



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH APRIL 2016
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, Joan Boyd [Secretary], Ian Don, [Treasurer], Maria Ford [Minute Secretary], Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, David Aitchison, Liliias Snedden, David Findlay and Councillor Adrian Mahoney.

3. Apologies for Absence

Alex King

4. Police Report Officers in attendance – P. C. Andrea Campbell. 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.

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 11 incident of ASB over the previous month and there are currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence.

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery.

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 7 minor assaults reported to Police.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

Specifically for Bo'ness, there have been 2 Drug Search Warrant enforced.

ROAD SAFETY

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 2 speeding offence detected with 2 hours 40 minutes Hand Held Radar carried out, no mobile phone offences detected and no seatbelt offences detected. No persons have been charged with a drink/drug drive offence.

In relation to illegal parking within Bo'ness town centre on both Double yellow lines and within the taxi rank a total of 13 fixed penalty tickets have been issued.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 2 housebreaking offences to residential houses. There has been no Theft of Motor Vehicles.

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS

There are no other local policing issues or local events to report on.

5. Community Empowerment [Scotland] Act 2015 presented by Jonny Pickering Falkirk Council.

Jonny explained that this was a synopsis overview of the Act as guidelines will be produced after the Election in May. He surmised the time would be around August.

6. Minutes of previous meeting Wednesday 9th March 2016

Minutes read and proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded Stuart McAllister

Matters Arising

The Avondale meeting in Polmont was eventful and all agreed an excellent presentation. There is a proposal to create an Avondale Liaison Group. Madelene asked for names to represent us on the group. The meeting will be held 3/4 times per year.

Councilor Mahoney had presented Madelene [as Convener of Bo'ness Community Council] with a £5.00 coin in celebration of Queen Elizabeth's 90th birthday. Madelene will display this coin in the Library.

The cost of the hire of the library rooms has increased.
Community use £4.70 per hour. [Monday – Saturday] Sunday rate £7.10 per hour.
Commercial use £9.50 per hour [Monday – Saturday] Sunday rate £14.25 per hour.

7. REPORTS

Len Ainslie – nothing to report.

David Findlay – Spoke about the Bus issue regarding Bo'ness being omitted from the First Bus pilot scheme. The Council proposed that we send a letter asking for a representative to attend a B.C.C. meeting or a representative from B.C.C. to arrange a meeting at the First Bus office.

Maria Ford – The Friends of Kinneil and Bo'net

Silent Film Festival Saturday 19th March Kinneil House was opened in partnership with the Hippodrome Silent Film Festival and over 80 people came to visit between 10:00am and Noon.

Kinneil Orchard Deanburn and Kinneil Primary school pupils helped with the help of a group of Volunteers planted the apple trees recreating Kinneil Orchard. The tree guards are in the process of being grounded. If anyone is interested in assisting the volunteers to look after the trees please get in touch.

School Projects – We have been working closely with Kinneil School on the history of Bo'ness in particularly the Romans bringing in an Archaeologist and a Roman re-enactment soldier. Bo'ness Public School projects we have been involved with was Mining. The ultimate finale was that the children and their carers viewed the children's digital stories in the Hippodrome courtesy of IFLI and F.C.T. as well as The Friends.

Field Study. HES Scottish Ten carried out airborne LIDAR on Kinneil Estate and on 6th – 8th of April, exciting things were being carried out at Kinneil The Scottish Ten were digitally documenting Kinneil Fortlet, James Watt's cottage and Kinneil House.

Dr Darrell Rohl and Nick Hannon from Canterbury Christ Church Uni carried out at Kinneil a geophysical survey. This in essence requires the setting out of a large number of 20m squares which are used to divide the survey into manageable sized chunks. Once these have been set out then the magnetometer will be deployed over the area, this involves walking backwards and forwards in a zig-zag pattern to allow the collection of data.

April is a busy month for us

Saturday 16th a walk from Kinneil Museum to Blackness and back [1:00pm]

Saturday/Sunday 23rd/24th Kinneil House opened from 1:00-4:00pm with an actor representing James Watt.

Saturday 30th Litter pick along the foreshore meeting at Snab Lane Car park 10:00am – Noon.

May the Forth [4th] is the Fun Run along the Foreshore

Bo'net

5th April Madelene and I met with members of F.C. to discuss the Buoy project. We are at the stage of looking over the funding application for the construction of the Buoy monument and seating, harbour information stands all on the foreshore, a Heritage Trail etc.

Owen Griffiths – Avenue Valley F.M. will begin to broadcast around the 23rd until the 30th of June. Sanctus Media will be filming the Fair Day once again this year. They received great feedback regarding the film streaming on the day and hope that this will be delivered once more this year.

Lilias Snedden – Wished to remind everyone about the Community Café at the Academy on Wednesdays' from Noon -2:00pm. Funding will be required for Avenue Valley F.M. The youth are attending Revival F.M.in Cumbernauld on Saturday mornings from 9:00am-11:00am.

David Aitchison – Nothing to report

Joan Boyd - Bo'ness Unemployed Workers Association. A further meeting took place attended by Madelene, Len and myself on 14th April. A leaflet promoting the public meeting was agreed and it is planned that this meeting will take place towards the end of May. The groups wish to ascertain what those out of work in Bo'ness are looking for in terms of membership support. It was proposed that the meeting will take place in Cowdenhill Community Hall. The group is also looking for individuals who might be able to assist. Ultimately, a constitution will be drawn up and the appointment of office bearers will take place as soon as possible after the public meeting. Individuals interested or wishing to offer help should contact Ronnie Vaughan ronniev1@live.co.uk or see the group's facebook page

Stuart McAllister - Planning Report April 2016

Application No : P/16/0085/FUL Earliest Decision 01 April 2016
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Siting of Temporary Building and Erection of Security Fencing and Gates (Renewal of Planning Permission p/11/0525/FUL)
Location : DJ Manning Auctioneers, Bridgeness Road, Bo'ness EH51 9SF
Applicant : John Pye Auctioneer Ltd
Agent : Watson Burnett Architects
FAO David Reid, 10 Blenheim Place, Edinburgh EH7 5JH
Case Officer : David Paterson (Tel 01324 504757)
Email david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0101/ADV Earliest Decision 30 March 2016
Application Type : Advertisement Consent
Proposal : Display of Non-Illuminated Advertisements
Location : DJ Manning Auctioneers, Bridgeness Road, Bo'ness EH51 9SF
Applicant : John Pye Auctioneer Ltd
Agent : Watson Burnett
FAO David Reid, 10 Blenheim Place, Edinburgh EH7 5JH
Case Officer : David Paterson

Application No : P/16/0136/FUL Earliest Decision 08 April 2016
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Erection of 15m Monopole, supporting antenna within GRP shroud and 2 x 300mm Dish Antennae and installation of 3 Cabinets.
Location : Site to the West of 7 Deanburn Grove, Dean Road, Bo'ness
Applicant : Telefonica UK
Agent : A & K Solutions Ltd
FAO Andrew Swain,
31 Churchill Drive, Bishopton, Renfrewshire PA7 5HF
Case Officer : Kevin Brown (Tel 01324 504701)
Email kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0156/FUL Earliest Decision 13 April 2016
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Demolish Existing Domestic Garage and Erect New Domestic Garage.
Location : 16 Northbank Drive, Bo'ness EH51 9TP
Applicant : Mr George Milligan
Agent :
Case Officer : Kirsty Hope (Tel 01324 504705)
Email kirsty.hope@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0074/FUL Earliest Decision 29 April 2016
Application Type : Planning Permission

Proposal : Erection of 3 no Dwellinghouses
 Location : Land to the South West of Wester Bonhard, Bo'ness
 Applicant : Now Holdings Ltd
 Agent : John Watson Architectural Consultant Ltd
 : 11 Market Street, Mid Calder, Livingston EH53 0AL
 Case Officer : Kevin Brown

Application No : P/16/0176/FUL Earliest Decision 21 April 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Extension to Dwellinghouse
 Location : 7 Foredale Terrace, Bo'ness EH51 9LW
 Applicant : Mr Gary Dunn and Mrs Susan Simmons
 Agent : Antonine Design
 : FAO Lorraine Dixon, 1 Riverview Terrace, Bo'ness EH51 9ED
 Case Officer : Kirsty Hope

Application No : P/16/0177/FUL Earliest Decision 29 April 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Upgrading Works to External Fabric of Buildings
 (Retrospective)
 Location : Flat A-D, 1 Main Street Bo'ness EH51 9NQ;
 Flat A-D, 3 Main Street; 1A-1D Commissioner Street; 2A-2C
 Commissioner Street; 4A-4D Commissioner Street
 Applicant : Falkirk Council
 Agent : Falkirk Council
 Case Officer : Julie Seidel (Tel 01324 504880)
 Email Julie.seidel@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0188/FUL Earliest Decision 25 April 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Extension to Dwellinghouse
 Location : 25 Bonhard Way, Bo'ness EH51 9RF
 Applicant : Mr & Mrs A French
 Agent : ILG Design
 : FAO Ian Grant, Suite 6, 350 Main Street, Camelon, Falkirk
 FK1 4EG
 Case Officer : Kirsty Hope

8. CORRESPONDENCE

- Letter from a member of the public about work taking place on the football pitches behind the recreation Centre which was passed to Falkirk Council
- Newsletter from Inner Forth Landscape Initiative giving an update on all their activities. There are details on their website which Maria sent out

- Letter from Mike Ewart regarding the Access Improvements in Kinneil Woods which will be implemented between mid April and early May 2016. Threshold improvement to Key entrances, Repairs and resurfacing to the main path between the car park and North West corner of the pond with whin dust. Repairs and drainage improvements to path sections A and B.

E-mails and information forwarded to members since the last meeting:

- From Councillor Mahoney regarding the extension of the School based Police officer Scheme. Falkirk Council has approved this to include Bo'ness Academy and St Mungo's. This scheme has been in force since 2007 and has resulted in reducing exclusions and anti-social behaviour in other schools across the Falkirk Council area.
- A copy of the Multi member Ward Plan for Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Blackness, Upper and Lower Braes. Our dedicated officers are PC Greg Cruikshanks and PC Graeme McDougall who are supported by Sgt. Andrea Campbell. This takes into account the public consultation last year. E-mail contacts:
Bo'nessBlacknessCPT@scotland.pnn.police.uk. Telephone 999 (emergency - **when a life is in danger, a crime is in progress or a suspect is nearby**) or 101 (non emergency). CRIMESTOPPERS 0800 555 1111 if you wish to give information anonymously. Impaired hearing 18000 in emergency or 18001 if via text relay.
- Help Guide from Councillor Mahoney related to Social Media.
- E-mail from SCVO regarding Volunteer Award Nominations now being open
- A copy of a press release from INEOS. The Convenor has written to the company and they are happy to meet with BCC representatives.
- Information about the Avondale Pilot Project related to the presentation made by Lark Energy following the joint Polmont, Grangemouth and Bo'ness Community Councils meeting with Lark and Avondale.
- Community Safety Team Update from Falkirk Council Safety Team
- A reminder asking for the survey to be completed regarding the Local Policing Consultation
- Information from Councillor Mahoney regarding the action Falkirk Council has taken to ensure that all 9 Schools in the Falkirk Council Area are structurally sound. In view of Edinburgh City Council's PPPI Schools, the Scottish Government has asked all Councils to seek assurances regarding their Schools.

Madelene Hunt [Chair]

INEOS – Road closure. Falkirk Council is duty bound to have a 12 week consultation period after any planning application. At present, Falkirk Council has not received a planning application from INEOS. Discussion took place regarding the additional 5 mile round trip to the bank, job centre etc. and the impact of any proposed permanent road closure on the community. Next steps are for representatives of B.C.C. to meet with Grangemouth Community Council and then arrange a meeting with INEOS.

9. A.O.C.B.

A letter from a member of the public was discussed and Joan is going to contact the individual to receive further information.

As there was no further business Len Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.