



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 11th May 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] Maria Ford [Minute Secretary] Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, David Aitchison, David Finlay and Robyn Adamson.

3. Apologies for Absence

Alex King, Ian Don, [Treasurer] and Liliias Snedden,

4. Police Report

Officers in attendance – PC's Steven Mitchell and Craig Towler.

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 9 incident of ASB over the previous month and there is currently one repeat or priority locations in terms of ASB, Disorder and Violence.

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery.

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 10 minor assaults reported to Police.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants have been enforced within the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area.

ROAD SAFETY

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 2 speeding offence detected, no mobile phone offences detected and no seatbelt offences detected. 2 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 5 fixed penalty tickets have been issued.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 2 housebreaking offences to residential houses and 1 at business premises. There has been 1 Attempted Theft of Motor Vehicle and a further offence in relation to Take and drive away a motor vehicle.

OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS

Further to this there was a skimming device attached to the ATM at Tesco, Links Road, Bo'ness.

Please be aware when using these machines for anything suspicious.

5. Presentation from Second Lieutenant Christina Deans, Area Training Officer, Argyle & Sutherland Highlanders Battalion Army Cadet Force [Falkirk District Area]

Christina was accompanied by David Naismith. She gave us a synopsis of the workings of the Cadet Force explaining that they are looking for new recruits' age from 12-18 years of

age. The Force is sponsored by the Government and they are trained firstly in main core skills.

The training becomes the level of certified S.V.Q. standard. It is £10 to join and the Cadets are given a uniform but required to buy their own boots.[There is a support fund if this is required] They meet every Tuesday evening in their premises which is situated in the car park of St Mary's school. All are welcome.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 13th April 2016

Minutes read and proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by and David Finlay.

Matters Arising

Under A.O.C.B – Item to be discussed under Correspondence.

7. Reports

Len Ainslie – Nothing to report However, Len asked Owen if the Fair Day crowning will be live streaming once again. Owen assured the Council this was to go ahead.

David Finlay – Nothing to report

David Aitchison – Nothing to report

Robyn Adamson - Nothing to report

Owen Griffiths - Nothing to report

Maria Ford – The Friends of Kinneil and Bo'net

The Friends of Kinneil

16th April – John Muir Way walk from Kinneil to Blackness and back. 10 people walked to Blackness 9 returned to Kinneil.

19th April The Friends paid for a Roman Soldier to attend Kinneil Primary to expand the pupils knowledge of the Antonine Wall and the Romans in Bo'ness

23rd & 24th April Kinneil House openings. Well attended and the James Watt actor was a great hit.

29th We delivered a walk and talk to a party of 22 Home Educated families at the Museum regarding the Romans.

30th April T. F. of K Foreshore group organized a litter pick along the 4 miles where the Fun Run was going to be held.

4th May The Forth Fun Run was a great success 150 competitors took part. After a lovely day it became very windy. Our Pop up Café was a welcome sight.

Bo'net

9th May just the usual people attending and we were informed that the Coalfields funding was open. We are going to look into this.

Stuart McAllister B. C. C. Planning Report April 2016

Application No:	P/16/0159/FUL	Earliest Decision 9 th May 2016
Application Type:	Planning Permission	
Proposal:	Erection of 7 Dwellinghouses	
Location:	Kinneil Bowling Club, Angus Road, Bo'ness EH51 0BH	
Applicant:	Searanger Properties Ltd	

Agent: James Baird Architecture
FAO James Baird, Laumic House, Ross Cottage Drive,
Ferniegair, Hamilton ML3 7WR
Case Officer: David Paterson (01324 504757)

A few plans also for extensions to houses

Read on behalf of **Alex King**. Expressed apologies for absence as he is on holiday. He drew our attention to the video related to the perceived impact of Fracking on the Condamine River in Australia. He and Joan continue to monitor the information and local activities related to Fracking.

The house that was destroyed by fire at 126 Pennelton Place appears virtually complete and has been beautifully finished to a high standard. He commented that perhaps the Community Council should be pushing to have all 'new build' built to this standard. Alex hopes it goes to a good caring family. He commented on solar panelling and how if this mandatory for all new properties built this would be of such benefit to the environment.

7. Correspondence

[Secretary] Joan Boyd.

Letter received from Falkirk Council confirming that in their opinion, a no right turn sign at Stewart Avenue is not appropriate. It would require engineering work, there have been no accidents involving injury and there is a Stop sign so car drivers know to be careful coming out of the opening. There also would be difficulty in enforcing this which further impacts. It was agreed that we would write to Falkirk Council asking for a meeting with them at the junction.

Actions re request

Douglas Duff, Head of Development Services and Environmental Services and Peter Reid, Growth & Investment Manager with Falkirk Council will be coming along to our meeting on the 8th June to discuss our concerns around the withdrawal of Town Centre management support and its implications for the encouraging tourism and economic benefit and assistance previously given to Bo'ness. A discussion ensued and it was agreed that one or two representatives of the businesses in the town would be invited along to our meeting add their perspective. (Madelene and Len were to go and speak to them)

The meeting I was to have with the individual regarding the conduct of a member of the Community Council did not take place at that individual's request. It appears at the time, the individual concerned believed that a member of the BCC was involved and has since discovered this was not the case. The matter has therefore resolved itself.

Report

Bo'ness Unemployed Workers Association. A further meeting took place attended by Madelene, Len and myself on 10th May. The leaflet promoting the public meeting has been

printed and these will be distributed during the week. (Tell where going into). It was suggested that a banner promoting the event could help with making the promotion of the event more successful. Also trying to specifically target the unemployed in the town. We also discussed the format of the public meeting which is in Cowdenhill Community Centre at 7.00pm on the 24th May. The meeting was also attended by Avril Clarke and Tony Beekman from Falkirk Council who is being very supportive. Tony in particular, has been working very hard on this. The group is also looking for individuals who might be able to assist with supporting those out of work once the Group is fully constituted. Individuals interested or wishing to offer help should contact Ronnie Vaughan ronniev1@live.co.uk or see the group's facebook page.

Correspondence:

Rural Manifesto Event Invitation or survey (FWD). Details of event, the nearest to us was in Bigger on 26th April. However you can have your say by taking part in the survey.<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/wearerural>

Invitation to meet with Grangemouth Community Council which Madelene and I attended to discuss INEOS's potential plans to apply for closure of the Road.

Related to that was the request from the press regarding our attendance at that. You will have seen the comment in the journal.

Notice Invitation to RSPB Future Tides School Programme(FWD) Over the past school year classes from Deanburn (Bo'ness), Park (Alloa) and Riverside (Stirling) Primary Schools have been exploring the wildlife and human aspects of the Inner Forth area. Come along and share the discoveries and learnings on Tuesday 24th May 2016 10am to 2pm Alloa Town Hall FK10 1AB

COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM by e-mail

ASB Reports

(Period 01/04/2016-30/04/2016)

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
102	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South
	40	32	30

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 01/04/2016-30/04/2016)

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling	21
Control of Dogs	5
Youth related disorder	10
Other	4

Further Information

The Community Safety Team continue to respond to calls for service regarding dog fouling, litter, fly tipping (on public land), youth related disorder and control of dog concerns.
We are currently working in partnership with Police Scotland and Scottish Fire and Rescue to deter fire-raising in Kinneil woods through increased patrols and prevention activities within schools.
We are also monitoring the Foreshore area due to reports of off road motorbikes.

Anyone with any concerns regarding antisocial behaviour can contact the team in confidence, on the details below.

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. Madelene Hunt [Chair]

It was brought to Madelene's attention the amount of litter which is occurring around the Fire Station, which was backed up with photographs. Madelene to look into this problem.

Madelene read out a letter from Mary Jane Amstrong (past Town Centre Manager).

The White Lady Mountain Bike Group are looking for assistance with match funding which Bo'net will assist them. The group are asking B.C.Council to write a letter of support for the project.

10. A.O.C.B.

Joan Boyd mentioned that we have not received any response from the Bank of Scotland to the letter we sent asking them to reconsider the closure of the Bo'ness Branch. Have we heard anything more regarding the petition which was circulating in the town? Madelene will go and collect the petition forms regarding the closure of the Bank of Scotland

Joan commented on the untidy signage around the roundabout at the Drum as you enter the Town. It is understood that advertising signs can be displayed for a period of 3 weeks without Falkirk Council permission and then must be removed. Some of these signs have been there for months, are untidy or falling off the fencing which does not give a good impression of the town.

Afternoon Tea at the Old Kirk this coming Saturday.

A debate re fracking and also our support for local groups followed. This was rather heated and the Convenor brought it to a close and ended the meeting.

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

Next meeting 8th June in Bo'ness Library at 7pm