



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 13th July 2016 **IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS Library.**

1. Welcome

The Chair extended a warm welcome to the room.

2. Sederunt

Madelene Hunt [Chair], Lennox Ainslie [Vice-Chair] , Joan Boyd [Secretary] Maria Ford [Minute Secretary] Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, David Aitchison, David Findlay, Alex King, Robyn Adamson. Members of the public were in attendance.

3. Apologies for Absence

Ian Don [Treasurer] and Councillor Adrian Mahoney

4. Police Report Officers in attendance – P.C. Graeme McDougall

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER - Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 15 incident of ASB over the previous month and there are currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence. There have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery; however there has been 1 Attempted Robbery. There have been 5 minor assaults reported to Police.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE - Specifically for Bo'ness, there have been 2 Drug Search Warrants enforced.

ROAD SAFETY - There has been 1 speeding offences detected. 0 mobile phone offences detected and 0 seatbelt offences detected. 0 people have been charged with drink/drug drive offences.

DISHONESTY CRIMES - There has been no housebreaking offences to residential houses and no theft of Motor Vehicles.

5. Cancellation from Edinburgh Airport

The Chair welcomed Nick and Helena Paul, residents of Blackness village to talk about their experiences with the flight path trials. Helena Paul explained that she counted 75 planes over Blackness the day before. The Airport said that there should be on average 20 -30 planes per day. The residents have never been bothered about the planes flying before the trial. Paul explained about the change in size of planes going to Iceland and more planes going north to the islands. After a discussion around the table Helena distributed leaflets which explained that if a resident wants to complain about the noise level etc you call the free noise line on 08007313397 or email edicoommunications@edinburghairport.com. The airport must register and investigate each report. The Chair thanked the Helena and Nick for attending the meeting.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 8th June 2016

Minutes adopted and proposed by Lennox and Alex.

7. Matters Arising

The Chair congratulated Owen and his coworkers at Sanctus Media for the excellent live coverage of the Bo'ness Fair crowning ceremony. Owen explained that the DVD's are still on sale at Branches.

8. Reports

Stuart McAllister

Planning Report – We discussed two applications. Secure Container Storage development, including Site Access, Office Hub Building, Storage Units and Boundary Security Fence on Land to the north of Bo'ness Fire Station Crawfield Lane. Application number **P/16/0378/FUL**.

Proposed Upgrade to Existing Telecommunications Equipment. Site South Of Links Court, Links Road Bo'ness Application number **P/16/0368/FUL**.

Applications can be viewed at <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building> then search by number.

Alex King

Reported that 109 Pennelton Place is now occupied. He asked the Council if the air pollution machine on the Town hall is still working as he has not seen a report lately. Len explained that a report is given at each meeting they attend at INEOS. Our Chair has checked and it is still in situ.

Len Ainslie

Nothing to report.

David Findlay

Nothing to report, however, David informed the Council that the Grangemouth road was now reopened.

David Aitchison

Nothing to report

Robyn Adamson

Explained that residents of Borrowstoun Road and Redbrae had complained about missing Dog Poo bins. They also discussed the condition of the road and excess builder's vehicles from the new housing estate. Some vehicles are parking on the corner which is a health and Safety issue.

Douglas Drive and Kinneil Drive, the growing amount of potholes are a potential hazard and the residents are very concerned. The Chair asked the Secretary to send a letter to Falkirk Council regarding the issues raised.

Owen Griffiths

Owen explained that there were over 500 connections to the Fair Day crowning via the live streaming. There were a few teething problems at the beginning but all in all a very successful outcome.

Maria Ford

The Friends of Kinneil 9th June saw our 9th AGM. The speakers were Dr Kirsty McAllister and Kate Fuller from IFLI; the 11th June saw Canine Capers being held in Kinneil.

On 13th June Bo'ness Public School pupils were guided around the Museum and walked to the Fortlet. On 15th June 49 members of the Polmont Probus Club had a tour around the Estate then lunch at the Corbie Inn. On 21st June 58 children from Kinneil School were treated to a visit to the Railway Museum, a ride on a steam train and lunch at the Corbie Inn. This was organized by The Friends of Kinneil, SRPS, BRAAS and the Corbie Inn. This is the second year of this project and will be rolled out to all the primary schools in Bo'ness and Blackness.

On 26th June Kinneil House opened and we were delighted to display the 100th Bo'ness Fair Queen's dress with the crown, sceptre and robes.

Bo'net We held our last meeting on 8th June. On 29th June the Committee organized a meeting with Mandy Lang, the new Community Connector for CRT, and a few groups met with her to discuss funding. Appointments were hourly between 10am and 3pm.

Community Safety Team no electronic report sent.

Joan Boyd

BCC has written two letters of support for funding bids. The first was on behalf of the SRPS regarding a training project which will offer engineering skills. This will help the Society to maintain trains etc. The second letter was in respect of the funding bid related to the Bo'ness Buoy project.

Joan also commented that a request had been made, by the Convener, for BCC to be involved in consultation regarding the proposal by Falkirk Council to plant a wild flower meadow north of the War Memorial. Maria Ford mentioned that whilst flower meadows were beautiful the first year, thereafter they require to be cleared annually and re-seeded with poppies and plug plants

9. Correspondence

Secretary] Joan Boyd

E-mails, information sent out to BCC members:

We received notification of the Fair e'en road closures. Notification received of the road closure of Borrowstoun Road and the Junction of Gauze Road from 8th June until 5.30pm on 12th September 2016. A discussion took place regarding the state of the road which we understand is to be 'properly surfaced' next month. Also the congestion caused by parked vehicles. This has already been raised with on-site staff.

Notification of a No Waiting at any Time order received for Linlithgow Road, Bo'ness from the projected northern line of 75 Linlithgow Road, in a southerly direction for a distance of 10 meters. Also, one for Dean Road, Bo'ness at the junction of Dugald Stewart Avenue, continues westerly for 10 meters.

Confirmation received of the following road orders:

The provision of a Disabled Persons parking space on the south side of Stewart Avenue, Bo'ness, proceeding, in a westerly direction for a distance of 6.6 meters. Also, for one on the south side of Jamieson Avenue. From a point 5 meters west of the projected eastern building line of 58 Jamieson Avenue, for a distance of 6.6 meters. Lastly, the removal of a Disabled Persons parking space, on the north side of Newtown, Bo'ness, adjacent to 21.

A communication was received from EDI Communications from Edinburgh Airport regarding the on-line consultation which ends on 12/9/16. A presentation was to have been made at this meeting, however, the company cancelled at short notice.

Related to that, we received a communication from Edinburgh Airport Watch that set out information and raised some very interesting points about the consultation.

A notice sent out on behalf of the Falkirk Muslim Forum and 3rd sector colleagues regarding the EID in the Park which took place on the 9th July celebrating this important Islamic Festival. The notice invited families and individuals who would like to find out more about this festival and the positive contribution Muslims have made in the local area to come along.

An e-mail was received about the Fruitful Communities Project funding setting out how the project will work with orchard groups within the Inner Forth Landscape Initiative map area until March 2017. The Kinneil Orchard Group is involved with this.

Newsletter received from the Scottish Community Alliance. <http://www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk>

A reminder was received from Brian Pirie, Falkirk Council regarding the annual review of policing 2015/2016 with a link for community councillors to complete the survey. He also reminded us about the Scottish Government consultation on strategic police priorities. The consultation runs until the 16th August 2016.

An e-mail was received from the Scotland Area Volunteer coordinator for the Royal Air force Association which supports the RAF family. They are looking for a fundraising Team Leader and Fund Raisers in our area. <http://www.rafa.org.uk/volunteer/> The Convenor advised them to get in touch with CVS.

Information from David East of INEOS related to on-site warning system tests which alert on-site staff. In addition to the Monday test there will also be a Friday test the first of which took place on the 8th July 2016. Depending on the weather conditions, these tests can be heard by the public, however no action needs to be taken.

A reminder was received today from CVS Falkirk regarding filling in the Sector Impact Research Survey with a link to the survey. This will be distributed to BCC members.

10. Reducing time and saving costs

Madelene had discussed with Joan that the minutes of the meeting were becoming lengthy. It was felt that all reports should be kept brief and sent to the Minute Secretary in Times New Roman, Font size 12. This will save time and keep the cost of paper at a minimum.

11. AOCB

A] Alex commented on his last report regarding the new housing installation which he felt that all houses should be provided with this new technology. He is going to write to Angus McDonald to discuss this matter.

B] Madelene discussed the increase of fly posters around the town and has reported this to Falkirk Council.

C] Madelene was disappointed that the bench had been removed at the Harbour. This was removed a few years back. New seating along the Foreshore is on the plans for the future.

D] Madelene discussed with the Council the suggestion of moving forward the AGM from October to September due to holding it in October clashes with the school midterm holidays. Agreed

E] Bonnybridge Community Council asked for our support regarding the Denny X 24 –X86 Glasgow bus service dispute. It was felt that we had a lot more serious local issues to contend with which will take up a lot of our voluntary time and the only support was our best wishes.

F] Madelene explained that she had received a treble document by post for hiring the large room of the Library. With all the FCT cutbacks it was felt unnecessary expenditure.

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