



**BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**  
**DRAFT**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2019**  
**IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

**Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Ian Don (Treasurer), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Owen Griffiths (Vice Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Val Ferguson OBE, Val Spowart, Robyn Adamson, Siobhan Samson and Joan Lamazon.

**In Attendance:** Councillor Lynn Munro and a member of the public.

**Apologies for Absence:** Alan Gilbert and Ashley Sneddon

**Police Report** Officer 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**

**Questions and Answers**

Q. What is happening in terms of crime prevention regarding Caravans which are being stolen in West Lothian?

Response - Crime Prevention are aware of Caravans being stolen in West Lothian. Owners should be aware and take necessary action to ensure that their property is secured.

Q. Why the Rise in Incidents.

Response - There has been a rise of 4 incidents. Nothing specific

A member raised severe reservations about a vigilante group's use of social media.

Response – Police Scotland's preferred option is that they contact the police if they have tracked someone.

## **5. Minutes of Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2019**

Page 1. Include the resignation of Gail Nash.

## **6. Matters Arising**

Page 2 - Councillor Munro suggested that we prepare an outline and speak to the Clerk. **ACTION** - Siobhan Samson will draft an outline and speak with the clerk.

Page 3 – Fair Day Change – The change of date was agreed with the Union and has been on Falkirk Council Website for over a year. It is unlikely to be changed.

## **7. Reports**

**Ian Don** -The current balance is standing at £1310-65.

**Madelene Hunt** - Concerns were raised about Garden Aid, the War Memorial and Marcus Strachan Memorial Garden (HCMG). The grass is being cut and left in humps where before a machine was used that lifted the grass. Robyn advised that a member of the public had gone down to tidy up and trim the edges because of the state the Memorial was left in. Joan also commented that she and Madelene had gone down, tidied up and trimmed all of the edges at the HSMG prior to the Fair. **ACTION** - Joan to write to Falkirk Council regarding this.

**Len Ainslie** – The CVS Bo'ness Volunteer Recruitment Fayre had a good turnout. The CVS did a good job and there was a good turnout. Groups also had the opportunity to network. There was positive comments about the BO'NET and BCC banners. Len also commented on the Kinneil Band where a £750 cheque was presented to the Band by Miller Homes. Afterwards the group decided to go for a cup of tea. Overall it was all good. The buffet was good and they paid for it. (Siobhan raised some concerns around the photoshoot and hospitality, this was noted and will be followed up on.

**Councillor Munro** – A meeting took place between Councillor Coombs of Falkirk Council and INEOS. This related to the dual carriaging of Wholeflats flats Road from Inveravon to Inchyra.. BCC would like some clarification on that please. Councillor Munro will ask for clarification. **ACTION** – Response to be sent to [info@bonesscc.org.uk](mailto:info@bonesscc.org.uk).

Kinneil Advisory Group met with Councillors. Unfortunately whilst we discussed the Kinneil Action Plan, many of the things we said were disregarded. There was a report done years ago detailing a whole plan for the Garden and House. We suggested a revisit of the Plan but everything suggested was shot down.

There is a belief that there is a difference between Friends of Kinneil and HES. HES has confirmed that Kinneil House will be maintained but not updated. A feasibility study in October 1918 commissioned a development Option for Kinneil House, Masterplan eco Museum Model and additional grass parking. Jura consultants talked about simple things that could be done.

There is Commitment from the Council. The CEO is interested in this but the Trust is not. Falkirk Council and Falkirk Community Trust is agreeing significant key Buildings to be closed and/or disposed of if a building has not been updated in recent days.

An on-line community survey will take place in line with the Standards of Public Consultations. This will run through to 31 October 2019. Local consultation will take place, in Bo'ness on 23.9.2019. Maria Ford identified as doing this.

Falkirk Council is asking the Trust to cut its budget by £5.3m. The Trust is asking Falkirk Council to Borrow £50m to enable it to make the cut.

**Robyn Adamson** – Guiding was represented at the CVS Volunteering Fair. Guiding are really struggling for Leaders. Six units are good but there is a need for more leaders. Three people expressed an interest and Robyn is hopeful that these may develop. Councillor Munro suggested that BCC hold an event to highlight Volunteering. There is a need to emphasis volunteering as a very positive experience and we could work with CVS. Volunteers are the unsung heroes.

**Stuart McAllister – Planning** - Caledonian Produce has submitted a Plan to build a Freezing Unit at the back of the building. North Street will require to be closed to enable resurfacing work to be carried out.

**Val Ferguson OBE** – Community Bus Service is holding a Race Night at Bridgeness Bowling Club on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 2019. The Service is looking for Sponsorship: Race £50, Horse £5, Jockey £5. Admission is £2.00. This is to help raise funding for a Bus which will enable those with disability chairs to utilise the service. Donations for Prizes are being sought.

The F49 Blackness to Linlithgow is working well, going passed Mannerstons. There are six services direct to Edinburgh. The first 3 services go straight to Edinburgh.

Concession travellers are not supporting the Bus Service which is still trying to increase concession numbers. Bus hirers are going well but limited. The Bus Service takes Young Scot Card. 56% of fair paying passengers support us.

Owen asked a question about the timetable coming out from Edinburgh, having been at the stop for 10 mins before the service was due and the bus hasn't arrived. Val suggested he wait on the opposite side of the Road. The Bus Service is meticulous about tracking this aspect. The Driver cannot leave more than 2 minutes before. The times are shown on the ticket. The Bus Service takes it very seriously.

Val suggested pre-booking is the best thing to do if you travel regularly. The WEB site is partially developed and an App also.

Wendy offered The Bus Service a couple of tickets as a Prize donation for the concert coming up at the Barony Theatre.

Joan Lamazon – The Volunteer Fair was good and enabled us to engage with Guiding, the First Responders, the SRPS and to network with different organisations present.

**Joan Boyd**

## **7. Correspondence.**

**E-mail** from the Central and West Lothian Area Support team (AST) advising that the Children's Hearing Scotland is looking to recruit volunteers to sit on Children's Hearings within our local area. I particular, male Panel members as having a male perspective in the hearing system is often not appreciated. There is a gender balance requirement for a panel.

The recruitment campaign launched on 16.8.19 and closes on 17.9.19. Link to the website [www.chscotland.gov.uk](http://www.chscotland.gov.uk). Contact [don.lawrie@chidrenshearig.org.uk](mailto:don.lawrie@chidrenshearig.org.uk).

**E-mail** from the Progressive Partnership working for Edinburgh Airport sent this out asking for a volunteer for the workshop on 23.9.2019. If no-one can go then we can contribute by e-mail.

**E-mail** from Adam Henry of Savills advising us that the planning application was submitted to Falkirk Council for Stacks Farm (Stewart Milne). Once the application has been validated he will send us the submission package electronically. He offered to send us any hard copies of certain documents printed out if we wished any.

Notification received of Avondale Energy from Waste Facility (EFW) public consultation event in respect of Avondale Holding Ltd who are proposing to develop an EFW facility at Avondale Landfill site in Falkirk. The proposed development seeks to ensure that Falkirk and the wider region has essential infrastructure to sustainability manage domestic and commercial waste that cannot be re-cycled beyond the forthcoming ban on land filling biodegradable waste. The drop-in consultation is from 1.30pm to 7.30pm on the 19.9.2019 at Greenpark Community Centre, Greenpark Drive, Polmont, Falkirk. They would welcome the presence of Polmont, Bo'ness, Grangemouth and Linlithgow Community Councils.

Brian Pirie is holding a Convenors' Forum on the 26.9.2019. If there is any training you feel should be undertaken or is needed please let Madelene know.

POLICE REPORT

APPENDIX 1

Name of  
Community  
Council:

<b>Monthly ward report:</b> Bo'ness Community Council
<b>Date of meeting:</b> 11/09/2019
<b>Author of report:</b> PC Greg Cruickshanks
<b>Report presented by:</b> PC Greg Cruickshanks
<b>Reporting period:</b> 01/08/2019 – 31/08/2019

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 39 crime reports raised by Police this month.**

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

There have been 18 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

5 of which were Vandalisms, there is one repeat location for two Vandalisms. The others relating to disorder offences.

There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 8 minor Assaults.

Other offences relate to minor disorder offences.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 2 Drug Search warrants was enforced within the Bo'ness area with two reports submitted to the PF.

There have been 6 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There was no offences relating to drink driving, 1 offence for Fail to Stop/Fail to Report.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 2 Housebreaking offences over the previous month. 1 HB offence relates to a commercial premise and one to the Falkirk Council Recycling Point. There has been 6 minor Thefts.

There was no offences relating to Theft from a Motor Vehicle, with no repeat location or pattern. There was one offence for Theft of a Motor Vehicle linked to the above commercial housebreaking.

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)

Bo'ness Community Council Meeting  
 Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2019  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

**ASB Reports** Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.  
**Period: 01/08/19 – 31/08/19**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
<b>70</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South
	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>13</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 01/08/19 – 31/08/19**

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	14
Litter & Fly Tipping	19
Youth related disorder	1
Other	0

**Current CST activities in the area**

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping through patrols and reports received from the Local Community. We are monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and parks in relation to dog fouling, litter and fly tipping. If you have any information relating to those responsible in the areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the details below. All calls are confidential

**Contact Us**

<b>Phone</b>	01324 506070	
<b>Email</b>	<a href="mailto:community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk">community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk</a>	
<b>Online</b>	Falkirk Council Website	<a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today">www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today</a>

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