



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th JULY 2019
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), Stuart McAllister, Val Ferguson OBE, Alan Gilbert, Val Spowart, Robyn Adamson, Siobhan Samson, Ashley Sneddon, and Kathryn Markey.

In Attendance: Councillor David Aitchison and Diana Prow (member of the public).

- **Apologies for Absence**

Owen Griffiths, Ian Don, (Treasurer), Gail Nash and Joan Lamazon

- **Police Report** **Officers in attendance: P. C. Greg Cruikshank**

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.

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

Diana Prow - First Bus service to and from Falkirk – Diana raised issues being experienced with the Bus service from Bo'ness to Falkirk. The bus regularly does not turn up, is running late, with often an hour to wait and is then very busy. There have been a number of comments on local networking sites regarding this. Complaints should be taken up with Paul Gardner, of First Bus. They can also be raised with Chris Cox at Falkirk Council.

Christopher.cox@falkirk.gov.uk Val Ferguson commented that the area bus service has 95% punctuality, allowing for traffic congestion and road works. It costs £22,000 to set up an additional service. There is no direct service to FVRH, Larbert.

5. Minutes of Wednesday 12th June 2019

Minutes read and accepted by Ashley Sneddon and Lennox Ainslie.

Page 1. Add Neil MacLean to those in attendance. Questions, change Douglas Drive to Douglas Road. Page 2. Para 6. Change population to 15,000+

6. Matters Arising - None

7. Reports

Len Ainslie - Bo'ness Fair – The children did very well, and the whole of Deanburn School walked down to the church. There were 14 Bands in the Parade. Individuals who play a principle part in the Fair were invited to the Queen's Dinner which was very good.

Siobhan Samson – Meeting with Angus MacDonald MSP – There was a good representation from both Bo'ness and Grangemouth Community Councils (CC). Various points were raised. There was discussion around next steps and how best to jointly achieve suggested action. Grangemouth CC was very upfront with MSP Angus MacDonald. Unplanned outages, noise, smell, dust, considering the economics and the best interests of the area were all mentioned. There was a wide range of very direct discussion.

Alan Gilbert – Cowdenhill Community Centre – The Centre is obtaining regular bookings and June was a good month. On Fair Day the Centre was open and the service provided by a catering company was well received. A planning session will take place in August to look at funding options.

Stuart McAllister – Planning

Application No P/19/0409/PPP **Earliest date of Decision** 2 August 2019
Application Type Planning Permission in Principle
Proposal Development of land for Residential Use (including Affordable Housing), Community Facilities & Associated Development.
Location Land to the South of Bo'ness Fire Station, Crawfield Lane, Bo'ness
Applicant Mactaggart & Mickel and AWG
Case Officer Kevin Brown (Tel. 01324 504701
e-mail: kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk)

Application No P/19/0418/VRC
Application Type Variation / Removal of Conditions
Proposal Installation of a washwater booster and filter kiosk (Revised Location from that approved under Planning Permission P/18/0704/FUL)
Location Scottish Water Bo'ness EH51 9SF
Applicant Scottish Water
Case Officer Kirsty Hope (Tel. 01324 504705)

Val Ferguson OBE – Community Bus Service – A link will be made between the Community Bus service and the C19 to Edinburgh. The service will also team up with the Blackness F49. A new stop will be introduced going past Mannerston and, with the Lobster Pot opening in Blackness, it is hoped people will use the route to Blackness. The

Service is looking for funding to purchase a 'WAVE' Bus for people with mobility impairments.

The 6.30am service into Edinburgh is well used. The Service is obtaining increased requests for hirers and there has been a steady increase in mini-bus hire. Unfortunately the Service is experiencing a reduction in concession passenger usage who, it appears, have now moved to other bus services. If anyone is aware of the reason for this happening please let the Service know.

There was praise for the Boness Community Bus Service at the Falkirk Area Bus Stakeholders Meeting.

Kathryn Markey – Barony Theatre – The Bo'ness Belles will stage two special 5th birthday concerts at the Barony Theatre. These will take place on Friday July 26 and Saturday July 27, at 7.30pm.

Joan Boyd – Finance: The current bank account stands at £951.98. The Accounts have been audited and are awaiting collection and signature.

Correspondence. (Secretary) Joan Boyd.

E-mail. – From Maria Ford notifying us of funding (£200 - £8000) from the Robertson Trust. <https://www.therobertsontrust.org.uk/what-we-fund/wee-grants-for-wee-groups>

E-mail – From Alan Gilbert about inviting David White of the NO Mess Bo'ness group along to one of our meetings. Madelene to contact.

E-mail – From Angus Duncan Falkirk Council regarding BCCs representation to the Core Paths Consultation, acknowledging receipt of our response. The Council will now prepare a summary list of all representations, which will be made available to all those who have responded to the Core Paths Plan. To assist this process, we may be contacted by the Council to clarify the nature of our representation.

The summary list will also contain a brief statement of the Council's initial response to each representation. In some cases, this may identify scope to resolve objections through negotiation, and in these instances, we may be contacted to discuss potential changes to the Core Paths Plan which could achieve such a resolution.

E-mail – From Brian Pirie about Tesco grant funding.

To mark their 100th year, Tesco have launched Bags of Help Centenary Grants.

Tesco Bags of Help Centenary Grants are special voting rounds of the Tesco grant scheme which offer a unique opportunity to benefit more people.

The grants are open for applications of £25,000 from not for profit organisations for a broad range of projects that will provide community benefit across a whole Centenary Grant region, or a significant part of it:

Region 1. Highland and Islands / North East Scotland

Region 2. Mid Scotland

Region 3. West Scotland

Region 4. Central Scotland

Region 5. South Scotland

The first step is to complete an online eligibility check; if the project is eligible this will then take you to the full application.

For the eligibility checker, more information and to submit an online application follow this link: <http://bit.ly/centenarygrant>

E-mail From - Richard Broadly Thanking Madelene for alerting the Council to the damage at the Bandstand in Glebe Park. He will instruct this to be made safe with Heras fencing asap, thereafter we will take us up on our kind offer to work with partners to improve the historic bandstand.

E-mail From – Mandy Brown of Falkirk Council (FC) giving details of the response to the Stakeholders Masterplan Session Notes. Our local Councillors and Madelene are members of the Stakeholders Group. It outlines that with the Council’s nursery closure we need to collectively come up with a solution for the site’s future. FC’s Local Development Plan (LDP) contains a few proposals relating to how the Kinneil Walled Garden might be used in the future. There are 10 pages attached and I will send this out to members.

E-mail From – Angus MacDonald MSP regarding the Scottish Government’s announced details of the public engagement measures they will be taking surrounding the climate emergency. He enclosed the press release detailing the announcement on 19th June 2019 of the Big Climate Conversation. “All of this has to be a truly national endeavour. And it has to be done in a way that is fair”. That’s why the Scottish Government is launching The Big Climate Conversation to encourage communities, businesses and the public sector to talk about what action we can all take. He will keep us updated.

E-mail from –Maria Montinaro advising that the meeting with the Scottish Government has been cancelled due to illness and will be rescheduled.

E-mail from – Savills, on behalf of Stewart Milne, regarding Proposed Residential Development – Land to East of Carriden Brae, Muirhouses, Bo’ness advising us of the community event on 16th June 2019.

Information from the Co-op Foundation regarding a youth Project. They are working with Young Scot and are looking for a group of up to 20 young people, aged 14-21 from all over Scotland who have a keen interest or are passionate about tackling Youth Loneliness in Scotland. This project will be initially running from July 2019 to March 2021 and will build on the ideas developed from the pilot project.

They will run a “Kick Off” Residential followed by a further three residentials to look at:

- Developing findings from the pilot project
- Developing a set of actions and recommendations of what needs to happen to ensure youth loneliness is being addressed in Scotland
- Developing activities and events that will be delivered in 2020
- Creating exciting and engaging content to be hosted on the Young Scot platform and social media, with the support of their Content and Membership teams

Young people will have the chance to build their skills, gain new experiences through volunteering with Young Scot and engage in Co-design activities, develop content to go out on a national platform and affect decision making for all young people in Scotland. No website link either on the Young Scot page or the Co-op Foundation page.

Invitation from Falkirk Community Trust to attend the Caledonian Produce Family Event at Kinneil Estate on 3rd August 2019 from 8.00am to 17.30pm. No other information. All that is required is your name and phone number to confirm attendance. If anyone is interested I can give you the name and phone number to call to confirm..

Notices from Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council order for a disabled parking space on Clydesdale Street, from the projected easterly boundary of 43 Clydesdale Street in a Westerly direction for a distance of 7 metres or thereby.

Madelene Hunt (Chair) - The White Lady Mountain Bike Event opening the Kinneil Trails will take place at Kinneil Woods on 20th July 2019 from 12.30pm – 3.00pm. Parking is available in the field.

A.O.C.B.

Special meeting Monday 24th June 2019. This meeting was called in response to the proposal being considered by Falkirk Council Members on 26th June 2019. This proposal related to £5.3m savings to be made by Falkirk Community Trust, which involved the potential closure of Kinneil Museum, the Recreation Centre, The Town Hall and the Library. It also proposed moving sports facilities and swimming pool services into the Academy. Madelene thanked everyone for attending at such short notice. The two page letter clearly setting out our dismay, concerns and questions at what was being proposed, the lack of supporting information around that in the document, and total lack of community involvement/consultation was e-mailed to Councillor Meiklejohn, Leader of Falkirk Council on 25 June 2019. We have not yet received a response to our letter. We are aware that the proposal was rejected and is to be resubmitted in September following public consultation.

NEXT MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 14TH AUGUST AT 7PM

Appendix 1

POLICE REPORT

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	10/07/2019
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Greg Cruickshanks
Reporting period:	01/06/2019 – 30/06/2019

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.

There has been a total of 41 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 20 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

4 of which were Vandalisms, two of which were at the same location. The others relating to disorder offences.

There were 3 crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, 2 being serious assaults which were related and are detected, and 1 attempt Robbery with enquiries on going. There have been 7 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 1 Drug Search warrant was enforced within the Bo'ness area with a report submitted to the PF. There have been 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There was one offence relating to drink driving, 1 offence for careless driving and failing to stop for Police. 1 offence for fail to stop.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 3 Housebreaking offences over the previous month, 1 of which was to a residential property. 1 HB offence relates to a commercial premises where numerous café's were targeted across Falkirk area on the same night. 1 offence for Theft by OLP to commercial premises. There has been 9 minor Theft.

There was 3 offence relating to Theft from a Motor Vehicle, with no repeat location or pattern and 2 offences for Theft of a Motor Vehicle.

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

