



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2016 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

### **Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt [Chair], Lennox Ainslie [Vice-Chair] , Joan Boyd [Secretary], Ian Don [Treasurer], Stuart McAllister, David Aitchison, Alex King, Owen Griffiths.

### **In Attendance:**

### **Apologies for Absence**

Ashley Sneddon, David Findlay, Siobhan Samson

Thanks to Robyn for volunteering to take the minutes tonight.

### **Police Report**

**Officers in attendance – P. C. Greg Cruickshanks and P.C. Steve Mitchell** 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**

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 9 incident of ASB over the previous month and there are currently no 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 9 minor assaults reported to Police.

### **DRUG DEALING & DRUG MISUSE**

Over the previous month, there have been no Drug Search warrants enforced within the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area, however there have been 3 instances where persons have been found in possession of controlled drugs.

### **ROAD SAFETY**

Specifically for Bo'ness there have been 4 speeding offences detected, no mobile phone or seatbelt offences detected. No person has been charged with drink/drug drive offences. One individual was charged with the offences of taking a vehicle without the owner's consent, driving with no insurance, driving without a license, careless driving and failing to report a road accident.

### **DISHONESTY CRIMES**

Specifically for Bo'ness there has been 1 housebreaking offence to a commercial property. There is no identified pattern or repeat location. There has been 6 minor thefts with no identified pattern or repeat location.

#### **OTHER LOCAL ISSUES AND EVENTS**

During the latest wave of Scary Clown pranks, Police officers advised that if there are any sightings of said clowns then members of the public should call 101 to report the incident.

#### **Minutes of 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

Minutes read and accepted by Len Ainslie and Joan Boyd.

#### **Matters Arising**

INEOS update will be provided under AOCB. Madelene received resignation from Maria Ford. Joan will write to Maria to thank her for all her work on behalf of the whole of BCC.

Edinburgh Airport Consultation. David and Joan met the deadline for the consultation and a copy of our submission was sent to all BCC members. The next phase of the consultation will start in January.

#### **Reports**

**Ian Don** – Closing balance is £3.99. Ian continues to work with Falkirk Council to receive CC grant. He is hopeful this will be received by the end of the month.

**Len Ainslie** – Nothing to report

**Robyn Adamson** - Nothing to report

**David Aitchison**- **Newtown Park Association** No further meetings of Newtown Park Association, £200 raised by holding a balloon race.

**Owen Griffiths** – **Business Events Group Forum**: Owen and Ashley continue to meet to with this group to gauge what the community would like to see happening as part of town Centre events such as Christmas Lights. Local businesses are pulling together small scale events for Halloween including competitions such as treasure hunt, concern over clashing of events ongoing within the town. There was discussion around getting clarification on the remit of the group.

**Alex King** – Nothing to report

#### **Stuart McAllister - Planning Notices**

Application No: P/16/0514/FUL

Location: 90 Dean Road, Bo'ness EH51

Plans for housing to replace garages in this area.

Application No: P/16/0488/ADV

Location: Lidl UK GmbH, 2-4 Links Road, Bo'ness EH51 9AW

Proposal: Display of Illuminated Advertisement

Planning applications can be viewed at <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning>

### **Joan Boyd**

Joan attended the Coalfields Regeneration Trust Meeting. It was a very interesting event, where the audience heard about different issues and projects. There was a presentation about Charity Law, the Coalfields Enterprise Training and SBIC business connectors. Some group working took place to look at what makes a project work well and not so well. One thing that became clear from the discussions is that Bo'ness appears to be much more fortunate in terms of amenities and community assets than some other mining communities. Joan thanked the Coalfield Trust's Board for the funding secured for Bo'ness projects on behalf of BCC and Bo'net.

Madelene and Joan attended the AGM of CAB in Grangemouth. There has been 1500 + enquiries from Bo'ness residents in the last year. It is a very busy CAB office and maintains an outreach service in Bo'ness at the Dean Road Medical Practices.

### **Madelene Hunt**

Madelene received an invite for us to attend the annual Remembrance Service at Bo'ness Cenotaph on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> November at 12.15. Also have 3 invites to the Festival of Remembrance which takes place at 7pm on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November in Falkirk Town Hall, which Joan, Len and Madelene will attend. Len Ainslie has been asked to lay the wreath on behalf of BCC.

**INEOS** – Madelene and Len attended INEOS biannual meeting on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup>. There was a Presentation received on the proposed road closure of A 904. As part of the road closure consultation meetings will take place on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> October in Grangemouth Town Hall from 2pm – 8pm (Madelene and Joan will attend to support Grangemouth Community Council) and Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October in Bo'ness Town Hall from 2pm – 8pm (Representatives from Grangemouth Community Council will attend). Comment was passed on the leaflets which have been dropped through doors as part of the consultation. There was concern noted on how many people received the leaflets.

Siobhan Samson put forward a proposal via the chair to be the lead on all communication regarding the INEOS application given her skills and knowledge in relation to planning. It was agreed that she would take this role to provide content, but this would be sent to Secretary for comment and final agreement with the Convenor. Letters would then have the appropriate letterhead and our BCC Coat of Arms attached and sent from the Secretary.

Alex King raised a point regarding the proposed 5 pipe bridges at INEOS and should it go ahead with the road remaining open when would the work will be carried out and how, will it be staggered or done as one piece of work. This will be raised as point for clarification at the public meeting along with what roads/roundabouts are being referenced on the leaflet in

relation the the road closure proposal. This will also be raised with Bernard Whittle of Falkirk Council Planning.

## **Correspondence**

### **E-mails and information**

E-mail from Frank McChord of Falkirk Council (FC) regarding the 'We're hear Event' which is on the 15th November from 10.00am until 3.00pm.

E-mail about the INEOS Consultation Flyer which has been sent out. I forwarded this to members.

E-mail sending the data related to the Traffic Monitoring on the Grangemouth Road undertaken by Falkirk Council.

E-mail from Councillor Mahoney with copies of the Recycling and Waste Collection service changes. Comments can be sent to [Ross.fenwick@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:Ross.fenwick@falkirk.gov.uk)

E-mail confirming our Grant Application had been received from F.C.

Information was received from Frank McChord (FC) regarding the areas of deprivation in the Falkirk area. Bo'ness has one area which is included in the worst 10/15% category. This has however, improved over the period since the monitoring began.

A notification that the One-Stop-Shop will be closing in December has been received. BCC has been trying to meet with FC and eventually a meeting took place at our request on 13th September. BCC notified 90 groups in Bo'ness asking them to pass the information on to their members. We also left a box in the library for comment and placed an article in the Journal. Three meetings for the community were held in Salvation Army (1), Lund Hall (2) in September/October to give the community an opportunity to comment. Unfortunately, nobody turned up to the meetings in the Lund Hall and only one Councillor to S.A. meeting. The short notice was an issue. BCC were advised the decision has been taken to move the service to an on-line and outreach provision. This will start in January. Madelene and Joan attended a stakeholders meeting which was useful in regard to the opportunity for suggestions and discussion around what services should be delivered, where and when. A further meeting will take place next month. F.C. has placed a comment survey and comment cards in the One-stop-shop and Bo'ness Library.

Councillor Mahoney forwarded a letter received from City Link in response to his request to divert the 909 service to serve Bo'ness. The letter confirmed that data usage indicated it was not available for Scottish City Link due to a lack of sustainable daily demand. It also would require the company to deploy additional vehicles as the 909 now interworks with other services.

### **Notifications from Falkirk Council Roads**

Notice advising the order to implement disabled parking spaces at Cowdenhill Road and Baptie Place. Another notice revoking the disabled parking space in Amulree Place as it is no longer used by a person in receipt of a blue badge or does not meet the requirements of the Act. A notification of a proposed parking space for a disabled person in Pennelton Place.

Notification of a **No Waiting at Any Time** from a point 16 metres or thereby west of the projected western building line of 84 Corbiehall and in a westerly direction for a distance of 230 metres or thereby.

### **AOCB**

Joan discussed correspondence received from our BCC web hosting partner. Correspondence received in April was raised with the members at that time and action was taken. Further correspondence was received between the 8<sup>th</sup> September and 7<sup>th</sup> October 2016. Joan explained how the issue had been investigated and that mediation offered had not been taken up. Following discussion it was unanimously agreed by the membership that an impasse had been reached and that the way forward was to ask the Communication Strategy Project Group to seek a new partner. Joan was asked to write to our current Partner noting our appreciation for the support and help provided to BCC over the last five years.

**There being no other competent business we closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.**