



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2016
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], Maria Ford [Minute Secretary], Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Owen Griffiths, David Aitchison, Tom Sargent and Councillor Adrian Mahoney

3. Apologies for Absence

David Findlay and Robyn Adamson.

4. Police Report **Officers in attendance – P. C. Graham McDougal and P.C. Greg Cruckshanks**

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

Compared to the same period last year, there has been a 6% reduction in ASB for the Bo'ness and Blackness Ward area. Specifically for Bo'ness, there have been 6 incidents of ASB over the previous month however there are currently no repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder & Violence. Specifically for Bo'ness, there was 1 crime of serious violence such as attempted murder, serious assault and robbery. Also 7 minor assaults reported.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

Over the previous month, 2 Drug Search warrants have been enforced within the Bo'ness and Blackness ward area with a total of 2 drug supply/production charges being reported to the Procurator Fiscal. Since 1 April 2015, 15 charges relating to drug supply/ production for the Bo'ness and Blackness ward area have been reported to the Procurator Fiscal.

ROAD SAFETY

Locally, officers are deployed to key roads where analysis indicates that there is a risk of collisions and injury. Officers also aim to deploy at locations where the local community report concerns in terms of road safety. There have been 3 speeding offences with 5 hours 30 minutes of hand held radar carried out. No mobile phone or seatbelt offences detected. One person charged with drink/drugs 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 3 fixed penalty tickets have been issued.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Bo'ness, there has been no 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.

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

- **What is the law regarding vehicles half parked on the pavement?** There is a Parliamentary bill coming in the near future, however it is not an offence to park on a pavement, no tickets can be issued.
- **Would it be possible to have yellow lines painted outside Scotmid on Linlithgow road?** This is a Falkirk Council roads issue and Councillor Mahoney has continually reported incidents occurring at this area. Letter to be sent officially from the Council to Councillor Mahoney.

5. Minutes of Wednesday 10th February 2016

Minutes read and accepted by Len Ainslie and Alex King.

Madelene congratulated Joan for the excellent report on the Budget. She also thanked the rest of the sub-group who worked with Joan to deliver the report.

6. Matters Arising

- Alex King asked if there had been a reply from Falkirk Council in connection to the Council's correspondence to the Budget report. Nothing yet.
- Madelene delivered the invitations to BRAAS and all other guests to attend the John McLaren trophy.
- There was a discussion regarding new built houses in the area.

7. Reports

Len Ainslie – Len and Madelene attended the Ineos meeting and reported that the Grangemouth road will be open again on the 1st of April.

- The new offices which are being built on Wholeflats Road should be functioning by August this year. There will be areas for small companies to lease space within the complex to use for new businesses which will complement existing Ineos ones.
- The Fracking ships from America will begin to arrive in midsummer. There will be a special event for the arrival of the 'Dragon ships'
- Len attended the Guides Thinking day in the Town Hall and had a very enjoyable evening
- The Bo'ness Fair Afternoon Tea and the Quiz night were a great success and Len thanked all the people who work behind the scenes to raise funds.
- Madelene and Len attended the Unemployment meeting and found it very interesting.

Ian Don – Financial Report. Bank balance £293.22

Discussion took place regarding the Council's Public Liability Insurance in regard to a letter received from Falkirk Council. Joan is to seek advice from Brian Pirie and Ian will receive quotes for the next meeting.

Owen Griffiths – Nothing to report.

Tom Sargent – Nothing to report.

David Aitchison – Newtown Park Association AGM will be held in the Richmond Park Hotel on 24th March at 7:00pm.

Councillor Mahoney – Update on the Budget

- Toilets – Falkirk Council are trying to keep the toilets open, they will not be manned but the cleaning service will still continue. They are looking at setting up a comfort scheme with local retailers.
- Kinneil Toilet will be closing, however F.C.Trust arranged from the 1st April Kinneil Museum will be open every Sunday and closing on a Tuesday.
- Bus service – there will be no major cuts, service staying the same.
- One Stop Shop – the lease will be up at the end of this year, Pay Points will be placed in establishments around Bo'ness for payments and at present F.C. are in discussion at moving some of the service into the Library.
- Q & A - Dial a Journey service will continue and later reviewed.
- Q&A – Automatic toilet at the Bus station will be staying. There followed a discussion regarding the misuse of this facility.
- Q&A – Garden Aid. The Council felt that the provision should be facilitated to the needy of the town although FC has decided to stop this service.
- Heated discussion regarding Town Centre Management position on delivering the services of the Victorian Street Fair, Aviemore Reindeers and Christmas Lights event. Council is disappointed on the lack of official communication. Joan has been asked to write to Douglas Duff for information, also to meet with him and the possibility of how we can continue with these events.

Maria Ford – The Friends of Kinneil

I attended the Gathering at SECC and watched the video of Bo'ness Scottish Charitable town 2016 Maria put the video link on at 5pm and by midnight it had received over 8k viewings. By midnight the following day it rose to 20k. Viewed all over the world.

- We are waiting on the Kinneil House openings brochure coming from the printers. Our first opening will coincide with the Silent film festival.
- Maria has been going into Bo'ness Public and Kinneil schools working with the children on the history of Bo'ness starting with the Romans.

Bo'net

- A very well attended first Bo'net meeting of the year.
- Madelene and Maria attended a meeting regarding the Bo'ness Buoy and received an update on the report and the next steps.

- Madelene and Maria attended the C.V.S Funders Fayre in Grangemouth looking for funding avenues due to the cut backs and threats of public events being cancelled or slimmed down.

Alex King – attended the Fracking meeting in Falkirk and was very disappointed at the turnout. It was identified to him it was on the evening of Mothering Sunday so this may account the numbers were low 51 attended. Alex gave a report on the Fracking situation in America. A 25year old well leaked methane. Alex believes that Governments will not stop fracking only Grassroots action will do this. He asked are the Government’s experts asking the correct questions. Should we be asking our elected members and MSP’s their views. A discussion followed.

Stuart McAllister - Planning Report March 2016

Application No : P/16/0108/FUL Earliest Decision 25 March 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Extension to Dwellinghouse
 Location : Garvock 69 Grahamsdyke Road Bo’ness EH51 9DZ
 Applicant : Mr & Mrs O’Neil
 Agent : Antonine Design Lorraine Dixon 1 Riverview Terrace Bo’ness
 : EH51 9ED
 Case Officer : David Paterson (Tel 01324 504757)
 Email david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0063/PPP Earliest Decision 11 March 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission in Principle
 Proposal : Erection of Dwellinghouse
 Location : Land to the East of 39 Braefoot Road Bo’ness
 Applicant :
 Agent : Hardie Associates Ltd
 : Colin Hardie 78 Hopetoun Street Bathgate West Bathgate
 : EH48 4PD
 Case Officer : David Paterson

Application No : P/16/0054/FUL Earliest Decision 3 March 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Formation of Vehicle Access, Hardstanding and Retaining Wall
 Location : 4 Braehead Grove Bo’ness EH51 0EG
 Applicant : Mr Bill Scott
 Agent : FAO Craig Johnstone 32 The Castings Dunfermline Fife
 : KY12 9AU
 Case Officer : Julie Seidel (Tel 01324 504880)
 : Email Julie.seidel@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0102/FUL Earliest Decision 21 March 2016
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Extension to Dwellinghouse
 Location : 40 Woodlands Drive Bo’ness EH51 0NT
 Applicant : Mr & Mrs Eric Grant
 Agent : ILG Design
 : Iain Grant Suite 6 350 Main Street Camelon Falkirk FK1 4EG
 Case Officer : Kevin Brown (Tel 01324 504701)
 Email kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk

Application No : P/16/0127/FUL Earliest Decision 1 April 2016
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Change of Use of Open Space to Extend Car Compound at
: Adjacent Class 6 Storage and Distribution Business, and
: Erection of 2.1m Boundary Fence
Location : DJ Manning Auctioneers Bridgeness Road Bo'ness EH51 9SF
Applicant : John Pye Auctioneer Ltd
Agent : Watson Burnett Architects
: 10 Blenheim Place Edinburgh EH7 5JH
Case Officer : Julie Seidel

Application No : P/16/0128/TEL Earliest Decision 5 March 2016
Application Type : Telecommunications Notification
Proposal : Installation of 3 Antennae, Installation of 1 Cabinet and
: Associated Development
Location : Site to the North West of North Bank Bo'ness
Applicant : GVA Grimley Limited
Agent :
Case Officer : Kevin Brown

8. Correspondence. [Secretary] Joan Boyd.

Members of the Bo'ness Community Council Sub-Group are meeting with the unemployed group and will be offering the safety cabin to hold their meetings free of charge.

Joan Boyd - BCC meeting 9th March 2016

Report - Bo'ness Unemployed Workers Association. A meeting took place attended by Madelene, Len and myself. We are supporting the steering group in drawing up a constitution and looking at the election of office bearers. The next meeting takes place tomorrow in the BCSG cabin at Boundary Street. The steering group will be looking at the way forward regarding the constitution and how they might communicate with the wider community in Bo'ness.

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

- Letter was sent in support of Falkirk Family Support who is applying for Big Lottery Funding. They offer training and mentoring to volunteers and third sector groups
- A copy of the presentation made by Danny Fallon in regard to the Falkirk Council's Open Space Strategy
- Kinneil House Orchard Group - Comments were requested on the variety of tree being considered for planting
- Neighbourhood Watch update about protecting yourself from bogus websites. Also the Good Citizens SCAM where people call claiming to be calling on behalf of the UK or British Government
- An order for a disabled parking space on the west side of 6 Park Lane, Bo'ness
- The Avondale Initial Consultation, related to the proposed extension to the existing energy recovery centre at the Avondale Landfill Site, is taking place on 21st March in

the Greenpark Centre in Polmont at 7.30pm. It was agreed that Madelene, Joan, Alex and Tom would attend on behalf of BCC.

- An invitation to BCC to go to the Fruit Futures Project final gathering on 12th March at Callendar House
- Information regarding the response to Falkirk Council’s request for suggested land to be considered for inclusion in the Falkirk Local Development Plan. Joan mentioned that there are 8 areas within Bo’ness/ Blackness two of which are large areas. 7 of the 8 requests are for residential housing. Although, at this stage, these are requests to be considered for inclusion in the Plan, some discussion followed around three areas in particular.

9. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

- **COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM Report**
- **ASB Reports**
(Period 10 February - 10 March)

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	EAST- Grangemouth, Bo’ness, Braes	WEST- Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL- Falkirk North and South
163	57	47	59

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
Kinneil Woods	Youth issues	Patrolling area in the evenings to deter youths from ASB activities
Grangepan s	Youth issues	Patrolling area at the weekends to deter youths from ASB activities

Investigations (Period 10 Feb - 10 Mar)

ASB Concern	No of reports

Dog Fouling	30 (3 fines issued in Bo'ness)
Control of Dogs	8
Youth related disorder	13
Other	6

Events

Event Type	Date/ Time	Location	Comments

Further Information

- Community Safety Team held an Open Day on Wednesday 27th January 2016 in Bo'ness One Stop Shop. Excellent feedback was received from public which has helped us tackle further ASB in the Bo'ness area.
- Monitoring in Grangepans area for sale of alcohol to underage youths.

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

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Twitter account at www.twitter.com/LitterTeam

- **Bridgeness Slab information panels** – they had become loose and the main panel and 2 small ones has been taken off for safety reasons. The small ones have now been replaced. The Community Council is now seeking funding to treat the slab with a sealant for protection against the weather.
- **Silent Film Festival** – Madelene requested the names of members who will be attending.

10. A.O.C.B.

Councillor Mahoney – Local plan proposed Development were asking for ‘Expression of interest’ regarding housing in Bo'ness. Wimpey Homes expressed an interest for housing at Crawfield Road and at Carriden House, Savels Homes are looking to develop land.

Miller Homes have had 50 notes of interest on buying houses on their site at Redbrae and will be using their Winchburgh site for buying information. They are putting forward money for path improvements in the local woodland.

Owen – Concerned about the junction of Stewart Avenue and Church Wynd, he saw a potential accident as a car wanted to turn down on to Church Wynd as a vehicle came up the road. Discussion of asking for the mirror to be reinstalled on the Riverview wall or a no turn right sign at this junction.

Owen also received complaints regarding the condition of the surface on Linlithgow road. Councillor Mahoney explained he has received many complaints as well. He was pleased to tell the Council that the road will be resurfaced free by the company once more to the F.C. satisfaction.

Stuart – Bin Calendars' are late and residents asking why. Adrian explained that he has been following up complaints and this matter is being resolved but in the meantime the dates are on F. C. website.

Maria – **The Community Empowerment Act.** Maria explained that she felt that the Community Council maybe interested in this Act. She asked if we could arrange for Jonny Pickering to give us a synopsis of the Act perhaps at the next meeting. Council agreed and Maria to send Joan Jonny's contact details.

Madelene - **Closure of The Bank of Scotland.** Madelene issued petition forms to be circulated.

The Chair reminded everyone that our meetings are apolitical under the Constitution and this has to be strictly implemented.

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

Next meeting is on Wednesday 13th April at 7pm