



## **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10 APRIL 2019 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

#### **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

#### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Val Spowart, Len Ainslie, Owen Griffiths, Val Ferguson OBE, Robyn Adamson, Kathryn Markey.

#### **3. In Attendance**

Councillor David Aitchison and Councillor Lynn Munro. Arthur Mann, Ross Stephen, Kirsty O'Brien from Miller Homes and a member of the public.

#### **4. Apologies for Absence**

Ashley Sneddon, Gail Nash and Alan Gilbert.

#### **5. Police Report** - The purpose of this report is to provide the local community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness and Blackness ward area.

See Appendix 1.

#### **6. Minutes of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

Correction to spelling of Alan Grant to Alan Gilbert and addition of Councillor Lynn Munro attending.

Whale Trail proposal was missed from the last months minutes. In similar fashion to Dundee 'Oor Wullies', Aberdeen Cows and given the link with Bo'ness and the whaling industry, decorative whales could be placed around the town.

The minutes were approved: Proposed by Alex King and seconded by Siobhan Samson.

No Matters Arising

#### **7. POLICE REPORT**

See Appendix 1

#### **8. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

See Appendix 2.

#### **Miller Homes, North Bank Farm – Arthur Mann**

Queries raised around the proposed development, indicative drawings provided, Miller homes have taken suggestions on board as to whether a one-way system could be beneficial, however this would need to be worked in partnership with the highway agency. It was noted that the new proposed road does only solve

part of the issue with traffic on the already busy roads around the current Kinglass Fields site. The application which has been submitted has a number of options in terms of how the traffic could be managed. Stage two would be a possible road to link to the roundabout at the drum. Although conversations have begun, it would be a second stage development.

Two planning applications have been submitted to Falkirk Council, one for the housing and the second for the road improvements.

We asked Miller homes to confirm what was meant as affordable. Affordable is defined by the Planning Act and would be deemed by the Council. It was queried whether any of the houses would be available for social rent, this would be again dictated by the Council and could be done as a 50/50 split of the overall 15% affordable housing allocation. It was highlighted that a need has been raised in the community for same level housing i.e. bungalows. The main makeup of the proposed site would be 3,4 and 5 bed houses, however there is scope to build 2 bedroom flats on the site.

Mr Mann noted that a letter of support in favour of the new development has already been received.

### **Gail Nash (by e-mail)**

Cluster group have met and are continuing to work on road safety and taking forward Dementia Friends. The CPR training has been raised with the Group and is being taken back to each School.

After the last meeting Gail contacted Stuart Davies, the Heartstart contact for Falkirk, but has yet to have a response.

### **Siobhan Samson**

We received the decision notice and are disappointed to see that although the two reporters agreed with Falkirk Council and all objectors to refuse the appeal, the recommendation was not accepted by Scottish Ministers. Scottish Ministers decided that the appeal should be upheld. We also note that the conditions recommended by the reporters have been attached to the consent but with the exception of the duelling of Wholeflats Rd. The conditions will take some time and considerable expense to implement so the A904 will not be closed immediately. The conditions must all be complied with in totality before the road can be closed. It also can't be closed unless a Stopping Up Order, already requested by Ineos, is implemented by Falkirk Council. The decision is currently being scrutinised by Falkirk Council. There is a provision of 6 weeks for an appeal against the decision. We must now await a decision by Falkirk Council on this matter. We will keep a watching brief on this matter and continue to keep an open dialogue with Falkirk Council.

### **Robyn Adamson**

Raised concerns with damage to the band stand in the Glebe Park, this will be raised with the Police to see if this can be monitored. Suggestion of using social media accounts to remind community to be vigilant.

### **Kathryn Markey**

Hobsons Choice will run at the Barony Theatre from 6<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Val Ferguson OBE**

Comments and further thanks on the presentation of the McLaren Trophy. Val continued to reiterate that they need to boost numbers for the seniors using the bus.

## **Councillor David Aitchison**

Reiterated what was brought up by Arthur Mann regarding the submission of 2 applications for the erection of housing at North Bank Farm and proposed road changes.

Concerns have been raised around the capacity of medical facilities and schools. There is limited capacity for primary schools which are currently sitting around 80% full. Bo'ness Academy is sitting at 65% however it is forecast to increase to 80% over the next few years.

## **Val Spowart**

27<sup>th</sup> April 10am-12noon, Churches Together Group will be holding a coffee morning at the Salvation Army Hall. Craigmaitlen Church will be looking for a new minister next year after the resignation of their minister.

## **Councillor Lynn Munro**

Lynne advised she had seen working examples from East Ayrshire Council of how they provide buildings for community use, advises this would be an option to look at within Falkirk.

## **Stuart McAllister**

The following applications were discussed and can be viewed on the following link:  
<http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building/development-management/planning-applications-decisions/>

Planning:

PRE/2019/0005/PAN – Proposal of Application Notice. Residential Development. Land to the south of Bo'ness Fire Station, Crawfield Lane, Bo'ness.

P/19/0162/FUL – Demolition of Shop (Class 10 and Erection of 3 No Units, Class 1 Shop (Unit 1), Class 3 Food and Drink (Unit 2) and Sui Generis Hot Food Takeaway Use (Unit 3) – 66 Linlithgow Road, Bo'ness, EH51 0HX

P/19/0133/FUL – Subdivision of Shop to form 3 Units (Class 1) and Alterations to Shopfronts. 53 North Street, Bo'ness, EH51 0AQ & 88 North Street, Bo'ness, EH51 9NF

## **Joan Boyd – Correspondence**

### **Correspondence:**

**E-mail.** – Brochure from a festive lighting company which I will hold on to should this be needed at a later date.

**E-mail** – Public Notice of the Fair Day procession

**E-mail** – From the Scottish Community development centre and What Works Scotland offering a place at the Strengthening Community Councils National Seminar on 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2019 in Edinburgh. This is to discuss a report that has been produced as a result of consultations and a survey that took place with Community Councils. The event will explore the role of Community Councils within the current context of democratic renewal and community empowerment. Joan will attend on our behalf.

**E-mail** – PPA-240-2051 – INEOS Appeal – Decision Letter and report (139 pages). Any appeal can only be made on a point of Law. (Already covered by Siobhan Samson)

**E-mail** – Civic Government Scotland Act 1982 – Notice of Proposal to hold a Public Procession. PP 1927 Loyal orange Institution of Scotland District 62. – 29 June 2019 from 9.00am to 10.30am. Attaching a copy of the notification submitted in respect of a public procession. If we have any comments we must respond by 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2019.

**E-mail** – Scottish Power about a small explosion at Longannet on the 11<sup>th</sup> April which we will put on the WEB site news streaming section.

**E-mail** –Joan Lamazon, President of the Forth Valley Lions branch,(Bo'ness) has submitted a resume and applied to join the Community Council as a co-opted member. It was agreed that Joan would be invited to join us.

### **Madelene Hunt**

Concrete bollards have been removed on the pathway which runs off Linlithgow Road and runs between Ewart Grove and old shirt factory site, this needs to be investigated, Councillor Aitchison will email and investigate

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

Members of the public raised concern over Crawfield Road development. In particular, the rumour of a roundabout being placed at the junction of Blair Avenue. From the diagram viewed, it would appear that the roundabout is to be placed at Liddle Drive. The local PAN has been submitted by AWG and MacTaggart and Mickel. It will be the 18<sup>th</sup> June 2019 before any potential planning application would be submitted and at this stage, plans would detail proposed road changes.

**Alan Gilbert** asked that we consider facilitating the formation of a Litter Picking Group in the town. Comments on social media, appear to indicate more interest and concern around litter. There was no objection if Alan wished to go ahead and arrange to facilitate this.

**Madelene Hunt** mentioned that Grangemouth community focus groups have been successfully facilitated by Community Links, South Lanarkshire and this is something that we might consider.

Other comments were made about the following:

Litter bin removal from Provost Road running into Crawfield Road. Issues with overnight parking in all car parks in Bo'ness.

An issue was also raised relating to the removal of habitat around the curling pond in Kinneil Wood. Councillor Munro will investigate.

Questions were raised on whether BCC were consulted on the island addition on Snag Brae. The changes are part of the work to improve the John Muir Way, allowing better access across the road. Concerns were raised about whether or not the width of the road was the same on both sides. A number of observations were made about lorries and buses finding it difficult to pass. Councillor Munro will investigate.

Newtown Park Association continues their work to replace the park surface. A mine shaft has been located. There were a total of four holes to be filled under the park, three of which have already been filled and work is ongoing on the final hole. This should be complete w/e 21<sup>st</sup> April. The rest of the pitch will be resurfaced and should be completed by mid-august.

**Next meeting is on 8th May 2019 at 7pm in Bo'ness Library Small Meeting Room**

## POLICE REPORT

## Appendix 1

Name of  
Community  
Council:

**Monthly ward report:** Bo'ness Community Council  
**Date of meeting:** 11/04/19  
**Author of report:** PC Graeme McDougall  
**Report presented by:** PC Greg Cruickshanks  
**Reporting period:** 01/03/2019 – 31/03/2019

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.

Ward Priorities

**There has been a total of 38 crime reports raised by Police this month.**

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

There have been 15 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

5 of which were Vandalisms, there is no pattern or repeat location. The others relating to disorder offences.

There were 2 crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, which was 1 serious assault and 1 Robbery. There have been 7 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area. There have been 5 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There was 1 offence relating to Dangerous Driving and 1 relating to Careless Driving, 1 offence for Driving whilst Unfit and another for Driving under the Influence of alcohol. There were 2 offences for Failing to stop for Police and 2 offences relating to Failing to stop at a road accident.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There have been 2 Housebreaking offences over the previous month, both to residential properties with enquiries ongoing. There has been 1 minor Theft.

There were 2 offences relating to Theft from a Motor Vehicle, with no repeat location or pattern and 1 Theft of a motor vehicle all with enquiries ongoing.

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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

Boness Community Council Meeting  
Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

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

**Period: 01/04/19 – 30/04/19**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
<b>104</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South
	<b>38</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>38</b>

### Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
NONE		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.

### Investigations: Period 01/04/19 – 30/04/19

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	19
Litter & Fly Tipping	7
Youth related disorder	5
Other	7

### Current CST activities in the area

<p><b>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 monitoring the Bridgeness Road area for Dog Fouling. The issue is in the communal area and we are working alongside the residents and Housing Staff.</b></p>
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### Contact Us

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