (Chair)**

The Poppy Wreath has arrived for the Cenotaph on Remembrance Day.

Madelene noted that the outside of the library was very dirty and needs swept. There is also rotten wood and weeds that need dealt with, she asked Cllr.D. Aitchison if he would be kind enough to attend to this.

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

**Ian Don** is still waiting for the cheque book and the accounts to be returned from the Auditor. The Community Council cannot apply for grants without the audited accounts.

Due to the recent fire at Grenfell Tower in London that was due to cladding, Alex asked if the local houses and tower blocks had been checked. Siobhan said because the installation was different, and there was no gap between the installation and the walls, it was unlikely this would happen. Councillor Munro assured the meeting that there were annual fire checks on these homes in the area, but she had been assured by Mary Pitcaithly that our tower blocks were compliant. It was also noted that many of the roads, especially on Redbrae, were full of potholes and multiple repairs were needed. Drivers have to often drive up one side of the road to avoid these holes. Councillor Aitchison will report this to the Council roads department.

## **12. Councillors' Reports**

**Councillor Aitchison** Drawings of the Newtown Park hub will be in the library. The Bo'ness Community Bus Association is going well, they will be linking in with the Railway to be in time with the trains. They are also looking into a Saturday service.

**Councillor Munro** Nothing to report

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