



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held on 14th July 2021 **Conducted via Digital Media**

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to everyone and thanked Wendy for setting up the Zoom meeting.

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Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Stuart McAllister, Joan Boyd, Siobhan Samson (Vice Convenor), Lennox Ainslie, Robyn Adamson, Brian Laird, Wendy Turner (Minute Secretary)

In attendance, Councillor Lynn Munro, Adrian Mahoney

Madelene Hunt asked that Wendy Turner be added to the info@email. So she can support with correspondence.

2. Apologies for Absence

Ashley Sneddon, Owen Griffiths (Vice Convenor), Ian Don (Treasurer)

3. Minutes of the 9th June 2021 Meeting

Community Council elections – Community Council step down before the vote not in September

p.4 mis-spelling of Kinningars Park

David Aitchison did not comment on the Town Hall future

Wendy Turner to send approved minutes to Robyn Adamson for the website.

Minutes read and proposed by Joan Boyd and seconded by Brian Laird with corrections above to be made.

Police report to info@ email and will be sent out with the minutes

4. Matters Arising

Madelene Hunt reported that the Bo'net / Bo'ness Community Hospital Garden Project is progressing well and another meeting will take place shortly.

Madelene Hunt reported that Brian Pirie will be meeting with all Community Council Convenors. Madelene has asked him to advertise the elections to Bo'ness Community Council.

5. Reports

Stuart McAllister – reported that a planning in principle application had been received for 12 new houses at North Bank Farm with the Farmhouse remaining. Miller Homes had permission to build to the boundary of this land.

Siobhan Samson – reported that consultation about the Crawfield Road development would be online, this is due to social distancing preventing face to face meetings. It is anticipated there will be a large number of comments especially as the new application is an extension of the original. The consultation has been publicised in The Journal. It was agreed that details would be put on the website and publicised using social media.

Val Spowart – the Salvation Army Officer has moved down south and a new Officer will be joining shortly. One meeting a week is now taking place due to changes in social distancing.

Brian Laird – asked about Falkirk Council Special Uplift as a request had been made to uplift an old shed. Madelene Hunt explained that the Council no longer collect wood.

Lennox Ainslie – nothing to report

Robyn Adamson – nothing to report

Wendy Turner – nothing to report.

6. Correspondence

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Period 9th June 2021 – July 14th 2021

E-mail – about the Grangemouth Flood protection Scheme presentation on 14th June 21. Details can be found on the website. www.grangemouthfloodscheme.com .

E-mail – asking us to cascade information about the LFD test kits which are now held by a number of chemists in the Forth Valley Area <https://www.gov.scot/news/rapid-test-kits-rolled-out-to-pharmacies/>. They have updated their website to include links to the online location finder where people can find out where to get a LFD test in our local area. <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/#/> These are kits for Covid-19 testing of people without symptoms.

Rapid lateral flow tests are widely available for people who do not have corona virus symptoms. These can be picked up from local walk/drive-through test sites, a number of local pharmacies or ordered online. To find out where you can get a rapid lateral flow tests in your local area click [here](#) and to order them online click [here](#). <https://maps.test-and-trace.nhs.uk/#/>

E-mail – from the Public Sector Executive regarding a PSE365: Decarbonisation Event on 9.9.2021. The UK Government has set climate change targets to reduce carbon emissions by 78% by 2035. There is a calendar of event which can e watched on demand. Most of the specialists are English, based in Manchester, so I am presuming it will relate more to the targets in England rather than those in Scotland.

E-mail – from Brian Pirie about the Council Best Value Audit which Madelene has already sent out to everyone.

E-mail – from Maria Montinaro representing Falkirk Community Councils. It refers to the Planning Act Scotland 2019 regarding Local Development Plans (LDPs) taking into account Local Place Plans (LPPs). The group is asking for our support for a proposal they are putting forward relating to essential improvements for LPPs that will strengthen the legislation which are being sent to the Scottish Government. The aim of the improvements is to influence secondary legislation and guidance on LPPs. They have asked us to please consider adding our Community Council support by registering on the website. There are four pages of information so I will send this e-mail out to everyone.

A Link - Forwarded by e-mail from Adrian Mahoney, to a Falkirk Herald News item. This relates to Falkirk Council's desire for people to have their say on the demolition of Falkirk Council's (FC) Municipal Buildings. Apparently, an eight week consultation is a legal requirement as the nine acres that Council buildings sit within belong to the common good fund. FC has promised that Falkirk Town Hall will not be knocked down until its replacement is built. Staff members returning to work are to be relocated to the Larbert site which has been renamed The Foundry. Some staff is moving to Abbotsford House in Bainsford for the time being and that's going to be the registered office of FC temporarily. Once face to face meetings return they will take place in Falkirk Town Hall's Studio.

<https://www.falkirkherald.co.uk/news/politics/council/falkirk-people-to-have-say-on-demolition-of-councils-municipal-buildings-3289242>

A replacement building will be built on the west side of Falkirk High Street and the money from the sale of the old building is to go to that. If the consultation which started in July does not approve the demolition, then FC has no option but to go to court to ask for approval.

E-mail from Bo'net stating that FC is looking for feedback on the Community Choices application and how the process went. Madelene fed back orally regarding her experience of this.

E-mail forwarded by Bo'net passing on information from Tony Beekman, FC regarding the Community Learning and Development Plan 2021-2024. They are undertaking a Learning and Development Learner and Partner Survey.

Stephen Kerr MSP would like to attend one of our meetings. His constituency officer wrote to the Chair. Madelene has asked for some dates.

Notifications

BEAR Scotland notifying us of overnight resurfacing works on the M876 Junction overnight working on resurfacing works.

BEAR notifying on works taking place on the M876 – Bridgehill from Midnight August 2021 for ten weeks. Phase 2 of this work will take place in January 2022 for 15 weeks.

Works will be taking place from 7.30pm until 6.30am each day on each occasion.

7. Community Conversations

Joan Boyd reported that she had received no further information from Douglas Duff of Falkirk Council and would therefore call him direct for an update.

8. Library Project

The Project will commence in September 2021. Val Spowart asked what the arrangements will be for the three months of the project. There is no mobile library available but Madelene Hunt believes Falkirk Community Trust are looking at a Click and Collect option. Madelene Hunt confirmed that the table and chairs in the small Meeting Room will remain.

The TSB representative spoke to Madelene Hunt and explained that they had been busy with customers but that they cannot conduct banking business that involves cash.

9. Provost Road Planting Scheme

Madelene Hunt and Siobhan Samson discussed the new planting at Provost Road. Siobhan Samson believed that Madelene Hunt should have copied the letter she sent to Falkirk Council to info@. Madelene explained that she had mistakenly sent the email with her Bo'ness Community Council signature attached but that she had been acting as an individual not as Convenor of Bo'ness Community Council. Concerns were raised about the health and safety aspects of the construction of the bug hotel. However, this had subsequently been resolved.

Madelene Hunt agreed to discuss this privately with Siobhan Samson.

10. AOCB

Madelene Hunt reported that Art Berg had made contact to say that tenders for the bandstand have been received and details will be sent out shortly.

Lennox Ainslie thanked the chair on behalf of BCC.

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**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 11th August 2021 at
7pm on Zoom**