



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th AUGUST 2019 **IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Alan Gilbert, Val Spowart, Siobhan Samson, Wendy Turner, Owen Griffiths and Joan Lamazon.

In Attendance: Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Munro, Shelley Thomson, Paul Godzik (T.P.S.), Adam Henry (Savills) and a number of members of the public.

Apologies for Absence

Ian Don, (Treasurer), Val Ferguson, Robyn Adamson and Ashley Sneddon

5. Police Report Officers in attendance: P. C. Greg Cruikshank – Appendix 1

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**

6. Presentation from Stewart Milne

The plan is to build 120 Houses at this site. Feedback from the initial consultation showed the biggest issue to be related to traffic on Carriden Brae and Access - A transport Assessment has been done. This is a Conservation area and world heritage site. Issues around education pathways will have to be addressed. Development contributions could be used to upgrade schools. Comment was made by BCC about problems already identified with money not being spent in the Town. It is our belief that development obligations should be spent within Bo'ness and the money ring fenced specifically. There were concerns about loss of trees – No trees are being removed. There is already a tree preservation order on the large trees at Carriden Braes so we will be using the existing entrance to Carriden House to access the site. Health Care provision may or may not come up as part of the planning process. There were comments and views from the community consultation regarding movement from the site which have been taken onboard. These will be included in the planning application. At the next consultation event on the 20th August, at Cowdenhill Community Centre, a full suite of information will be available.

Questions (Q), Comments(C) and Responses(R):

Q. The land is not in the Development Plan. - **R.** A small part of the frontage was in the plan and then taken out in 2012.

C. The Council do not wish this to be in the Plan. – **R.** This has now gone to appeal for the Government to consider. The Local Authority will decide following the outcome of that.

C. Stack Farm is not Green Belt. This is an area of Special Interest. – **R.** The landscape will be retained.

Q. Is the area within the Grange School catchment area – **R.** YES. Grange School is at 85% capacity. Still under capacity, but only marginally so. There is opportunity to refresh this. Capacity, extension and improvement considerations will be looked at. Consideration will be given to the football area and danger at night with lots of children training. The site will be preserved. Providing parking beside the pitches whilst training is ongoing within Stacks Land will be considered. There will be a landscaped area. The Developer will look to alleviate the issues raised.

Cs. You did not leaflet the community. Nobody knew and we only found out two days before. The Traffic Assessment was taken at the quietest possible times. This is a special site and will be ruined with houses. We are a small community and we look after our community. This will destroy what makes our community and affect its' diversity. There is concern around accidents with children. About traffic moving from Miller Crescent to elsewhere. Estimated 480 additional cars on the road. Wild life is a big issue – Lots of animals and bats.

R. You are 100% right, a leaflet drop was not done and the developer has corrected that today.

The traffic count has to be done in a specific way to comply with regulations. It was completed over a standard day, over a prescribed time, over seven consequent days. The traffic counting, speed and all the information will be included in the Planning Application. It is scoped and agreed with the Falkirk Council Planning. The changes will be included at the second consultation next week in Cowdenhill Community Hall.

C. Concerns about the roads – Buses come along and will have to draw in because of Lorries. Major traffic issues. **C.** Concerns about the outcomes from the traffic assessment. **R.** The Developer's Transport Engineer will be at the consultation for the majority of the time.

Q. Will there be dustbin sheds. **R.** There will be Bin storage areas.

7. Minutes of Wednesday 10th July 2019

Minutes read and accepted. Proposed by Lennox Ainslie and seconded by Alan Gilbert.

8. Matters Arising – Page 2. Meeting with Angus Macdonald, MSP - Siobhan commented that as our request for specific support from our MSP has been being declined, we are back to square one. Options were considered and we could take a petition to committee. **ACTION** - Siobhan will draw up appropriate statement.

Comment was also made about the Wholeflats Road and extra traffic turning left. That a Security Guard would be responsible for making sure that happened. All the additional cars were never included in the traffic assessment.

9. Reports

Len Ainslie - Bo'ness Fair – A decision has been made to close the Schools on the last Thursday in June 2020 which creates problems for the Committee. For example, the bands are booked one year in advance. The Chair of the Committee will contact our local Councillors to ascertain their support for the date to remain as it is presently. However, as the date has been agreed across the whole School Sector for Falkirk and Stirling the Councillors believe that it may not be possible to change this.

Councillor Aitchison – The Scotland Road Survey can be accessed via the Falkirk Council Website.

Members of the Travellers' community who move from Kinneil to the foreshore been spoken to and will not be there for long. Falkirk Council will take the necessary action to move them.

Community Bus – The F49 Bo'ness to Linlithgow, via Blackness. C19 has reduced stops so it will be quicker. The Community Bus timetable should liaise with the C19 and F49 services. The Lobster Pot opened yesterday in Blackness.

Newton Park - The football park is on track.

Stuart McAllister – Planning

P/19/0490/FUL – Planning Permission – Change of Use of land to open space, regrading of Ground and Associated Landscaping and Boundary Treatments: Land to the North of 44 Drum Farm Lane, Bo'ness Harbour Road, Bo'ness. Bo'ness Community Council: Bo'ness Ward: 01 - Bo'ness and Blackness. Applicant: Stewart Milne Homes Applicant: Stewart Milne Homes. Case Officer: David Paterson (Tel. 01324 504757) e-mail: david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk Grid Reference: 301339 680990.

Wendy Turner – The Bo'ness Belles performances at the Barony Theatre raised £1500 which they will distribute. We plan to do so again next year.

Joan Boyd (Secretary)

Correspondence:

E-mail from Central Scotland Green Network Trust advising us of the upgrading of a short section (approximately 150 metres) of the National Cycle Network (NCN) Route 76. At present the path is about half a metre wide, with a flight of steps leading down to a minor road at its western end. The route will be upgraded to a two metre wide path with a sealed surface, and a thirty metre long ramp with a 1:15 gradient at the western end which will bypass the steps. This work will therefore address a long standing accessibility issue on this section of the NCN, significantly improving accessibility for all users. Sent to members on 17.7.19.

E-mail – Inner Forth Futures Newsletter mentions the wildflower meadow mowing at Grangepans, Kinneil Foreshore, and Polmont. Details of funding are available. Sent to members 17.7.19.

Madelene Hunt (Chair)

A resident in Deanfield Road has concerns about a large Poplar Tree and would like it checked. These trees are checked regularly and Councillor Munro will deal with this request.

Bo'net - is linking up with Bowness-on-Solway, which is on Hadrian's Wall, with a view to twinning. A Parish Councillor is coming up to talk about this. We would like the Community Council to stand behind this. We will have an evening and some nibbles possibly on the 23rd, 26th or 27th September. The library is doing a display about James Watt till the end of the month.

10. A.O.C.B.

Flaring taking place at INEOS – Siobhan raised concerns about the level of flaring taking place and the amount that is outwith that planned. There needs to be genuine community engagement. Complaints are noted by SEPA. There are concerns about the potential for incidents, the level of flaring, black smoke and residue on cars. Why are residents in Bo'ness not getting leaflets and information which should also be in our Schools regarding what residents should do in the event of a major incident? How many residents in Bo'ness will know what to do if there was a major incident? **ACTION** –_Joan to write to INEOS and SEPA asking for Representatives to attend the October meeting

POLICE REPORT

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	14/08/2019
Author of report:	PC Greg Cruickshanks
Report presented by:	PC Greg Cruickshanks
Reporting period:	01/07/2019 – 31/07/2019

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 35 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 14 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

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

There were 0 crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 7 minor Assaults.

Other offences relate to minor disorder offences.

- **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 0 offences relating to drink driving, 1 offence for careless driving.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 2 Housebreaking offences over the previous month. 1 HB offence relates to a commercial premise and one being a coal cellar. There has been 7 minor Thefts.

There was 2 offences 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