



## **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 MARCH 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), Ian Don, (Treasurer), Siobhan Samson, Stuart McAllister, Alan Grant, Wendy Turner, Gail Nash, Alex King, Val Spowart.

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

Councillor David Aitchison.

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

Len Ainslie, Ashley Sneddon and Robyn Adamson.

#### **5. Police Report - Officer in attendance: PC Graeme McDougall**

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.

#### **Questions and Answers to the Police Officer**

Siobhan Samson asked whether there was an increase or decrease in the statistics for Bo'ness this year. Response: There has been a reduction of 26 incidences this year.

Madelene Hunt asked about the cause of the recent accident at Champany. Response: Driver Error.

Alex King commented that he had almost been knocked down on the zebra crossing in the town centre and that there are a lot more incidents now of drivers not stopping for pedestrians. There was also a comment about vehicles driving fast at night in the town.

PC Mc Dougall confirmed that the cameras are working and monitored.

Madelene Hunt suggested that perhaps introducing speed bumps may help to stop driving at speed.

The issue of continuing car thefts was also asked about. Response: We are aware that a group from Edinburgh is coming into the town for this purpose.

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

##### Accuracy

Page 1 – Item 3 spelling correction to remove e from Anne

Page 1 – Item 4 add Val Spowart's apologies

Page 1 – Item 5, last paragraph – remove occurred from the end of last paragraph

Page 2 – third paragraph correct the spelling of funnelled

Page 3 – add Councillor before Lynn Munro

## **Matters Arising**

Page 1 - Miller Homes Presentation - Siobhan Samson suggested that it must be impressed on Miller Homes, the need for affordable Housing.

Page 4 - AOCB – Gail Nash commented that, in regard to the Litter, it was not just pupils at the Academy that were responsible. Joan Boyd commented that a letter had not been sent out due to her being away.

The minutes were approved: Proposed by Stuart McAllister and seconded by Siobhan Samson.

Madelene introduced Eleanor Davis, Development Officer, CVS Falkirk who is working with Bo'ness Networking Group (Bonet), supporting their formation as a Scottish Charitable Incorporated Organisation (SCIO). The group is looking at a building in the town for community use, perhaps applying for Lottery Funding. Eleanor is looking at how she can support groups in the community. CVS offers assistance and support to community groups. See the web site for information: <https://www.cvsfalkirk.org.uk/organisation-support/>

## **COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

See Appendix 1.

**Ian Don** – Current Balance £583.90. The data protection and Public Liability Insurances have been paid.

## **Councillor David Aitchison**

David responded to some questions about the recent budget decisions:

The Brown Bin garden refuse collection will affect everyone and has been moved to a monthly collection.

The X 49 bus service has been withdrawn.

The Kinneil Nursery is to be closed. A community interest Company (CIC) has asked for a meeting with Rhona Geisler with a view to taking this on. The group run an education project. A meeting has been arranged on Friday to discuss the potential.

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

### **Planning meeting 7th March 2019**

We agreed our main priority at the moment is to improve Communication and Engagement with the Community:

- Get out into the community and get involved with community groups to obtain common goals
- Use the Journal to promote community council activities and projects
- More fully utilise social media (website, face book, twitter)
- Get better at sharing knowledge of what's going on
- Make sure we get the key messages out into the community

- Buy a couple of Community Council Banners to advertise ourselves at events etc
- Develop a 10 question survey monkey questionnaire to obtain Community views
- Contact the Schools about utilising School Bag drops for important messages or surveys where appropriate
- Utilise youth groups and school connections to engage more with our young people

Potential Projects to be further discussed:

- Promote the town - Celebrate Scottish Year of SEA and link with John Muir's Birthday 19.4.2020 - Potential partners -Visit Scotland, Buzzness, SRPS, Friends of Kinneil, Falkirk Council, HES. The next funding round closes June 2019
- Renovation of the Band Stand at the Town Hall – Potential partners, Buzzness, Falkirk Council, HES- opportunities for open air concerts, open air cinema
- Adventure Trail along the fore shore – potential partners Falkirk Council.

### **Miller Homes, North Bank Farm**

In addition to the requirement for affordable homes, we also agreed the biggest issue for the community is Borrowstoun Road. A Planning Application has been made in regard to road improvement. The earliest decision deadline is 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

**Next meeting is on 10th April 2019 at 7pm in Bo'ness Library Small Meeting Room**

## Appendix 1

Boness Community Council Meeting  
 Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

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

**Period: 01/02/19 – 28/02/19**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
<b>119</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South
	<b>46</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>39</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 01/02/19 – 28/02/19

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	34
Litter & Fly Tipping	8
Youth related disorder	2
Other	2

Current CST activities in the area

**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 currently monitoring Stewart Avenue, near to the School, for Dog Fouling. Kinneil Drive for Dog Fouling. Please be assured that any witnessed offences under Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003 legislation, will be dealt with by means of a fixed penalty notice currently set at £80. Borrowstoun road for Litter from Boness Academy pupils. Burning of rubbish near the Allotments in Calder Park.**

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