

## Bo'ness Community Council

### Minutes of meeting held on Wednesday 14th October 2015 in St. Catharine's Church Hall, 19:00

#### **Present:**

Madelene Hunt [Chair], Robyn Adamson, David Aitchison, Owen Griffiths, Stuart McAllister.

#### **Apologies:**

Joan Boyd, Robert Snedden, Liliias Snedden, Maria Ford, David Findlay, Ian Don, Tom Sargent.

#### **In Attendance:**

Alex King, PC Graeme McDougall, Donald Johnston (Fire & Rescue)

**Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone and brought the meeting to order at 1915 hrs.**

#### **Police Report**

PC Graeme McDougall delivered the monthly police report. Local priorities in Bo'ness and Blackness are: Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder; Drug Dealing & Misuse; Road Safety; and Crimes of Dishonesty.

##### **ASB, Violence & Disorder**

There has been no single significant incident of ASB over the previous month, although officers continue to carry out dedicated patrols in the Bo'ness area particularly on evenings and weekends. Officers have continued to patrol Kinneil Woods to ensure the issues concerning fire raisings did not escalate and it appears this has definitely been effective in ensuring there were no further issues. There were 5 vandalisms reported in Bo'ness over September, with 2 being detected and the remaining 3 currently being investigated. None of these incidents appear to be linked in any way. 1 person was also warned during September in relation to being drunk and incapable.

##### **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Since our last meeting drugs warrants have been executed at addresses in the Bo'ness area. One male has been reported to the Procurator Fiscal in relation to possession of controlled drugs.

##### **Road Safety**

During September there were 14 speeding offences detected by traffic officers carrying out dedicated road checks in the Bo'ness area. Roads checked by officers included Crawfield Road where one motorist was clocked driving at 48mph, well over the 30mph speed limit.

A number of persons have also been dealt with in relation to offences including using a mobile phone whilst driving, vehicle defects and careless driving.

### **Dishonesty Crimes**

For Bo'ness there was one report of a theft by housebreaking at commercial premises which occurred on Market Street, Bo'ness. We are currently following a positive line of enquiry in relation to this incident. There were several reports of theft during September, including two reports of theft by finding.

### **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service**

Donald Johnston, a Community Safety Advocate for local Scottish Fire and Rescue services, provided information and media to raise awareness of fire safety — with particular emphasis on fireworks, as Guy Fawkes Day is approaching

Some of SFRS' current campaigns also highlight the dangers of electric blankets during winter months; awareness of testing smoke detectors in homes; and tips to prevent trips and falls at home.

### **Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting were read, and were adopted by the following members:

Proposed: David Aitchison

Seconded: Owen Griffiths

## **Reports**

### **Stuart McAllister (planning)**

Planning applications within the past month include the following:

- Extension to dwelling house at 15 & 17 Church Wynd; retrospective application, after previously being objected to by Falkirk Council.
- Extension to dwelling house at 16 Boundary Street.
- Erection of 3 temporary buildings and 3 refrigeration units at Christie Timber Services, on Bridgeness Road.
- Extension to dwelling house at Birkhill Mine Cottage.
- Erection of a storage building on land to the East of 1 Haneys Way.
- Conversion and change of use of upper floor from office to 6 flatted dwellings; at 3 Hope Street.

### **Owen Griffiths**

*Nothing to report.*

## **David Aitchison**

At present, Newtown Park Association are still awaiting news on their bid to Falkirk Council, for part-funding of a 3G football pitch at Newtown Park.

## **Correspondence**

E-mails received and distributed to members:

INEOS advised us about Flarings on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> following maintenance work having been carried out

**The "Hands Over Our Forth" event is taking place this Sunday 11th October at 2pm.** This will be a historic event - an attempt to join hands across the Forth Road Bridge from North to South. Numbers are important for this event.

Rugby world cup tickets Scam - We would like rugby fans and the general public to be aware that they should only purchase tickets from official sources and avoid being scammed.

## **A.O.C.B.**

Owen Griffiths enquired about the debris and stones left behind after road resurfacing on Linlithgow Road and the A904. No further action was taken.

The Community Council agreed to write to Falkirk Council's Road Maintenance dept. to further an enquiry regarding a potentially hazardous adverse camber at the junction between Panbrae and Linlithgow Road (A706).

Robyn Adamson raised concerns over vehicles parking on the public footpath outside of the Caledonian Produce / Bakkavor buildings (junction at Carriden Brae North, off the A904). It has been observed that the area becomes even more hazardous during the facility's shift changes, when both passenger vehicles and HGVs begin entering and exiting the area. The Community Council agreed to send appropriate correspondence to Caledonian Produce in regard to this observation.

## **Underground Coal Gasification**

There has been no indication of any withdrawal of a planning application by Cluff Natural Resources PLC. CNR have been invited to Bo'ness Community Council's meeting in November to give a brief presentation.

## **AGM**

As a quorum of the Community Council was not in attendance, the AGM has been postponed until November's meeting.

**With there being no other competent business the meeting closed  
with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**

**Our next meeting will be our AGM**