



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14.11.18 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Valerie Spowart, Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Alan Gilbert, Owen Griffiths, Robyn Adamson, Gail Nash

3. In Attendance

Councillors in attendance: David Aitchison, Lynn Munro.

4. Apologies for Absence

Ian Don

No Members of Public in Attendance

5. Police Report - Officers in attendance: PC Graham McDougall

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. See Appendix 1

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

“Are the police looking at the Champany Corner since the recent spate of accidents that have happened there?”

Police: “The council is looking at this.”

“Who is clamping the vehicles around Bo'ness?”

Police: “The DVLA, and the council working with the DVLA.”

“Is there any update on the police station?”

“The police inspector got the most recent letter but no more updates. The Police Inspector will consider options and reply.”

“What closed McColl's for 2 days?”

Police: “A situation that stemmed from an attempted murder in surrounding flats.”

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

See Appendix 2

7. Minutes of Wednesday 10th October 2018

Corrections were made to the minutes.

Matters Arising

Pg. 5. The letter to Chief Inspector Damian Armstrong bounced back and had to be re-sent. This was the reason for a delay in his response.

8. REPORTS

Len Ainslie – The Fair Committee held its AGM. Volunteers are desperately needed. Anyone can come along to a meeting and meet the team, to see if they'd be a good fit. All skills are required. Conveners are also required.

The Kirking of the Queen is the Friday prior to the fair. The Chair and two other members were in attendance at the Falkirk Council Remembrance Day concert on Saturday 10 November. The Bo'ness cenotaph Service on Remembrance Sunday was well attended. The reading out of names of the fallen totalling 398 at the service was very touching.

Christmas lights – 24th November – The Fair Committee will have a Santa's Grotto.

Alex King – Would rather the Remembrance Service at the Cenotaph had taken place at the actual time of the cease fire, however Madelene said this was at the behest of the church, and that we have to follow the district.

Alex felt the beacons in Kinneil Park were disappointing. The CC asserted there had been many complaints of fears of them blowing over in the wind, or if children climbed on them, and also that they are wrongly aligned. It was discussed by the CC and asserted that the consultation should have been much wider and more available. Anyone with concerns over this can write to IFLI and the Trust.

Robyn Adamson – The social media is ticking over, the budget plan and consultation post were shared, as well as the poppy post. A member of the public had asked if Bo'ness could have something similar to the Penguins in Dundee.

Councillor Aitchison – With regard to the junction at Champany, according to road accident data, there have been no accidents lately. All previous accidents have been due to human error, so there's nothing to be done at the junction. Signage will be added. Alan questioned if the road design also perhaps discouraged people from slowing down? Siobhan replied that people themselves should always be alert, know the road and slow down. Perhaps a warning sign and trees cut back would help? Alan suggested that the motorway in Grangemouth should also be considered as a similar option.

Councillor Munro – Wondered about the planning application for flats on Main St where Carriers used to be – 25 2-4 storey flats. Stuart said the CC had already looked at it and there was ample parking. There was some concern about people parking on the Bog Road. A previous planning application for shops and flats had been refused for not enough parking. Also concern over the height of the flats.

The Community Development Plan in both local and wider government is going to the Scottish Government on 14th December; looking at local authorities listening.

Gail Nash – Road safety and dementia work continues for the cluster group. Looking at funding streams, as well as tools to bring attention to dementia awareness such as puppets and books. There is a parent's event meeting on January 23rd. There will be a dementia café at Richmond Park and the Old Kirk.

Alan Gilbert – We have a new committee at the Cowdenhill Community Hall. Siobhan Samson has joined. Looking to start fresh. Tom Whalley has been tasked with getting all the community centres off the public books. He can provide us lots more information. All local community halls in the area are invited to an open forum to share information.

Val Spowart – The Bo'ness Churches Together Advent Praise at Craigmalen takes place on the 2nd of December and we will be decorating Christmas Trees. The Baptist Church minister will be leaving soon, so they will be looking for a new one.

Stuart McAllister – Planning:

Application No	P/18/0598/FUL
Application	Planning Permission
Proposal	Change of use from coal yard to storage of containers for lease
Location	Coal depot, Dock Street Bo'ness
Case Officer	david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk

A discussion took place regarding containers at the old coal yard and it was agreed that Stuart would look further into this application. There were concerns about the height of the containers and how they would be situated.

The owners of the Grange are looking to build a new dementia care home where the old building stands.

Ashley Sneddon – Thanked the CC for allowing her the honour of laying the wreath this year. She found the service very touching. It made her think about those we have lost. The layout, crocheted poppies and crosses was stunning, and she was so impressed at the amount of work that went into it. She also thanked Alex for his donation to Buzzness at the Halloween event.

Madelene Hunt (Convenor) - Marcus Strachan Memorial – Do the slabs detract from the stone? Looking at seating for dementia group usage and sensory plants around the stone, which it is hoped will evoke memories. It will be in the journal next week.

Coalfield's Regeneration Trust's Action Plan Launch – 27th November – all groups funded to give small presentation.

Thanks to Owen for help at the Cenotaph Service with the audio.

Robert Jardine's Town Trust meeting on 27th November 7:30pm at St Catharine's Church Hall when he will be talking about the deceased whose names are on the Cenotaph

There will be a CC planning meeting in January.

CORRESPONDENCE

Joan Boyd

E-mails and information

E-mail. – from CVS Falkirk regarding their AGM on the 22nd November 2018 with contact information.

E-mail – e-mail from Brian Pirie advising that Falkirk Council are looking for the Community's view on set principles which will guide the budget setting. The Link is <https://say.falkirk.gov.uk/corporate-housing-services/choices-challenges-budget-consultation-2018/> The CC normally has a budget project team, however, that does not appear to be necessary this year. There is a Convenors' meeting on the 29th November in Falkirk.

E-mail – A range of e-mails have been received from Maria Montinaro. One is related to support for the submission on behalf of Scottish Community Councils to the Scottish Government Strategic Environmental Assessment of Unconventional Oil & Gas Fracking. They are asking for us to support this as a signatory. If time permits, we will have a sight of the submission for approval beforehand but that may not be possible. There is a map here that shows where the current licences are granted. Interestingly, it also shows the area where licences were also offered and are not yet sold. It is my understanding that there has always been potential for licenses to be sold over an area which stretches right across the Central Belt of Scotland. This map indicates where licenses were sold and where licences were offered. Joan raised her concerns about signing off on something we may not see, and a discussion ensued. It was agreed that more clarity would be required before any decision was made.

E-mail from Sergeant Alyson Bolton of the Community Policing team advising that she is leaving and that Mark Armstrong would be dealing with any outstanding issues until her replacement is in post. Mark.Armstrong@scotland.pnn.police.uk.

E-mail – Response from Mandy Brown regarding the Litter bins on the John Muir Way. I have now been advised that Lesley Sweeney is the Ranger responsible for the Bo'ness Area and I am awaiting a response from her.

E-mail - from Louise McIntyre, Community Engagement Manager with Edinburgh Airport. Louise has written introducing herself and asking to meet with the community council or some members. Her role is to build a good working community relationship. Bo'ness is considered a priority area. It was agreed that we would invite Louise along to our January meeting.

E-mail – from Maria Ford relating to Bo'ness Woodlands - Consultation Events as detailed 'drop in events' are taking place – of particular interest to us may be the event being held in Bo'ness which concerns Kinneil Foreshore and various parks might be improved, and give their views and feedback. The event is taking place on 29/11/2018, between 16:00-19:30 at Bo'ness Recreation Centre, Gauze Rd, Bo'ness EH51 9QB. Maria has stated that if we are able to promote and share the word about this event she would be very grateful. Joan asked if there is anyone who would like to go to that on behalf of the Community Council. Madelene stated she would be going along.

E-mail - from Falkirk Council (FC) regarding FCs review of Polling Districts and Polling Places 2018/20 – Falkirk Council – Citizen Space. It has four documents attached. Joan suggested that she send this out, so that we all look at the documents and then discuss any comments we wish to make as a group at the next meeting. The first phase ends 21/12/18 and the 2nd stage runs from 14/1/19 to 15/3/19 with the report going to the Falkirk Council meeting on 8/5/19.

E-mail – from Brian Pirie which came in yesterday, regarding Democracy Matters Regional Events. The Scottish Government is consulting on Local Governance arrangements. This is a far reaching review which will influence how decisions are taken at the local level. There are two

strands to the review – the first is with the community, and the second is with the public sector. Brian is urging us all to read this. The nearest event to us is Edinburgh on the 20th November. If it is a significant a review as Brian seems to be stating, then someone from our group should go along. Can I suggest if anyone wishes to go along they can book direct but please let me know.

E-mail – from Alex Orr of Orbit requesting to come along to our next meeting. They are working with AWG and Mactaggart and Mickel on their residential proposals for Crawfield Road. The companies are looking at the potential to bring forward a planning application for the site, and given this, would be grateful to meet with the Community Council at the next meeting on 12th December, if possible.

Comments on Correspondence

Budget

Alan Gilbert – Many people do not think about something until it affects them directly. I don't see much that brings money into the Council.

Councillor Munro – Initiatives are being put in place for this, perhaps commercialization of services. £190 million budget before education. There are £20million of cuts to be made in the budget in December.

Siobhan – Recyclers should be credited, like the schemes in Germany, where it works well. These are frontline services people don't want to see cut.

John Muir Way: Alan Gilbert – Lots of complaints online about rubbish and dog mess

Councillor Munro – there is also a lot of wood shedding and plastic from Caledonian.

Alan - Strimmers are just strimming through the cans and plastic

Developments on Crawfield Road: Joan Boyd – As I understand it Crawfield Road has been taken out and Northbank put into the consultation. Alex Orr from Orbit wants to come and talk about potential local developments. Miller Homes also wants a meeting to discuss future building plans.

It was discussed and agreed that we would try to arrange to meet with Miller Homes at their local site and invite Alex Orr to our December or January meeting.

9. A.O.C.B.

Siobhan Samson – Eco Drive – Friday 16th November 2018, Eco Driving Training, teaches how to save fuel, reduce wear on tyres, receive a free driving certificate. You must hold a UK driving licence with experience of driving in the UK.

Name of
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Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	10/10/2018
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/10/2018 – 31/10/2018

Foreword:

This monthly report is intended to provide the local community with information on local policing issues and local police activity. Following consultation with the local community, the local priorities for the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area are:

- Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder
- Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse
- Road Safety
- Dishonesty Crimes

Please note that any data presented within this report has been extracted from internal systems within Police Scotland and should not, in anyway, be interpreted as official Scottish Government recorded crime statistics.

There has been a total of 20 crime reports raised by Police this month.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder**

There have been 10 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

5 of which were Vandalisms, 1 Malicious Mischief and 1 Culpable and Reckless Conduct. There was no pattern or repeat location.

There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, this was an attempted Murder, victim known to accused.

There have been 11 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 2 Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area resulting in a report being submitted to the PF for both.

There has been 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There has been 1 offence for driving with a revoked licence and 1 offence relating to Fail to Stop.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 1 Attempted Housebreaking offence to a residential property. There has been 3 minor Thefts. There has been 1 offence relating to Reset. There has been no Theft from a motor vehicle. There has been 1 Theft of a Motor vehicle, relating to a Ford Transit Van.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

Community Engagement and Reassurance



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

Feedback from meeting:



Boness Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 14 November 2018
COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

Period: 01/10/18 – 31/10/18

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
80	EAST -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL -Falkirk North and South
	20	19	41

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
All areas	Operation Alamo	We identify hotspot areas through a multi-agency tasking group involving Police Scotland, Falkirk Housing, SACRO and Scottish Fire and Rescue Service. These are areas experiencing high levels of antisocial behaviour. In conjunction with our Agency partners, we are currently carrying out patrols in all areas and monitoring for illicit bonfires on Council land. Where located, these are removed.

Investigations: Period 01/10/18 – 31/10/18

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	11
Litter & Fly Tipping	2
Youth related disorder	5
Other	2

Current CST activities in the area

<p>The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community. We are receiving complaints about the amount of Litter being discarded by Boness Academy pupils. We are monitoring during the lunch break. Community Safety Team are presently monitoring the Kinneil Estate and Muirend Court following complaints of dog fouling in these areas.</p>
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