



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th JUNE 2019 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

A warm welcome was extended to the group.

2. Sederunt

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, Len Ainslie, Ashley Sneddon, Robyn Adamson, Joan Lamazon, Gail Nash and Owen Griffiths.

3. In Attendance

Councillor David Aitchison. Nigel Pacey, Charles Church, Alex Orr and Colin Laverty.

4. Apologies for Absence

Ian Don, Alan Gilbert, Val Ferguson OBE

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.

Officers in attendance P.C Graeme McDougall and P.C Greg Cruickshank

Questions

Newtown Park – Jamieson Avenue residents have raised concerns regarding lorries leaving at peak times of the day, coinciding with school coming in and going out. Also concern that lorries are using roads which are not suitable for use i.e. Douglas Drive. PC McDougall advised patrols can be upped in this area. Trustees on the board at Newtown Park have also been advised and will raise this with the site manager.

Followed up on a previous letter issues to the inspector regarding having a hub within Cowdenhill Community Hall. No reply has been received.

Parking at the end of Cadzow Avenue was also raised again, Police have upped patrols in the area, but no concerns were noted at the time of the visit.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 8th May 2019

The minutes were approved: Proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by Siobhan Samson.

7. Matters Arising

Joan has not yet received the Report stating the outcomes and next steps from the What Works Scotland national Seminar she attended in April.

Meeting with **MSP Angus McDonald takes place** 13th June at 7pm for a 7.30pm start. Pre meeting took place Monday 9th June to discuss what the aim of the meeting was. Members from BCC and Grangemouth CC will be in attendance to discuss the A904 Road Closure.

8. Community Safety Team

See Appendix 2

MacTaggart & Mickel Presentation

Bo'mains View Housing Development, Crawfield Road, Bo'ness, the purpose of the presentation was to provide feedback on the recent Community Consultation events, held to gather resident feedback as part of the pre planning process.

Feedback from the early informal events held in December 2018 was that there is a demand for housing especially from young couples in the town. A further 2 Community Consultation events took place in Tesco Bo'ness and Bo'ness Recreation Centre in April 2019.

As part of the development the possibility of a Community Building within the site was discussed, this potentially could come in the shape of a Health Centre facility, however there is varying feedback from residents on the need for this in the town. If this option were to be progressed it would require buy in from other partners i.e. NHS. Concerns were raised by residents at a previous meeting with Miller homes where a local GP advised there is a shortage of GPs and it is very difficult to recruit GPs into the Bo'ness area. This isn't an issue for housing developers to answer but a wider issue to highlight that providing the facility isn't the answer. Instead of a health centre there was discussion around a Shop in the development? Although again a query was raised if this would be required – MacTaggart and Mickel having looked at retail development of the local area and noted that with the new co-op and other shops around they would have to consider if this would meet the local demand.

Concerns were raised around drainage, due to flooding pre-existing in the surrounding area. – Some of the water would be rerouted via local burns. At the eastern end of Crawfield Road there is a large culvert into which water can be routed. There are mine pits at the east end which could also potentially be used to divert some of the water but clarification is needed on who is currently responsible for these.

Concerns were also raised about the location of the SUD areas for drainage and the access for children in the area.

MacTaggart and Mickel are listening to what the issues are around traffic. A speed survey of the road has taken place and traffic calming measures would be suggested to Falkirk Council if the development were to go ahead. A further ecology survey was initially done two years ago and recently updated in the last few months.

There is mixed feedback from residents in the areas north of Crawfield Road who are for and against the development. From the feedback event, 40 questionnaires were completed by local residents, and it was noted that this isn't indicative of the local population of 17000.

Planning is expected to be submitted towards the end of June 2019 for 225 houses, 75 of which will be affordable. MacTaggart and Mickel want to ensure that they target the local need in terms of the type of houses that would be built on the site. A full preapplication consultation report will be submitted with the application as part of the paperwork.

Neil MacLean

Mosmorran action group - Neil has seen their community lead website, spoken with their web developer and is looking to possibly build a website to capture flaring at Ineos, but would encompass an overall community safety website for the surrounding areas to Ineos. He is Looking to put this out to CC's to see what the interest would be and looking for potentially one person from each CC to partake in the group (Mossmoran.action). He will email over full information for members to review. Neil to come back for the July meeting.

Reports

Len Ainslie

Run on the foreshore - 180 runners have signed up for the 4 mile run. The route was impacted by the remains of a car which was set on fire on the shore.

The Kirking of Bo'ness Fair Queen Elect takes place Friday 21st June in Bo'ness Old Kirk. Schools have been invited to submit a video that will be shown at the Kirking. The best submission will be awarded the Helen Ward Birkby Award.

Siobhan Samson

We have a meeting set up with Grangemouth CC on Mon 10 June to discuss the agenda for our meeting with Angus MacDonald MSP on Thurs 13 June. Consideration should be given to widening the remit of the Scottish Land Court to allow them to take the final decision on DPEA cases where the reporters have been appointed by Scottish Ministers. This would separate the decision making from politics and place it in the hands of the court who are independent. We will report back on our meeting with Angus MacDonald at our next meeting.

Robyn Adamson

Social Media presence continues to grow, channels are being used to promote local meetings and groups as well as publicise local planning applications. Engagements with posts are improving.

Gail Nash

The Cluster group have been busy, in the run up to Bo'ness Fair with the school frontage at Deanburn. Dementia group continue their work and recently won an award for this work, in collaboration with Bo'ness Old Kirk and Café Connect.

Sam Lyons has been in touch regarding some sculptures he has relating to the history of Bo'ness. It would be advised he is best to speak to the Council as permission would need to be granted for a sculpture to be placed anywhere in the town. He can also contact info@bonesscc.org.uk to discuss further.

Planting of flowers by volunteers will take place in the town - there has been a large number of volunteers turning out to help with this and unfortunately a negative backlash on social media around it. The majority of the sites have now been planted but work is ongoing to finish this task.

There was discussion around how we maintain this going forward? Do we get local groups involved in maintaining beds all year round? At the moment there is a lack of leadership on who takes charge of this going forward. A separate meeting will be set-up to discuss how this can be progressed in the future.

Councillor David Aitchison

Councillor Aitchison confirmed that the roll out of the new burgundy bins in Bo'ness will begin on June 24th; the first collection will be 8th July. Some outlying areas of Bo'ness may not receive the new bin until September.

Another roadshow highlighting the roll out of the bin was scheduled for Thursday 13th June in Tesco Bo'ness from 2pm- 6pm tomorrow. This is in addition to an earlier event on 10th June in Bo'ness Library.

Falkirk Council flower sale takes place this weekend 15th June and runs until Tuesday 18th.

A public consultation event will take place on the proposed development by Stewart Milne at Stacks Farm, to the east of Carriden Brae. The Stewart Milne event will take place in Cowdenhill Community Hall on Thursday 20th June from 2 to 7pm. BCC will further highlight via Social Media.

Siobhan raised the issue of fly tipping at the old railway bridge. Members highlighted that the fly tipping had increased following changes to opening hours at Kinneil Recycling Centre. Cllr Aitchison is aware of the issues and will follow this up.

Val Trotter

Saturday 15th June Churches Together will be holding a prayer walk. Meeting point is Craigmaitlen Church at 10am and finishing at the same point with breakfast rolls.

Joan Lamazon

The Lions celebrated 1 year of the group being established in Bo'ness. The group is working to build relationships with other local groups. Two events are planned to give the background on the group with local Churches. The Lions is already involved in various groups, currently food is grown for the foodbank and will be assisting with bucket collections on Fair Day for Fair funds. Their main focus now is on Bo'ness and then potentially expanding the Forth Valley Lions to other areas.

Stuart McAllister

Application No: P/19/0278/FUL Earliest Decision 31 May 2019
Application Type: Planning Permission
Proposal: Change of Use from Class 2 Financial, Professional and Other Services to Class 3 Food and Drink
Location: 13 Hope Street, Bo'ness EH51 0AA
Applicant: Ms Rebecca Nikolai
Case Officer: Katherine Chorley (Tel.01324 504704)

Application No: P/19/0296/TEL Earliest Decision 5 June 2019
Application Type: Telecommunications
Proposal: Installation of 17.5m Monopole, GRP Shroud, 3 Multi-band Antennae, 2 Transmission Dishes, 3 Equipment Cabinets and Associated Works.
Location: Site to the South of 63 Hillside Grove, Grahamsdyke Road, Bo'ness
Applicant: EE Limited
Case Officer: David Paterson (Tel.01324 504757)

Application No: P/19/0314/CPL Earliest Decision 17 May 2019
Application Type: Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed
Proposal: Change of Use from Care Home to Residential Accommodation With On Site Support Facilities
Location: Woodlands, Kinneil Drive, Bo'ness
Applicant: Voyage Care
Case Officer: Julie Seidel (Tel.01324 504880)

Application No: P/19/0340/FUL Earliest Decision 21 June 2019
Application Type: Planning Permission

Proposal: Extension to Railway Museum
Location: Bo'ness Station, Union Street, Bo'ness EH51 9AQ
Applicant: The Scottish Railway Preservation Society
Case Officer: David Paterson (Tel.01324 504757)

Application No: P/19/0371/FUL Earliest Decision 5 July 2019
Application Type: Planning Permission
Proposal: Formation of Road with Associated Infrastructure
Location: Land to the North of North Bank Farm, Bo'ness
Applicant: Miller Homes
Case Officer: Julie Seidel (Tel.01324 504880)

Joan Boyd – Correspondence

Correspondence:

E-mail – Invitation for a representative to attend the inaugural meeting of the Falkirk Council Bus Stakeholder Group in the Municipal Buildings on 18th June at 6.30pm. This new group is a forum that brings together elected members, Council officers, partner organisations and community councils to discuss bus services in the Falkirk Council area. Val Spowart will attend

E-mail – From Falkirk Community Trust telling us about Great Place project Landscape, Industry and Work Lottery Funded Project. They are happy to come along to a CC meeting to tell us more.

E-mail – E-mail from Maria Montinaro about a meeting that has been arranged with Andy Hogg, Head of Energy Industries Division at the Scottish Government. They will be discussing the Scottish Governments addendums to the consultation and asking for the PDL 162 licence not to be renewed. They are also discussing their request that the Scottish Government ban UOG altogether. Asking for a representative from all CCs to attend Monday 17th June at noon in St Andrew's House, regent Road, Edinburgh.

Notices from Falkirk Council

Falkirk Council Notice – Related to the Parade for the Kirking of the Queen on 21/6/19

Falkirk Council notice of the provision of 4 Disabled parking space: Castlehill 9 Amulree Place, 24/26 Douglas Drive, 87 Corbiehall and 20 Wotherspoon Drive.

Madelene Hunt

Madelene advised that the current bank balance sits at £1189.83 which includes this year's grant of £844.

A.O.C.B.

None raised.

Next meeting is on 10th July 2019 at 7pm in the Small Meeting room in Bo'ness Library.

POLICE REPORT

Appendix 1

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	08/05/2019
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/04/2019 – 30/04/2019

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

There has been a total of 37 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 16 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

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

There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 5 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 2 Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area resulting in two reports being submitted to the procurator fiscal. 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 under the Influence of alcohol. There was 1 offence for Failing to stop for Police and 1 offences relating to Failing to stop/report a road accident.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 11 Housebreaking offences over the previous month, 10 of which were to residential properties. 5 of these have been detected the remaining 6 have positive lines of enquiry. There has been 3 minor Theft.

There was 1 offences relating to Theft from a Motor Vehicle, with no repeat location or pattern and 4 Thefts of motor vehicles and 1 Attempted 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

Boness Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 12th June 2019
COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

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

Period: 01/05/19 – 31/05/19

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	121	EAST -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Hagsgs, Banknock
43		33	45

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 01/05/19 – 31/05/19

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	15
Litter & Fly Tipping	10
Youth related disorder	15
Other	3

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 the Drum Park area for dog fouling. We continue to work with the local community.

Contact Us

Phone	01324 506070	
Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
Online	Falkirk Council Website	www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today