



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JULY 2017 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY

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), Siobhan Samson, Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, David Findlay, Robyn Adamson and Councillor David Aitchison.

Apologies for Absence

Ashley Sneddon (Minute Secretary)

A member of the public was also in attendance.

Police Report

No Police report

Minutes of Wednesday 14th June 2017

Minutes read and accepted. Proposed by Alex King and seconded by Lennox Ainslie.

Matters Arising

Bo'ness Buoy Project – Mandy Brown of Falkirk Council has appointed a company to undertake the Information Boards.

A member of the Public raised an issue around lorries ignoring the signage east of Bo'ness to the West. Lorries are turning right rather than left as indicated by the sign. Union Court road surface has just been repaired. Speeding on Union Street and the traffic danger of the blind corners were mentioned. In addition, the individual believed that cracks around the Cornice Plaster at her home were the result of the continual vibration/shaking of the building as lorries pass by. A number of Companies vehicles were identified. Madelene will raise the matter with three local companies. It was agreed that we should raise this with the police as ignoring the sign is a traffic offence. However, given the present priority related to police involvement in searches for a local missing man, it was decided to raise this with the community police at the next meeting.

Len raised the matter of an increase in the traffic using the road to West Lothian Golf Club. It was suggested that this might be due to cars using Sat. Nav. systems which use a live Google feed. Robyn said that she would look at the live Google feed for both the roads discussed to see if these are the main route suggested by that feed.

Councillor David Aitchison will take the matter of better signage up with Falkirk Council.

REPORTS

Ian Don

The current bank balance is £531.55. We are still awaiting our grant from Falkirk Council. Ian thanked the members for the gift celebrating his special birthday.

Len Ainslie

Commented on the success of the Fair this year.

David Findlay

Thanked and acknowledged Owen and Sanctus Media for the work and big screen at the Fair

Owen Griffiths

Owen commented on the Bo'ness Fair video connections which were in the mid hundreds. He also stated that Sanctus Media received good feedback about the large screen. Len mentioned that the Fair Committee was looking at this for next year.

Siobhan Samson

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.

Ogilvie Homes Open Event related to the completion of phase 4 and 5 of the Drum - J Cadell came to the event. It is proposed to have a mini roundabout and the right hand turn at Farmstead Road will be opened up to facilitate exiting the development. Some residents were not happy about this aspect. It always was the option in the original planning approved, however, people who are now a second or third time resident in the current properties were not aware of this which is always the case with longer term phased developments.

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 was held at Bo'ness Town Hall on 06 July 2017. It is very clear that the Road is a big issue for everyone. A discussion followed about the problems experienced with the previous Miller Homes development at Borrowstoun Road, and the problems with the site which must not be allowed to happen again. Earth was stockpiled; Miller Homes did not manage the site properly, which was a big issue, as was inconsiderate parking at the site. The road should never have been closed for such a long time. An idea was floated to bring a road through fields to join up with the roundabout at the Drum Farm development on the Grahamsdyke Road.

Robyn Adamson

Nothing to report.

Alex King

Nothing to report.

Stuart McAllister

Planning Applications

Application: No P/17/0314/FUL

Proposal: proposed Installation of a Single Wind Turbine (Height o Tip of 33.47m, Height to Hub 23.4m)

Location: Airgath Farm, Linlithgow. EH49 7RH

The Chair asked for votes on a motion to support the application and on a motion to object to the application. As there was no agreement on both motions, and a request for further information, it was agreed that Stuart would speak with Falkirk Council Planning urgently to clarify information and ask for the actual plan. The Stewart Milne Group is looking at Phase 6 of the Drum and has forwarded a design proposal and development layout to BCC for information. These show the design being 41 houses which are a mixture of Coach Homes, Terraced, Detached and Town houses.

Joan Boyd

Joan mentioned that she had sent out a link to the Community Chartering UOG (Fracking) Community Discussion Outcomes Response to the Scottish Government. We did submit the report by the Government's deadline of 31.5.17.

Madelene and I will be attending a meeting on the 19th July with Falkirk Council to give feedback on the Bo'ness & Blackness Community Choices/Community Funds project recently conducted.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mails:

We received an e-mail asking if we were interested in purchasing or renting Festive Lighting and attaching a catalogue. Joan will pass this on to Buzzness via Ashley/Owen. Madelene has responded in regard to BCC.

BCC has received an invite to the Public consultation on the 6th July related to the PAN Notice for the Houses at North Bank Farm.

An e-mail regarding the PAN Notice about the INEOS Power Plant was received. Pete McLaren of Jacobs has asked to attend our next meeting to discuss this with us and talk about the community information event they wish to hold. It was agreed to invite him to the next meeting.

SCVO e-mailed encouraging us to take part in the Third Sector Impact Measurement Survey which I have circulated. The e-mail contains a survey Monkey link and responses should be made by 23.7.2107. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/FC6DRYS>

E-mail from EDI Comms regarding the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) survey for members of the public. They state that they are keen to understand what the public thinks. The CAA are currently running a survey for members of the public who are annoyed by aviation noise to tell the CAA which issues they feel should be prioritised when it comes to acting to reduce noise. The CAA is keen to understand what communities think they should be doing as they develop their work programme. You can access the survey via this link

<https://consultations.caa.co.uk/policy-development/aviation-noise-impacts>

Madelene has received an email from the Falkirk & District Lions Club inviting anyone interested in finding out more, or possibly joining, to attend an open evening on the 17th July at 7.30pm in the Graeme Hotel, 40 Graham's Road, Falkirk. Contact Bill Fraser 07753 963415 or e-mail falkirkclions@aol.co.uk Check out their facebook page www.facebook.com/falkirkclions

Falkirk Council Road Notifications

A notification has been received for a disabled Parking Space order for the south side of Northbank Park, Bo'ness south east of the projected building line of 1 Northbank Park. The order implementation date is 10.8.17.

You are already aware of the temporary closure of Dock Street, Bo'ness from the 6.7.17 until 9.7.17 to allow ironwork repairs by Scottish Water.

Madelene Hunt (Chair)

Bo'net has employed Maria Ford as a Development Worker. This is a part-time, 21 hours per week, pro rata post. The post was created to allow aspects of the Bo'ness Action Plan to be completed.

We have been contacted by Steven Slater, of Wiltshire who is interested in Heraldry. He has been researching the BCC Coat of Arms and wishes to include this in a lecture he is giving. Madelene asked if there was any objection to him being sent a jpg of the coat of arms. This was agreed by the members.

Councillor's Reports

Councillor David Aitchison – Confirmed that Members Surgeries will start in August.

A.O.C.B.

It was agreed that Robyn would put details of the searches for the gentleman who is missing on the BCC facebook page.

Alex commented on the excellent flowers this year, particularly at the bus station. He also commented on a lack of dog poo bins on the Foreshore. This aspect has been discussed before with the Litter Strategy Team at Falkirk Council. Unfortunately, is cost prohibitive to put bins further along the foreshore due to difficulty around access to empty the bins. There are bins at the exits and dog owners have a responsibility to use bags and place these in the bins provided.

David mentioned the Summer Fete in the town centre on the 29th July, 2017 which is being organized by Buzzness.

Len raised the matter of the parking on Linlithgow Road due to the majority of the car park at the shops being blocked. The owner of what was previously the Newtown Bar has allowed Weslo Housing to use this for storage whilst undertaking housing improvements. People are parking on yellow lines, also up on the pavement and at times it is really chaotic. Len is concerned that someone will be badly hurt. Madelene will raise the issue with the police in regard to illegal parking.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair.