



## **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8 MAY 2019 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

#### **1. Welcome**

A warm welcome was extended to the group. A moments silence was held as a gesture of respect following the deaths of community stalwarts Alex King and Gus Goodwin. Both have, over the years, been involved with various community groups and projects for the benefit of the community.

#### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, Len Ainslie, Val Ferguson OBE, Ashley Sneddon and Owen Griffiths.

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

Councillor David Aitchison and Councillor Lynn Munro.

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

Gail Nash, Robyn Adamson, Wendy Turner, Ian Don 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 10th April 2019**

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

#### **7. Accuracy**

Page 4 - Bollards are being replaced

#### **8. Community Safety Team**

See Appendix 2

#### **Siobhan Samson**

Subject to decision, Falkirk Council sought legal advice and Brodies reported back that there was little prospect of making an Appeal. All conditions attached to the Stopping Up order must be made. A lot of comments were made about the minimum of £50K for judicial review which would have conditions attached to the letter of the law. The Minister who overturned two reporters view must be made accountable for this decision.

#### **Val Ferguson OBE**

Boness Community Bus – A celebration of 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary is being held in the Town Hall, anyone is welcome to attend between 2-4pm. Groups in the town are being encouraged to use the hire services offered and to ask for a quote. Bus Hire for weddings, theatre and sightseeing tours are some of the services being offered (buses can take a maximum of 16 people). If you purchase a return ticket you do not have to use the return journey on the day of purchase. It can be used for a return journey on another date. It is hoped that the Bus service can attract people from Edinburgh to come to visit the Town and we are at present delivering leaflets to Edinburgh tourist locations.

## **Councillor David Aitchison**

Councillor Aitchison confirmed that the Trustee Savings Bank are reducing business hours in the Town.

## **Stuart McAllister**

**Application No:** P/19/0278/FUL      Earliest date of decision 31 May  
**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

**Application No:** P/19/0207/75D  
**Application Type:** Discharge of Planning Obligation attached to Planning Permission P/07/0275/REM  
which required the payment of £200,000 to be applied by Council towards Council  
projects defined In the Section 75 Agreement as any or all of (a) the Council's Bo'ness  
Hippodrome Project (b) works relating to the Council's Bo'ness Townscape Initiative,  
and (c) Falkirk Council initiated town centre regeneration projects improving the  
environmental aspects of Bo'ness town centre.  
**Location:** Land to the North of 44 Drum Farm Lane, Bo'ness Harbour Road, Bo'ness  
**Applicant:** John Mowbray Cavell and Others.

**Application No:** P/19/0216/FUL  
**Application Type:** Planning Permission  
**Proposal:** Erection of Dwelling House and Domestic Garage  
**Location:** Land to the East of 57 Grahamsdyke Road, Grahamsdyke Road, Bo'ness

## **Joan Boyd – Correspondence**

**E-mail.** –. On 9 May 2019, the Scottish Fire and Rescue Service will launch a new draft Strategic Plan for public consultation which ends on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019. This will be sent out to you all and we can put it on the website.

**E-mail** – A notification from Falkirk Council about Lottery Funding which is ring-fenced for Murals and asking for suggested sites in Bo'ness. This was very short notice, with specific restrictions regarding the type of building suitable for a Mural, and with a requirement for immediate response. Two Office Bearers drove round the town looking at potential suitable buildings and spoke with as many people as possible about suitable sites. As a result, a recommendation was made suggesting the foreshore flood prevention in the town or those behind the end of Boundary Street could be utilised. Also the gable ends of houses at Grangepans although those might distract drivers. The library wall was popular, however, that is a listed building so it cannot be considered.

**E-mail** – Application P/19/0129/FUL. A PAN determination hearing will be held in Bo'ness Academy on 28.5.19 at 7.00pm regarding the Miller Homes development. This is a pre determination hearing. Madelene would like as many members as possible to attend. If people wish to speak they should phone planning and ask to be put on the list.

**E-mail** – Another Consultation event is taking place on the 10<sup>th</sup> at Tesco, from 3.30pm – 8.30pm, related to the potential development on Crawfield Road. 225 houses, 75 of which are affordable Homes. Details can be

seen on [www.bowmainsview.com](http://www.bowmainsview.com) . Alex Orr, of Orbit, has also written asking if he can attend our next meeting and this was agreed.

**E-mail** – Falkirk Council The [revised SG10 Education and New Housing Development](#) has been out for consultation since 11 March 2019. The document updates our current guidance and details:

1. The circumstances in which the Council intends to seek developer contributions towards the costs of school facilities, such as additional classrooms, that are needed to support new housing development
2. An extended list of developments to be exempted from education developer contributions.
3. New rates to calculate education developer contributions

Some stakeholders did not receive the email notification of the consultation last month. This was an oversight, for which the Council apologises. The consultation was due to close on Monday 22 April 2019. The closing date has now been extended to **Friday 31 May 2019** to allow all stakeholders the opportunity to view and comment on the document. The BCC website will be updated to acknowledge the extension to the consultation.

### **Madelene Hunt**

Ashley Sneddon was welcomed back to the group after a period of absence

Madelene asked for a meeting with Douglas Duff in regard to the money allocated to Falkirk Council by the Scottish Government for Town Centre improvement. A meeting with Douglas Duff and Peter Reid from Falkirk Council has been arranged, together with Councillors Ritchie, Munro and Aitchison. Any funding available has to be used for Capital projects in the town centre and spent within this year.

There was a comment about Participatory Budgeting meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup>/29<sup>th</sup> May, the leader of the Council and members. There is a stakeholders meeting in the Town Hall on 5<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30 to 8.30pm about the BID – Business Improvement Development – for Bo’ness. Members of Falkirk Towns will be attending to explain this.

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

**Strengthening Community Councils Event** – Joan attended this event which fed back on the research exploring how Community Councils (CCs) can contribute to democratic renewal in Scotland. We were given a copy of the 80 page report detailing the results of the research and findings from the consultation with CCs. The findings of the research and our reactions to that were discussed. A further report, summarizing the outcomes from our discussion and next steps suggested, will be produced and sent out to us.

There were commonalities around the inability to attract and recruit members, discussion about the diversity of membership being a reflection of the local community and displayed apathy in communities. As a Community Council (CC) we are very fortunate to have a full membership and cross section of representation of local groups, two of which involve young people. Our Councillors’ regularly attend our meetings which is not necessarily the case with all CCs.

It was also very interesting to see some of the activities that other Community Councils undertook, the differences between how each Council engaged with and supported CCs in their area, and the case studies of what other CCs had achieved and aspects or issues creating challenge. When the report summarizing the outcomes from our discussion and next steps is received Joan will send it out and we can discuss this at the next appropriate meeting.

**Proposal from Siobhan as result of outcome of road closure** – Following comments and concerns raised, a discussion took place regarding potential steps moving forward. This will be on going.

**Meeting with MSP Angus McDonald at his request** - A letter has been received from Angus MacDonald requesting a meeting with two members of the Community Council during the day. We are still waiting on a response regarding a suitable date and time so that there is opportunity for more than two members to attend. We have requested an evening meeting to accommodate our Councillors and also a change of venue for access issues. In the interest of saving time and duplication Grangemouth CC will be in attendance as well.

**Next meeting is on 12th June 2019 at 7pm in Bo'ness Library Small Meeting Room**

## POLICE REPORT

## Appendix 1

Name of  
Community  
Council:

<b>Monthly ward report:</b>	Bo'ness Community Council
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	08/05/2019
<b>Author of report:</b>	PC Graeme McDougall
<b>Report presented by:</b>	PC Graeme McDougall
<b>Reporting period:</b>	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](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**

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.

**Contact Us**

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