



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 10th August 2016 at 7.00pm **In the Small Upper Library Room, Bo'ness Library,** **Scotland's Close, Bo'ness**

Welcome

The Chair extended a warm welcome to the room.

Sederunt

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, David Aitchison, David Findlay, Alex King, Robyn Adamson.
Members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

Maria Ford, David Findlay, Ian Don and Councillor Adrian Mahoney.

Police Report - Officer in attendance P.C. Graeme McDougall

ASB, Violence and Disorder

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 11 incidents over the previous month and there are currently no repeat or priority locations of ASB, violence and Disorder. There has been 4 minor assaults reported to Police.

Drug dealing and Drug Misuse

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 1 Drug Search Warrant enforced.

Road Safety

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no speeding offences detected with 3 hours of Hand Held Radar and no seatbelt offences detected.

Dishonesty Crimes

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no housebreaking offences to residential houses. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There has been 1 theft of motor vehicle. There is no pattern or repeat location. Of note, there has been 4 thefts from motor vehicles.

Other Local Issues and Events

There have been ongoing youth issues including fire's being set within Kinneil Woods and behind Wotherspoon Drive. Regular checks are being carried out by the Police and Fire Brigade to disrupt and prevent this behaviour.

Presentation

Edinburgh Airport's Let's Go Further Airspace Change Consultation

Gordon Dewar, CEO explained the process is asking for the community's views on the potential impact of altering flightpaths above Edinburgh and surrounding flight path areas. His view is that this change is required for modernization, efficiencies, upgrading of new

technology, utilisation of defined pathways, and how to minimize noise. He stated that passenger numbers had increased from 9 million in 2012 to, 12 million in 2015. There have been changes in peak times. His view is that the Airport does not have the capacity and aircraft are being turned away. Edinburgh Airport wishes to deliver growth and activity for Scotland.

The consultation process is in two stages. It has to comply with Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) regulations. Details of which can be found on page 84 of the 'Initial Consultation: June – September 2016 Booklet which is available from Edinburgh Airport. The booklet sets out proposed design envelopes (flight paths) but no other details regarding the proposed potential number of flights and movements (aircraft landing and taking off) should this change go ahead. It can be obtained from Edinburgh airport.

letsgofurther@edinburghairport.com

A robust debate ensued with question from the members, and individuals attending, including Edinburgh Airport Watch. <http://edinburghairportwatch.com/> The whole aspect of the consultation was brought into question. The airport has undertaken a 640,000 leaflet drop to communities in Edinburgh and surrounding areas. In our view a leaflet is not consultation and many people in Edinburgh are not over flown as they do not reside under flight paths. There was disagreement about how flight paths were currently being utilized and also regarding flights that are perceived to have continued after the TUTOR trials were abandoned last year. How customer complaints were being handled and recorded by the Airport was also brought into question.

Mr Dewar explained that this was the first stage of the consultation which ends on 12th September and a second phase would take place next year. Currently, the Airport is only asking one question. What factors should it take into account when designing new flight paths? Further clarification of aspects was sought by the members and Mr Dewar agreed to forward the information.

The minutes of the meeting on Wednesday 13th July 2016

These were adopted and proposed by Len Ainslie and Alex King

There were no matters arising.

REPORTS

Stuart McAllister - Planning Report:-

P/16/0399/FUL – Erection of 15m Monopole, (amendment to planning permission P/16/0136/FUL). Site to the West of 7 Deanburn Grove, Bo'ness.

P/16/0452/LBC Listed Building Consent- Hippodrome, 10-12 Hope Street, Bo'ness.

Application details can be viewed

<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building/development-management/planning-applications-decisions/>

Alex King

Nothing to report

Len Ainslie

Nothing to report

David Aitchison

Representatives from Newtown Park Association, Sportscotland, Falkirk Council Officers and elected members met to discuss the way ahead for the project at Newtown Park. The meeting was deemed very positive with Sportscotland offering to provide support and guidance with future planning.

Robyn Adamson

Nothing to report

Owen Griffiths

Nothing to report

Madelene Hunt

Two members of the public representing the Kinglass Residents Group, living near the Miller Homes development requested assistance from BCC regarding the condition of the site. There have been a number of issues related to the site management, in particular ignoring planning requirements related to damping down of dust, noise, nuisance, unsociable parking and access to the right of way. Their representations directly to the site agent have been unsuccessful. Our Chair and a member of the Community Council have also spoken with individuals working at the site. Madelene Hunt offered to speak with a Local Councillor and arrange a meeting on site to discuss the issues.

Joan Boyd

Following a letter from a member of the public regarding the road surface of Linlithgow Road and accidents at the junction of Borrowstoun Road, Madelene and Joan met with Councillor Anne Ritchie and two members of the Falkirk Council Roads team to discuss this. This was remedial work following on from the work undertaken last year. Actions were agreed to sweep the road and pavement.

Following this, Madelene, Joan and Len met with the Network Controller and a member of his team to discuss opportunities for traffic calming methods at the Junction of Borrowstoun Road. They will come back to us with some suggestions for improvements. They also mentioned that there are agreed routes for walking to school which school children should be following.

CORRESPONDENCE

E-mail from Brian Pirie, Falkirk Council regarding the publication of SPA research related to the impact of the use of Stop and Search tactics on young people and communities. Copies of

this report are available on www://www.police.uk/news/352745 which was forwarded to members on the 19th July.

E-mail attaching a letter from the Falkirk Council Community Engagement co-ordinator related to consultation on the Local Housing Strategy. Two surveys are available on the following website www.falkirk.gov.uk/lhs the consultation closes on 16th August for information and action.

E-mail from Mandy Brown of Falkirk Council regarding the FET/EB application for funding for the Bo'ness Buoy has been submitted. We should hear at the end of August.

E-mail from Councillor Adrian Mahoney informing us of changes to the small business grants team at FC due to the retiral of Chloe Hunter and giving e-mail addresses for contacting the team.

E-mail from David East of INEOS regarding planned maintenance and advising that some flaring may be noticeable on 1.8.16.

E-mail from Brian Pirie in connection with the Fareshare project operated by the Cyrenians. Fareshare redistributes surplus food from suppliers to charitable or not for profit organisations who use food to help those in need. There is an information event in Falkirk on 31/8/16 and they are looking for organisations in the area that might benefit. Madelene and Joan will attend.

An invitation to the Chair to attend the Scottish Rural Parliament 2016 on 8th October in Brechin Community Campus, Dundee. E-mail link to the website.
www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk

An invitation has been received to attend the NHS Forth Valley Annual Review of Performance on 30th August at Forth valley Royal Hospital. Alex King offered to attend.

Summary of Bus Service Changes from 22 August. No changes to the F45/F46 Bo'ness to Linlithgow. Nor to the F49 Bo'ness, Blackness, Linlithgow services.

E-mail from the Scottish Health Council inviting people along to give their views on health and Social Care in Scotland with a link to complete forms.

Information received from a member of the public about the National Lottery Coastal Communities Funding. We will look at this as projects occur.

Road Closure Notifications

Temporary closure of Grange Loan between the 14th July and 14th August to allow maintenance of Grange primary School's retaining wall. Also one for 25 meters of Ochilview Road, Bo'ness on the 18th August to allow Scottish Water to repair a damaged carriageway.

Temporary Closure for 'Party at the Palace' Upper Bonytoun- Bonside-Muirhouses close to the junction. Traffic only from Bonhard Crossroad junction with West Lothian Council Boundary 13th August.

Notification from Falkirk Council regarding the replacement of Trash Screens at Provost Road on 27th July for a period of 6 weeks.

Notification of an order related to the provision of a Disabled Parking space on the west side of Cowdenhill Road, Bo'ness, also one on the Southside of Muirend Crescent, Bo'ness. A notice related to the removal of a disabled parking Space on the east side of Amulree Place, Bo'ness.

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INEOS– Road Closure - Planning Application Notice – It was agreed that the Office Bearers (Madelene and Joan) would continue their involvement with this issue as part of a joint steering group to look at next steps.

Potential Community Transport Initiative – It was agreed that BCC will support this initiative. Joan and Alex will attend the public meeting on 24th August.

There are a number of projects which will require project groups coming up in the immediate future:

INEOS Potential Road Closure Application

Funding /FC budget reductions

One Stop Shop closure

Wheelie Bins - Nappies

Potential Project for Town Centre Events

Potential Transport Initiative

Potential Youth Project

The Office Bearers feel that with the next meeting being our AGM we should confirm the specific interests of the members and the time availability/opportunity they have to commit to projects or issue that require attention so that these can be updated prior to the AGM and following that, implement appropriate groups to activities. It is essential that there is a sharing of activities if we are to continue serving our community. Joan Boyd will write to those individuals who are not in attendance to ascertain their views prior to the next meeting.

David Aitchison - Health and Social Care,

Owen – Youth, Local Business, On-line promotion

Alex – Environment, Engineering, Improving the Town

Stewart – Community Health, Planning Applications

Robyn – Youth, On-line promotion

Joan – Local Business, Environment and Youth

Len – Licensing, Health, INEOS Liaison Team

Owen and Robyn have agreed to form the Communications strategy team

