



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th NOVEMBER 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], Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Owen Griffiths, Siobhan Samson, David Aitchison, Alex King, David Findlay, Owen Griffiths, Ashley Sneddon

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No Apologies for Absence

4. POLICE REPORT

(Report e mailed by PC Graeme McDougall and Presented by PC Steve Mitchell)

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 areas.

ASB, VIOLENCE & DISORDER

There has been 11 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. There have been 5 minor assaults reported to Police.

Of note a male exposed his genitals whilst in a shop. The male has been identified and reported to the PF for their consideration.

DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE

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

Four persons have been found in possession of controlled substances

ROAD SAFETY

There has been 4 speeding offences detected, 1 no insurance offence and a number of parking tickets issued.

DISHONESTY CRIMES

There has been 1 housebreaking offence relating to a residential property. There has been 1 theft of a motor vehicle and 1 attempted theft of a motor vehicle. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There have been 4 minor thefts.

OTHER LOCAL POLICING ISSUES AND EVENTS

Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round. The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website - www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts

5. MINUTES OF WED. 12TH OCTOBER 2016

Minutes adopted and proposed by Len Ainslie and Stuart McAllister

6. MATTERS ARISING

The Community Council website has now been fully transferred to Sanctus Media and was ready to launch on the night of the meeting. Madelene and the rest of the Council congratulated and thanked the staff of Sanctus for their hard work on the website. One of the members kindly volunteered his photographs of Bo'ness for use on the website.

Notification of No waiting at any time double yellow lines on Linlithgow Road opposite the Co-op has still not been actioned. Joan to check this on out recent notifications and write to Falkirk Council if necessary.

7. REPORTS

Len Ainslie

Following their attendance of Ineos 'Dragon Ship' event in the summer, Len and Madelene both received model Dragon Ships. There was some discussion as to whether one should be displayed somewhere in Bo'ness Library.

Ian Don

Accounts Balance currently stands at £398.99.

Ian informed the room that funding for the Community Council is down by 60% and that we received funding of £395.00 for the year.

£35.00 of this has already been taken off for 'Data Protection' – Ian is currently looking into this.

Ian proposed to the room that he switch to internet banking in regards to handling the Treasury funds, as it would enable the funds to be managed much faster and easier. This was agreed by the members

David Findlay

Regarding Remembrance Sunday, David reported that everything was in place for Sunday's service at the Old Kirk and then the walk to the Cenotaph. All permissions for marching etc. were in place.

Siobhan Samson

Nothing to report.

David Aitchison

David reported that the transport group is still ongoing, but there is nothing new to report.

Owen Griffiths

Nothing to report.

Ashley Sneddon

Ashley reported on the group she and Owen are a part of who have recently been organizing Hallowe'en and Christmas events in Bo'ness. The group still do not have a name, but will be deciding on this after the Christmas event.

As Owen has scaled back his participation in the group due to increasing work commitments at the moment, Ashley agreed she would continue to report on the group and its activities.

Ashley reported the Halloween event had been a great success and the group had received some excellent feedback from people in the town. The group had almost finished their plans for the Christmas event and are happy to work in conjunction with other groups in the town regarding this and future events.

Madelene and the members congratulated and thanked Owen, Ashley and the group for their hard work and praised the group's excellent community spirit.

Alex King

Nothing to report.

Stuart McAllister

Planning Applications:

Application No. P/160532/FUL

Erection of six dwelling houses at Kinneil Bowling Club

Joan Boyd

Falkirk Council's Community Council Budget Forum - Madelene, Ashley and Joan attended. It was useful in helping towards understanding the level of savings required to be made and some of the rationale behind the proposals. A range of views and concerns were expressed by community councillors present at the forum.

The proposed budget cuts are significant again this year. Joan offered to lead the BCC budget consultation team again this year and asked for support from members. Len and Ashley volunteered.

INEOS consultation and Planning Application Notice

Following a poll of those members of the community who attended the INEOS consultation on the 18th October, discussion took place around the best methods of engaging with the community and local businesses to obtain views regarding the impact or not of the potential closure of the road through the Chemical Plant. It is important that we ensure a representative view across the community is obtained so that we can respond to the Planning Application. Further discussion took place around how best to engage with the community.

8. CORRESPONDENCE Joan Boyd, Secretary

E-mails

Invitation to the Council Budget 2017/18 engagement with Community Councils which as mentioned in the reports was attended by Madelene, Ashley and Joan.

Invitation to the CVS Falkirk and District AGM on the 23rd November 2016. Len and Madelene will be attending.

Newsletter from the Inner Forth Landscape. Of interest in Bo'ness is the memories of Mining in Valleyfield and Bo'ness project which is investigating and preserving the heritage of coal mining communities on the inner Forth. There is a drop in exhibition in Bo'ness Town Hall on the 22nd November from 1.00pm to 7.00pm. This looks at the links made between the two communities via the coal tunnel which was opened in 1964 underneath the River Forth.

Notification from Falkirk Council

Application for a disabled Car Parking Space on Redbrae Avenue

Application for a disabled Car Parking Space on Muirpark Court

Notification of Temporary Road closure at Panbrae, Old Kirk, Stewart Avenue to the War Memorial and Church Wynd

Application for a No Waiting at any time order on Bridgeness Road. (Joan to send out to members).

9. Madelene Hunt, Convenor

Madelene and Len will attend CVS Falkirk's event at St. Francis Xavier Hall on 23rd November.

There will be an exhibition in Bo'ness Town Hall on 22nd of November from 1-7pm. The event is a drop-in event and will commemorate the mining in Bo'ness, particularly of the under the Forth. In addition, special benches are being commissioned for the foreshore relating to this.

Joan attended a Falkirk Council business meeting which was sponsored by Ineos. She found it quite interesting.

Madelene received a letter regarding part-funding for the buoy in the harbour. Madelene has replied to this.

A Victorian fair was proposed at the Railway. Madelene has replied with an invite to chat about this but no reply yet. A discussion among the members suggested that the Railway, as well as the town, could benefit more if activities could be moved closer towards the town centre.

10. A.O.C.B.

Len attended the annual AGM of the Fair Committee, who elected a new Chairman Scott McBride and Vice-Chairman Frank McGarry.

There was further discussion on the Ineos Road Closure proposal – mainly ways in which the Council could most effectively gather views from the community and maximize attendance to meetings, so the people of Bo'ness could most effectively express their views.

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