



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th FEBRUARY 2020 **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), Len Ainslie (Vice Chair), Owen Griffiths (Vice Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, Val Ferguson OBE and Robyn Adamson.

In Attendance: Adrian Mahoney.

Apologies for Absence

Wendy Turner, Ashley Sneddon and Joan Lamazon.

Police Report Officers in attendance: P.C. Gary Deans and P.C. 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 & Blackness ward area.

Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**
- **Road Safety**
- **Dishonesty Crimes**

Questions and Answers

Q. Mini motorbike use seems to be increasing in the area in and surrounding the Drum and Grahamsdyke, up to 4 times a week at night and weekends.

Response. Can be charged as uninsured and unregistered motor vehicles. Would need to catch them whilst in use.

Q. Cyclists without lights prevalent on Grangemouth Road, huge risk to their own personal safety.

Response. If found they would be stopped but again would need to see the offence happening.

5. Minutes of Wednesday 8th January 2020

Proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by Siobhan Samson

6. Matters Arising

Siobhan confirmed that after looking at the DPEA website our comments have been logged on the minutes from the Public Determination Hearing.

Following the report of the broken defibrillator at the bottom of Harbour Road, Annie Meikle from the First Responders confirmed this has now been fixed.

7. Reports

Ian Don – Expenses should be submitted to the treasurer prior to the closure of this financial year. Current balance sits at £1248.65. £500 of which allocated for the procurement of a new laptop for BCC. A further £500, received from BRASS, is for the cost of a bench at the Marcus Strachus memorial. Joan advised the meeting that we are holding the money until we acquire further funding for a second bench, so that both benches will be the same. A discussion about a source of funding took place.

Siobhan Samson – Siobhan attended a meeting in Falkirk Council HQ with other members of Bo'ness CC regarding a discussion on Local Place Plans. Siobhan reported that she sees no merit in either formulating a plan for Bo'ness or joining a Falkirk Forum of Community Councils when there is already the ability to contribute to the Local Plan Consultation process. Madelene commented on the Bo'ness Action plan which is already in place.

Siobhan confirmed that the petition has been submitted to the Scottish Parliament Petition Clerk and now we await further contact from the clerk regarding progress.

Val Ferguson OBE – Val reported that Bo'ness Community Bus are in the process of confirming new premises for office space, toilets and carrying for 4 buses in Bo'ness.

The early morning bus service is being well utilised, with some morning services being at capacity. A communication has been sent to all schools in Bo'ness highlighting to teachers travelling into the town that the service is available.

Bo'ness Community Bus will once again run the shuttle bus from Linlithgow Station to the Hippodrome, Tickets for this service are £3 per journey and the buses operate on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evening. They will also be providing the transportation to the 'big day out' trip to the National Library of Scotland moving image archive in Glasgow.

Interviews are taking place w/c 17th for a Project Manager Post with Bo'ness Community Bus. Funding has been secured for this post for the next 3 years.

Val Spowart – Gritting of the roads has been brought up as there seems to be a reduction in the roads being covered. Due to the lack of funding FC continue to prioritise the main roads. Legally Councils need to keep A roads clear and have published the list of priority areas. This information can be found at <https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today/get-ready-for-winter/roads/road-priority.aspx>. It was highlighted that residents can request their area be gritted on the website also report empty grit boxes and request additional boxes for the area to allow residents to self serve (<https://www.falkirk.gov.uk/ofr/?category=03&type=wm>)

Stuart McAllister

Reference	P/19/0785/FUL
Alternative Reference	100217149-001
Application Received	Wed 18 Dec 2019
Application Validated	Tue 07 Jan 2020
Address	Romwall Grahamsdyke Lane Bo'ness EH51 9EB
Proposal	Erection of 2 Dwellinghouses, Alteration of Driveway and Landscaping Works
Status	Decided
Decision	Withdrawn
Decision Issued Date	Thu 27 Feb 2020

Correspondence. (Secretary) Joan Boyd.

E-mail from Catriona Reid Head of Bo'ness Academy stating she had been meaning to email for quite some time to introduce herself and try to arrange a chat over coffee . She wishes Bo'ness Academy to continue to build strong links with all of their community partners and support any initiatives going on within the community that they are able to.

The Academy are always looking for ways to engage our young people in projects that benefit their own community and have a number of S6 pupils who have some spare time and would be willing to be involved.

Catriona requested that if a representative from BCC had the time to come in to school for a chat that would be lovely, otherwise feel free to phone/email her if we feel there is anything they can support the Community Council with. Siobhan suggested that help could be given with the Marcus Strachen Garden project. Madelene has phoned Catriona and is waiting for her to call back.

E-mail from Barry Sheriden, Falkirk Council regarding feedback from the Consultation related to The Community Trust Plans for community assests and cost savings. Further to your email, please see the report that the Falkirk Council CEO submitted in December. The report includes a section relating to the focus groups. As discussed at the meetings there will be further consultation this year. If we have any questions, then we should not hesitate to get in touch. He stated he would be grateful if we could share this with the rest of the Community Council members, and wider community residents who were in attendance at the meetings. (35 page document).

E-mail from, Hannah Gray, Community Development Worker, Compassionate Communities, Strathcarron Hospice. She is a Community Worker at Strathcarron Hospice and has recently visited two ladies who are interested in finding out what groups are happening in their Bo'ness, eg Lunch Groups, coffee mornings etc. She wondered if we happen to have any information about this that we would be able to share with her please?.

Email from a member of the public related to a proposed development at Romwall, Grahamsdyke Lane. The proposal is for two houses with a basement, ground and upper floor and includes removal of trees from the site. As the area is within the conservation area and sits on the line of the Antonine Wall myself and other neighbours have concerns over this proposal. As the

deadline for comments/ objections is less than 3 weeks away I would be grateful if the community council would give this proposed development some consideration.
Madelene has responded stating that we would discuss this at our meeting tonight.

Siobhan advised that the Cowdenhill Committee met with Falkirk Council (FC) in relation to the property asset review. Falkirk Council have advised that they will be handing over all community halls by June 2020. FC are now offering a lease rather than the original asset transfer option. The bottom line was an ultimatum offering the management Committee to sign up by June or the hall will be taken back in house by FC. It was raised that questions should be asked on where this decision was made – which Council meeting? BCC have still had no response from FC or FCT on when they will come and discuss the property closure proposals for Bo'ness. Kenny Gillespie (Head of Housing) has shown an interest in hearing the views of the community. He will be coming to the next Bo'net meeting (9/3/20 2pm Bo'ness Community Saftery Cabin) to discuss the concerns from Bo'ness. Anyone can attend.

It was raised that the lights on the Grangemouth Strip have been out, making the road dark. Siobhan had a response that there was a fault in the cables which needed repair. The lights should have been back in operation by Monday 10th but BCC haven't been able to verify.

It was also raised that visiting services such as Registrars or Job Centre Plus should be brought back into Bo'ness. Cowdenhill Hall or the Library were given as viable spaces that could be utilised.

Madelene Hunt (Chair) – Madelene attended a meeting with Falkirk Council on 16th Jan in connection with the repair of the Band Stand in the Glebe Park. The main focus at this stage is that the band stand needs to be made safe. There is a timeline on this with a wedding booked for the end of May and Bo'ness Fair Day in June.

McLaren Trophy

Madelene accepted nominations for this years recipient of the McLaren trophy. 4 Nominations were received. After an initial first vote there was a tie, and after a second round of voting, Kinneil Band were declared as this year's winner. The Chair will contact the Band to congratulate them on the award and invite them to attend the award ceremony.

9. A.O.C.B.

No other competent business was raised.

The meeting was closed with a vote of thanks for the Chair.

Date of Next Meeting 11th March at 7pm.

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	12/02/2020
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/01/2020 – 31/01/2020

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 46 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 27 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

7 of which were Vandalisms, the others relating to disorder offences. There are no patterns or repeat locations

There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 6 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 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

Over the previous month, there was 1 offence in relation to Dangerous Driving, 3 offences relating to driving whilst under the influence, 1 offence for driving without insurance, 2 offences relating to Fail to Stop at a Road Accident.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 10 Housebreaking offence 5 relating to residential properties and 5 relating to commercial properties. Several of these are related and have been detected. There has been no minor Thefts.

There has been 1 Theft of a Motor vehicle.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

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ENVIRONMENTAL ENFORCEMENT TEAM

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

Period: 01/01/19 – 31/01/20

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
188	EAST -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL -Falkirk North and South
	73	54	61

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 01/01/20 –31 /01/20

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	22
Litter & Fly Tipping	50
Youth related disorder	0
Other	1

Current EE activities in the area

<p>The Environmental Enforcement Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly-Tipping through patrols and reports received from the Local Community. We are monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and parks in relation to dog fouling, litter and fly tipping. If you have any information relating to those responsible in the areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the details below. All calls are confidential</p>

Contact Us

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Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	Also on line at- My Falkirk
Online	Falkirk Council Website	www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today