



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 8th June 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, David Findlay, Alex King, Robyn Adamson and Catriona Morrison from Falkirk Council CLD.

Members of the public were in attendance.

3. **Apologies for Absence:** Liliias Snedden and Councillor Adrian Mahoney.

4. Update on funding for District Town Centres

In attendance were Douglas Duff Head of Economic Development & Environmental Services Development Services Falkirk Council and Pete Reid Falkirk Council's Growth and Investment Unit Manager. Discussion took place regarding the shortfall of the Budget and to be aware of further cuts in the future. They want to work with the Community and local retailers to see how we can take things forward.

District Centres, Bo'ness is one, will have to wait for the results of the ballot bid for Falkirk Delivers funding before any decisions can be made. Falkirk Town Ltd. will be looking at a funding bid to the Scottish Government to bring back events in the town. Falkirk Towns Ltd will still support the Christmas Lights, Tree lighting, Reindeers and the stage but not the entertainment.

They will continue to promote Tourism and leaflets etc where Bo'ness info will appear. There will be 91 cruise ships coming to the area and they will receive brochures etc with Bo'ness attractions. They thanked the Community for all the input in the past and hope that the partnership can continue.

5. **Police Report Officer in attendance** – Sergeant Andrea Campbell provided the local Community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness and Blackness ward area.

ASB, VIOLENCE AND DISORDER

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 2 crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 6 minor assaults reported to Police.

DRUG DEALING AND DRUG MISUSE

A successful drugs operation was carried out with Linlithgow Officers targeting individuals dealing class A drugs within both Bo'ness and Linlithgow. A substantial amount of drugs were recovered as a result.

ROAD SAFETY

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no speeding offences detected, no mobile phone offences detected and no seatbelt offences detected. 1 person has been charged with drink/drug drive offences. 8 fixed penalty tickets have been issued in regards to parking within the town centre.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 1 housebreaking offence to a residential property. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There has been no Theft of Motor Vehicles. There is no identified pattern or repeat location.

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS

There have been numerous fires occurring within the wooded area in the Kinneil Estate and surrounding streets, patrols have been carried out in the area at relevant times. Further patrols are planned to be carried out in June.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 11th May 2016

Minutes adopted, proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by David Findlay.

7. Matters Arising

Alex King gave an update on the house in Pennelton Place.

David Findlay reported his surname was missing the "d".

Joan Boyd explained that she has not received a reply from the Bank of Scotland. No further action to be taken.

8. Reports

Stuart McAllister – Planning Report.

Application No.	P/16/0297/FUL	Earliest Decision 10 June 2016
Application Type	Planning Permission	
Proposal	Change of Use from former Public House (Sui Generis) to Funeral Directors (Class 1)	
Location	Cross keys Public House, 81 North Street, Bo'ness EH51 9ND	
Applicant	Mr Ross Fraser	
Agent	Murray & Murray Design Studio 9 Garden Terrace, Falkirk FK1 1RL	
Case Officer	David Paterson (01324 504757)	
Application No.	P/16/0253/FUL	Earliest Decision 24 June 2016
Application Type	Planning Permission	
Proposal	Erection of New Shed/Workshop	
Location	Eskbank Control Panels Ltd. Grangemouth Road, Bo'ness EH51 0PU	

Applicant Eskbank Controls Panels
Agent T-Square Architectural Services
FAO Stuart Banks 70 Bells Burn Avenue Linlithgow EH48 7LB
Case Officer David Paterson (01324 504757)

Application No. P/16/0317/ADV Earliest Decision 20 May 2016
Application Type Advertisement Consent
Proposal Display of Illuminated and Non-Illuminated Advertisements
Location Tesco Stores, Main Street, Bo'ness EH51 9NG
Applicant Tesco Stores Limited
Agent People & Space Limited
FAO Balwinder Kaur, Tower House, Unit 2, Tower House,
Hoddesdon EN11 8UR
Case Officer Julie Seidel (01324 504880)

Application No. P/16/0325/FUL Earliest Decision 20 June 2016
Application Type Planning Permission
Proposal Engineering Operation to create Wetland
Location Kinneil Lagoons, Grangemouth Road, Bo'ness
Applicant RSPB Scotland
Case Officer Julie Seidel (01324 504880)

Development Reference P/16/0074/FUL for proposed erection of three Dwelling houses at land to the South West of Wester Bonhard, Bo'ness. **Planning Permission** was refused by Falkirk Council.

Alex King - Nothing to report.

Len Ainslie – Nothing to report.

David Findlay – Nothing to report. Madelene commented that the Bo'ness Community Council Poppy Wreath for Remembrance Sunday had been delivered.

David Aitchison – **Explained** that a representative is meeting with Falkirk Community Trust and Sport Scotland to look into further funding. Bo'ness Churches Together Family Fun Day at Newtown Park unfortunately had to be cancelled on the day due to the strong winds. The park was also used for the Bo'ness Children's Fair Football tournament.

Robyn Adamson – reported that there will not be a Float or Guides in the Fair procession as the young girls did not wish to participate.

Owen Griffiths - Valley F.M. will be live on 87FM from 20th – 24th of June. Sanctus Media will be providing the live stream of the Crowning of Bo'ness Fair Queen from Glebe Park once again this year. They will be publicity soon with further information.

Maria Ford – **The Friends of Kinneil and Bo'net**

The Friends of Kinneil - Friday 13th of May Kinneil House was open for the Bo'ness schools to visit, over 100 children attended, we hope this will be an annual event. That evening over 150 people came to 'Night at Kinneil Museum' and at 9:00pm we went on a bat walk

which was well attended. May 16th saw The Friends 10th Birthday and members and guests celebrated with bubbly and cake.

Bo’net - Today Madelene and I met with Mandy Lang who has just taken up the post of Community Connector. She will be assisting us search for funding. Next meeting is Monday 20th June.

Catriona Morrison – CLD – Explained that there are 140 registered unemployed people in Bo’ness. They are starting up a Young Unemployed Group [Target age 18 – 30] They discussed this proposal with the Job Centre and there are not many of this age on their books mostly 40 plus. Now they are looking at the ‘Young who live on Mum and Dad bank’ Discussion took place regarding the Benefits scheme. CLD are planning 3 Play Schemes over the summer period with children who were referred to them.

Madelene Hunt – Explained that Len and Madelene attended the Bo’ness Unemployed Association AGM held in Cowdenhill Community Centre. This was the launch of the group. We wished them all success.

Ian Don - Treasurer – Reported that there was £116.49 in our account.

COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

ASB Reports (Period 01/05/16 – 31/05/16)

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
112	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo’ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South
	38	35	39

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
N/A	N/A	We identify hotspot areas through a multi-agency tasking group involving Police, Housing, SACRO, Fire Service, and Detached Youth. These are areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour. During this period, there were no such identified areas in Bo’ness.

Investigations (Period 01/05/16-31/05/16)

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	21
Litter/Fly Tipping	4
Youth related disorder	10

Other	3
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Events

Event Type	Date/ Time	Location	Comments
Canine Capers	Saturday 11 th June 2016 12:00 to 17:00	Kinneil Estate Boness	A family fun day out all about dogs. Everyone welcome!

Further Information

We have been carrying out joint patrols in Kinneil Woods with Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service staff in a bid to detect and deter fire raising within this area. We have also been monitoring the Borrowstoun Road area during school lunchtimes in response to complaints of littering.

Contact Us

Phone	0808 100 3161	FREEPHONE 24/7
Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
Online	Falkirk Council Website www.falkirk.gov.uk	Antisocial behaviour online reporting form

You can also find interesting information on our

Facebook page at www.facebook.com/FalkirkLitterTeam (please like and share)

Twitter account at www.twitter.com/LitterTeam

9. INEOS – Road Closure.

The Council had not received a reply from INEOS so Madelene sent a further request for representatives to meet to discuss the Road closure. A representative from INEOS replied that the dates we had supplied were not suitable. A lengthy discussion took place between the Council and members of the Public. The result of which was the Council will write again to confirm a date to meet.

10. Correspondence: Secretary, Joan Boyd.

E-mail from a researcher at Edinburgh University working on future visions and cultural values for the Inner Forth Region who is looking for local community representatives, experts, stakeholders and residents to take part in a 60minute interview exploring their vision for the area. Madelene Hunt has responded to this and met with Aster and invited 2 members of Friends of Kinneil to be present

www.streamline-research.com. Aster.devrieslentsch@ed.ac.uk

E-mail from the Scottish Rural Parliament with an update on the Rural Manifesto Events asking people to come along to their events or take part in their on-line survey. There were no local event mention in the e-mail but more information and dates of events is available at www.scottishruralparliament.org.uk/events The manifesto is also on the website.

E-mail from the Scottish Community Alliance giving information on a Range of topics and issues. These can be viewed or subscribed to www.scottishcommunityalliance.org.uk
A letter from the Forth Estuary Forum asking for the completion of a membership form and our fee. This is paid by Direct Debit.

E-mail from the Anchor Trust promoting a 25% offer for a respite break in one of their selected care homes. The offer is available from 6/6/16 until 31/8/16. Details can be found on the website. Information can be found on their website www.anchor.org.uk

The Falkirk Development Plan Newsletter which has been forwarded to all BCC members.

A copy of the summer 2016 Edition of Tenant Talk which may be of interest was forwarded by Councillor Adrian Mahoney. It is also on Falkirk Council Website.

Information - It is understood that Edinburgh Airport has commenced its Airspace Change Program. This programme involves a two stage consultation. The initial consultation began on 6 June and runs until 12 September 2016. They are asking about “What local factors should be taken into account when determining the position of the route within the corridor given the potential impacts, and why?” An interactive website – www.letsstofurther.com - includes information on the proposal and the process and allows people to input a postcode and see how the airspace change proposals may affect our community. Over the next 14 weeks, there will be advertising campaigns and a mailbox drop to 640 000 households in EH, KY and FK postcodes pointing people to the website to provide their feedback. They have opened a PO Box for those who prefer to communicate or provide their feedback by hand. It was agreed that we would write asking a representative to come along to our next meeting in July.

11. **AOCB**

A discussion took place regarding Falkirk Council funding the road closure for an Orange Walk.

There was a question regarding Grass cutting and the secretary will write to Falkirk Council.

A discussion took place with the members, retailers and members of the public regarding future Town events. It was decided that the Community Council will organize a Public meeting after the Bo’ness Fair. This has now been set for 27th July in the large room.

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