



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 9TH AUGUST 2017, IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY

1. 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), Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Siobhan Samson, Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Councillor David Aitchison

3. Apologies for Absence

David Findlay, Robyn Adamson

4. Several Members of Public were in Attendance

5 Police Report Officers in attendance: P. C. Graeme McDougall Report Presented by: P.C. Steve Mitchell

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.

Reporting period: 01/07/2017 – 31/07/2017

Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder

There have been 14 incidents of ASB over the previous month. There is no identified pattern or repeat locations. There was one crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery which was a serious assault. There have been 9 minor assaults reported to Police.

Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse

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

Road Safety

There have been 3 speeding offences detected, 1 offence detected in relation to driving with no insurance, 1 relating to careless driving and 1 relating to dangerous driving. There have been 2 offences for driving whilst under the influence of alcohol detected.

Dishonesty Crimes

There has been 1 housebreaking offence to commercial premises. There was 1 theft of a motor vehicle. There are no patterns or repeat locations identified. There have been 5 minor thefts.

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

Q: Do the police release their figures on a yearly basis?

A: Figures are released yearly, around April.

General meeting report to the police:

There were concerns over the parking at the Co-op. People are parking on pavements, on the yellow lines and at the island. This is a concern to the community as there was an accident there a few weeks ago. Dangerous parking is becoming a trend in the town centre as well.

There have been complaints from some people at Drum Park regarding motocross bikes, which are also being ridden around the back of the recreation centre.

The police will look at this

6. PRESENTATION – Proposal of Planning Application Notice (PAN) for INEOS Grangemouth Complex Power Plant

Jacobs & Son, Consultants from Glasgow, were in attendance to give a short presentation on behalf of Ineos who have plans to build a new combined heat and power plant. Present were Peter McLaren and Brigette Reid from Jacobs; Nigel Falcon, Project Manager Ineos and one of his colleagues. This will be built on a cleared site, on concrete standing. The plans extend to using a pipe bridge crossing the Bo'ness Road. A Pipe Bridge being in preference to pipes in a tunnel under the road. A pipe bridge is also preferable as it is easier for maintenance.

This will likely take a year to complete.

The B&C plant will be decommissioned and the existing plant will then be supported by the new combined heat and power plant. There will be large boilers placed in the southern part of the site and controls in the northern part of the site.

There will be no net increase in Ineos staffing on this project. The aim is to provide a cleaner energy solution, which will be regulated by SEPA. The station will be run continually at a low level and will serve as a backup, designed to kick into full power if something on that site fails.

The application has been fully assessed for environmental impact. The pipe bridge will be built 10 metres above the road, which will move the pillars back – most of the under road pipes currently running are active, but redundant pipes will be removed.

A presentation will be made to Grangemouth Community Council on 17th August 2017. Two public drop-in events related to this planning application notice will be held. One in Grangemouth Town Hall on Monday 28th August and one in Bo'ness Recreation Centre on Tuesday 29th August. Both are open from 3 pm to 8.30 pm.

A useful question and answer session took place.

7. Minutes of Wednesday 12th July 2017

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

8. Matters Arising

Correction on page 1: Lorries should be going straight on.

Cllr. Ann Ritchie has been contacted by Bo'ness CC regarding bigger signs for lorries being positioned before Lidl's guiding HGV traffic to go down Commissioner Street, as the lorries are turning into Dock Street instead.

The package to allow increased space and improved content flexibility now, and in the future for our website, has been purchased at the agreed cost of £180. We are awaiting the account.

The turbine planning permission has been withdrawn due to a mining survey on the land it was proposed to be built on.

9. Reports

Ian Don – Treasury Report: £779.00 – Grant has been reduced this year. This is the Community Council Treasury total after expenses.

Len Ainslie – Len attended the Fair Committee meeting on Monday night and it was well attended, with both the new convener and new people being present. The Committee is always looking at ways to improve the Fair. It is currently looking at including more people such as Councillors, as it is a very large event which gets bigger every year. This would ensure continued professional running of the Fair.

The Fair Committee are guaranteed the use of the large TV screen for at least another two years. The route will stay the same. The Queen has started her public engagements. Len feels the fair needs more promotion. For more information on the Bo'ness Fair Day: <https://www.thefairday.com/>

Cllr.David Aitchison – Cllr. Aitchison mentioned there will be a stall on Saturday in Market Square regarding a petition related to the Bo'ness Road closure. The aim of the petitioner is to get more signatures on the petition. There is a 14 day period to submit objections, which many Bo'ness people have already done.

The Bo'ness Community Bus is doing well running 4 return trips to Edinburgh on a Saturday and 3 services Monday to Friday. As always, to book the bus to Edinburgh, or for more information on routes, please visit: <https://bonesscommunitybus.scot/>

The Rugby Club is having an open evening on the 21st August.

Siobhan Samson – Nothing to report.

Alex King – Alex is concerned about people dumping things in the dock and the smell coming from the section out near Grangepans because of raw sewage. It was replied that SEPA had checked this, but several people have also echoed Alex's concerns.

Alex wanted to thank Colin Vaux for the flowers along the Bo'ness Road opposite Belgica. They look beautiful and include large sunflowers.

Ashley Sneddon – Buzzness are making plans for their Transport Festival, to be held on 2nd of September in Bo'ness town centre. Plans are going well. We have a few new members and unofficial people coming in to help out when they can, which we really appreciate. Feedback has been excellent and we are very much looking forward to it.

Stuart McAllister – Planning

Application No: P/17/0466/FUL Hierarchy Level Local

Application Type: Planning Permission

Proposal: Erection of Class 2 (Financial, Professional and Other Services)
Building and Associated Infrastructure

Location: Land to the West of the Crown Bar, Grangepans, Bo'ness

Applicant: Good Entertainment Ltd

Application No: P/17/0497/FUL

Application Type: Planning Permission Hierarchy Level Major

Proposal: Erection of 41 no. Residential Dwellings and all associated works

Location: Land to the North of 44 Drum Farm Lane, Harbour Road, Bo'ness

Applicant: Stewart Milne Homes

There have been concerns raised on the application from Good Entertainment Ltd as to the nature of the structure.

9. Correspondence. [Secretary] Joan Boyd.

No correspondence.

10. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

The Bo'net meeting was well attended and very productive.

The plans for the Newtown Bar were causing some concern in regards to the mention of the accommodation part going to become a hostel. Madelene agreed to visit Mr. Carr tomorrow and get an update.

11. A.O.C.B.

A neighbour of Stuart McAllister has asked him to obtain clarification about whether or not the path at the top of Jessfield Place, leading to the Golf Course, is a public right of way or private land. Apparently, there is concern in the neighbourhood that this path, which is used regularly, might be closed off.

Madelene confirmed that she understood this was a public right of way (Core Path) - it used to have a sign indicating such, but this has been removed. The cracked and dangerous state of the path was also mentioned.

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Convenor would look into this matter and liaise with Falkirk Council about both of these aspects.

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