



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13 FEBRUARY 2019 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Siobhan Samson, Stuart McAllister, Wendy Turner, Robyn Adamson and Gail Nash.

3. In Attendance

Councillor Lynn Munro, Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Anne Ritchie, Arthur Mann, Ross Stephen, Kirsty O'Brien from Miller Homes and a member of the public.

4. Apologies for Absence

Ashley Sneddon, Alan Gilbert, Alex King, Joan Boyd, Owen Griffiths and Ian Don

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. See Appendix 1

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

Answer in relation to concerns raised by a member of the public regarding increased crime on the town, PC McDougall was able to advise that the only area in the ward with a lower level of crime was Camelon, which has a vastly smaller population.

Concern raised regarding a black car which has been monitored driving in and around the Drum area.

Question raised over the prolonged parking of campervan in the town, PC McDougall advised that they have spoken with the owner who advised that they are awaiting on parts arriving which has caused a delay occurred.

Miller Homes Presentation – Arthur Mann

Miller homes are undertaking the final stage of consultation prior to submitting a planning application to Falkirk Council in the coming weeks, this is a proposal to build another 200 units adjacent to the existing Kinglass site, which has been a very successful site within the area with only 40 units remaining 56% of the sales have been from people who already lived within the town. If the application is submitted by the end of February, they would hope to receive the result by the end of the summer.

Miller homes have discussed changes to the road layout with the highway agency including a link from the Drum roundabout to Borrowstoun Road, however a decision on this would lie with the Council.

30 units would be allocated as affordable housing, consideration has also been given to adapted homes for home owners with disabilities. Question was raised around the definition of 'affordable' but this cannot be answered at this stage. It was raised that it would be the preferred opinion of BCC that if

the development goes ahead then it would be better to have the housing than a payment given to the Council.

From the Kinglass Fields development £463,000 was paid to Falkirk Council for the provision of affordable housing it was written into a clause that this should have been ringfenced for the Bo'ness Area, previous meeting Officers from Falkirk Council advised that it had been added to Council wide pot, this will be checked to see if the money has gone to Bo'ness.

£671,000 in total to be funneled into the Bo'ness Area from the existing development. Some of which was allocated to nursery provision and an additional £25,000 to core path payment.

Further consultation event with Miller Homes and Geddes Consulting takes place tomorrow (14th February) in Bo'ness Recreation Centre, from 14:00 – 19:00.

COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

See Appendix 2.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 9th January 2019

Corrections: Page 1, amendment to PC Cruickshank's name, this should appear as Greg not Stephen

Minutes approved: Proposed by Len Ainslie. Seconded by Stuart McAllister

7. REPORTS

Madelene Hunt – Marcus Strachan project bill, £3600 for the stone, has been settled with Cuthell's. Madelene commented on the support and assistance received from Cuthells during this project. It was agreed that a letter of thanks and appreciation would be sent to Cuthells.

Ian Don –(By e-mail) Current Balance £1329.53, £34.80 of which belongs to the Marcus Strachan project with a further £500 being paid in 12th February.

Len Ainslie – Fair Committee meeting took place Monday 11th February, with great success. More bands have been secured for this year's procession. Len confirmed that Jane Stewart has been selected and accepted the honour of Crowning this year's Queen Elect. Len also confirmed that the Kirking of the Queen will continue to take place on the Friday prior to the Fair.

Len raised concern regarding a clash of dates with Graham Gristwood regarding the planned orienteering event on 21st June, around Kinneil and the Foreshore.

Silent Film Festival attended the launch event of the programme 20th – 24th March on Wednesday 6th February at 17.45. Attendance was disappointing. Events being held in other locations as usual this year including screenings at the Barony Theatre, Kinneil estate, Bo'ness and Kinneil Railway.

Siobhan Samson – Feeling is that the ministerial decision is likely to be made soon on the Ineos Appeal for Planning Application to close the A904, Bo'ness Road.

Gail Nash – Continues to meet with the Parent Councils, have been working with the cluster group and Anne Ritchie regarding the school cuts. Waiting to hear by the end of the month the decision on the budget and continue to fire fight mis-information on social media. New community parking wardens will visit Schools in the coming months.

Councillor David Aitchison – Confirmed that officers from Falkirk Council Planning department visited the site of SRPS fencing and were happy that the situation of a gate on Boundary Street was adequate.

Polling station review results are now on the website which will also be displayed in Bo'ness Library, the only issues that should impact Bo'ness is closure of Kinneil Primary as a polling station and relocation this polling station to Fisons Club, Linlithgow Road. Councillor Aitchison urged members of the public to review and comment on the proposals.

Lyn Munro – There is an issue with litter from Walker Timber and Bakkavor on the foreshore, a litter pick was arranged by the Council with a large quantity of rubbish collected. This was short lived as the area is again covered in litter. This has been raised again to see if more can be done with the businesses to clean up their own litter.

Flower baskets are a challenge in this year's budget as well as the possible closure of the walled gardens at Kinneil Estate. Concern was raised regarding the closure of the garden specifically, given the launch of the dig in Falkirk initiative, there was suggestion that if it weren't to be used to grow flowers then it could be used to grow vegetables.

Wendy Turner – The Barony Theatre are showing The Hounds of the Baskervilles on Saturday 16th March as part of the Silent Film Festival outreach project. St Mary's Primary School teachers and pupils, 60 in total, attended a screening of a silent film which was very well received. Work continues to improve the premises, including new heating, carpets, Wi-Fi and costume store. The main focus was on the internal changes now a meeting is planned with an architect to improve the external and access to the building.

Stuart McAllister – The following applications were discussed and can be viewed on the following link: <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/planning-building/development-management/planning-applications-decisions/>

Planning:

P/19/0016/LBC – Listed Building Consent. Installation of Telemetry – Avon Viaduct, Linlithgow

P/19/0015/FUL – Upgrade and Extension of National Cycle Network Site at Antonine Wall - South of Woodside, Grangemouth Road, Bo'ness.

Madelene Hunt – Correspondence

Email – received from Danny Callaghan, Convenor of Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone CC relating to a patient transport service provided by Meadowbank Car4U and Driving Force. This transports cancer patients to and from appointments in Edinburgh and Glasgow. An invite was extended to attend the meeting and explain the work of the charity to see if it could benefit the Bo'ness Area and if one could be set up here

As we were not quorate the decision was deferred to our March meeting

Email – Sadly we received an email from Dennis Power Secretary of Larbert, Stenhousemuir and Torwood CC to advise that due to resignations over the Christmas period the Community Council has now been disbanded. The will be ceasing all further duties and further correspondence will be dealt with via Falkirk Council.

Email – from nil by mouth, offering a workshop on sectarianism. Workshops would last approx. 90 minutes and deal with several areas in relation to challenging sectarianism in the workplaces. The

work done by nil by mouth is funded by Scottish Government and they have asked that we share this information with relevant parties.

8. A.O.C.B.

McLaren Trophy – 3 nominations received but after a vote it was decided that this year's winner will be the Community Bus Group. Presentation will be handed over on April 2nd in the large meeting room above Bo'ness Library.

Litter: Action - Secretary to write to Bo'ness Academy in relation to litter in the routes which are frequented by pupils during lunch and after school. Gail Nash will also raise this with the Parent Council.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm with a vote of thanks to the Chair.

Next meeting is on 13th March 2019 at 7pm in Bo'ness Library Small Meeting Room

POLICE REPORT

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	13/02/2019
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/01/2019 – 31/01/2019

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 38 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 31 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

16 of which were Vandalisms, the others relating to disorder offences. Three of these were carried out in the town centre with the suspect being identified and charged. A further three of these relate to vandalisms to rear fences within the Kinglass area.

There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 7 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 1 Drug Search warrant was enforced within the Bo'ness area with a report being submitted in relation to the supply of controlled drugs. There have been 2 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There have been 2 offences in relation to Driving whilst Disqualified, 2 offences relating to Driving without insurance, 2 offences relating to having No MOT. There has been 1 offence for careless driving and 1 offences relating to Fail to Stop.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 2 Housebreaking offence 1 relating to a garage property and 1 relating to commercial premises. There have been 4 minor Thefts.

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

Appendix 2

Bo'ness Community Council Meeting
Wednesday 13th February 2019
COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM