



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8th JULY 2020

Conducted via Digital Media

Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to everyone.

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

In Attendance Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Lynn Munro, Austin Reid and Adrian Mahoney

Apologies for Absence

Wendy Turner, Val Ferguson, Stuart McAllister

Sadly we received a resignation from Joan Lamazon who is no longer able to attend due to commitments with Lions International.

Minutes of Wednesday 10th June 2020

Proposed by Asheley Sneddon and Siobhan Samson

Police Report Sent via email from: 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**

See Appendix 1.

7. Reports

Ian Don – Account balance sitting at £986.56. £500 of this is a donation from BRAAS for the purchase of a bench to sit beside the Marcus Strachan Memorial, estimated price £439. Slabs will need to be put in place. Joan mentioned that this money had been held for a long time due to us trying to obtain further funds for a second bench. We have been unable to do so and decided therefore to no longer delay the purchase.

Madelene Hunt (Chair) – The McLaren Trophy will be presented to Unison and Kinneil Band in an open air, socially distanced presentation. This will take place at 6pm on Thursday 9th June at the Mining Memorial.

We are recruiting for new members with approval from Falkirk Council on a shortened application process for the final year pre elections. Three external applications have been received. The closing date for applications is 31 July 2020.

Robyn Adamson – Progress with the Glebe Park band stand is continuing albeit slower than anticipated with the impact of COVID – 19. ZM Architecture Limited (ZMA) has been contracted, and Falkirk Council is working with them as to the progress of their re-activation plan.

ZMA are in the process of getting their engineering consultant, Ben Adam of David Narro Associates, to submit a hard date for the full survey to go ahead. He will also communicate with Starling Learning for the Bat survey to go ahead.

These items, once completed will inform ZMA's report back to Falkirk Council on the final state of condition of the Bandstand. This in turn will inform the Councils decision as to what will happen next, i.e. prescribed works to make safe the structure.

Planning – Joan Boyd

Application No : **P/20/0249/FUL** **Earliest Date of Decision** 17 July 2020
 Application Type : Planning Permission **Hierarchy Level** Local
 Proposal : Erection of Outbuilding
 Location : 29 Grahamsdyke Road Bo'ness EH51 9ED
 Community Council : Bo'ness
 Ward : 01 - Bo'ness and Blackness
 Applicant : Mr Blair Davidson
 Agent : Architectural Design Services
 Bill Crawford 3 Ritchie Place Bo'ness EH51 9TU
 Case Officer : John Cooney (Tel. 01324 504705)
 e-mail : john.cooney@falkirk.gov.uk
 Grid Reference : 300508 681220

Application No : **P/20/0263/LBC** **Earliest Date of Decision** 24 July 2020
 Application Type : Listed Building Consent **Hierarchy Level** Not Applicable
 Proposal : Alterations and Repairs to Boundary Wall and Installation of Entrance Gates
 Location : Kinneil Plant Nursery Provost Road Bo'ness EH51 0PR
 Community Council : Bo'ness
 Ward : 01 - Bo'ness and Blackness
 Applicant : Falkirk Council
 Agent :

Application No : **P/20/0139/FUL** **Earliest Date of Decision** 24 July 2020
 Application Type : Planning Permission **Hierarchy Level** Local
 Proposal : Change of Use, Alterations and Extension to Form 2 Additional Flatted Dwellings
 Location : 1 - 27 (Consec) Salmon Court School Brae Bo'ness EH51 9HF
 Community Council : Bo'ness
 Ward : 01 - Bo'ness and Blackness
 Applicant : Falkirk Council
 Agent : FAO Charles Reid Housing Investment Design Abbotsford House Davids Loan Falkirk FK2 7YZ
 Case Officer : Julie Seidel (Tel. 01324 504880)
 e-mail : julie.seidel@falkirk.gov.uk
 Grid Reference : 299874 681598

Application No : **P/20/0280/FUL** **Earliest Date of Decision** 31 July 2020
 Application Type : Planning Permission **Hierarchy Level** Local
 Proposal : Erection of 3 Dwellings
 Location : 2 Rattray Street Bo'ness EH51 9PE
 Community Council : Bo'ness
 Ward : 01 - Bo'ness and Blackness
 Applicant : Mr Patrick Holleran
 Agent : McFadzean Studio
 Douglas Mcfadzean 40 Charlotte Dundas Court Grangemouth United Kingdom FK3 9EB
 Case Officer : David Paterson (Tel. 01324 504757)
 e-mail : david.paterson@falkirk.gov.uk
 Grid Reference : **3008776814**

Application No : P/20/0116FUL
 Application Type : Planning Permission
 Proposal : Change of Use and Extension of Social Work Offices to Form Early Years Nursery with Associated External Works
 Location : Kinglass Centre, Gauze Road, Bo'ness, EH51 9UE
 Applicant : Falkirk Council, Karen Thomson, Children's Services, Sealock House, 2 Inchyra Road, Grangemouth, FK3 9XB
 Decision : Grant Planning Permission
 Decision Issued : 26 June 2020

Application No : P/20/0167/FUL
Application Type : Planning Permission
Proposal : Extension to Dwellinghouse
Location : 2 Bonhard Cottages, Bo'ness, EH51 9RR
Applicant : Mr H Brown, 2 Bonhard Cottages, Bo'ness, EH51 9RR
Decision : Grant Planning Permission
Decision Issued : 19 June 2020

Councillor David Aitchison – LDP2 (Local Development Plan) was approved by Falkirk Council last week with the land at Crawfield road to be included. This is disappointing news but the decision was based on feedback from the Scottish Government Reporter.

Joan Boyd. - Correspondence.

E-mail – from Brian Pirie regarding a Young Peoples Survey. Falkirk Council (FC) is looking to capture the voices of young people across Falkirk to understand their experience during lockdown. The survey has been set up by Falkirk Council Community Learning and Development Team and is hosted on their Young Scot Page. The results will inform FC plans across the Children's Commission. FC is asking us to please encourage as many young people as possible to complete the survey. It will help us understand how coronavirus is affecting them, and help us plan to support them moving forward. Young people can gain rewards for completing the survey: <https://young.scot/get-informed/falkirk/cld-young-people-survey> Please share across all your networks to get the survey link to as many young people aged 11 – 26 as possible. This was placed on our website, and posted on twitter and facebook. Also on the Academy's facebook and twitter page and links Robyn has through Guiding.

E-mail from nlp Estates.com referring to a previous message and stating they now understands that Falkirk Council have issued the relevant documents to the Community Councils for feedback in regard to the amended stack height. He offered to discuss the change directly personally, gave a contact telephone number and looks forward to any further comments we may have or confirmation of none such through our response to Falkirk Council by 3rd July. We have heard nothing about this from FC as far as I am aware.

E-mail from Brian Pirie passing on information that the 10th explosive event in the Longannet Power Station demolition programme is scheduled to take place on the **23rd of July, at 1000 hours.** As with previous events, no off site impacts are expected. However, there is the potential for the event to be heard in the surrounding area.

Falkirk Council Notifications

Licensing (Scotland) Act 2005

Premises – Scotmid, 66 Linlithgow Road, Bo'ness, EH51 0HX

Type - Off Sales

An application for the Grant of a Premises Licence in respect of the above premises has been received for consideration by Falkirk Council Licensing Board. The Board is obliged to notify us of this application, which is for Off Sales and offering recorded music. Monday to Sunday 10.00 -22.00. If we wish to make any objections or representations, we need to do so in writing by Thursday 30 July 2020.

9. A.O.C.B.

Concern raised over large trees over hanging the path at Bo'ness Public School on Stewart Avenue, Crawfield Road and Grangemouth Road. Also over the grass cutting throughout the area. Both Councillors raised that a shortage of staff and a large tractor which has gone out of commission are impacting the time in which grass cutting is happening.

Austin Reid wants to raise the narrative of the local town and how wider issues impact the town . He'd like to find out more on how residents feel about issues such as local employment or homelessness. He suggested linking these conversations with monthly music and possibly speakers attending on a particular subject choice to engage with the community.

Discussion around the opening of Bo'ness Recreation Centre. It was clarified that Grangemouth Sports Centre is not reopening but the Grangemouth Stadium is, after complaints were raised by residents. Again the feeling is that Bo'ness is left on the edge. There was concern expressed for those residents without disposable income and their health and wellbeing, if Bo'ness does continue to remain closed. Some may not be able to afford transport to facilities outwith the town.

Following on from comments at our June meeting, Secretary Joan Boyd confirmed that she would follow up with INEOS in relation to why Bo'ness does not have a community warning system.

A question was raised over the term being used in relation to this year's Fair Retinue 'You'll get your time next year'. Clarification is being sought from the Fair Committee. Both Len Ainslie and Councillor David Aitchison intimated that's the children from this years retinue will be given the opportunity to be included next year to make up for the disappointment of this year. The crowning will take place on 28th Aug with video stream of the ceremony for Schools.

Date of Next Meeting 12th August at 7pm.

Name of
Community
Council:

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	08/07/20
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/03/2020 – 30/06/2020

Foreword:

This 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 132 crime reports raised by Police between March and June.

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

There has been 64 crimes of ASB over this period.

30 of which were Vandalisms, the others relating to disorder offences. 4 of these were carried out by the same person.

There were 2 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, which were Serious Assaults, both relate to one incident. There have been 32 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over this time period, 3 Drug Search warrant was enforced within the Bo'ness area and reports submitted to the Procurator Fiscal. There have been 6 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected.

- **Road Safety**

For this time period, there have been 2 offences for driving whilst unfit, 1 offence for driving whilst under the influence. 1 offence of Dangerous Driving, 2 offences of driving without Insurance, 2 offences of driving without a licence.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 2 Housebreaking offence relating to residential premises and 3 relating to a commercial premises. There have been 20 minor Thefts. There have been 8 offences relating to being within the curtilage of a property with intent to steal. Several of these relate to the same location and the suspect has been identified.

There has been 1 Theft of a Motor Vehicle, and 2 Thefts from a Motor Vehicle. There are no patterns or repeat locations

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.