



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **DRAFT**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2020**

**Conducted via a Digital Media**

### **Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to everyone.

### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Owen Griffiths, Wendy Turner, Siobhan Samson, Val Spowart, Val Ferguson OBE, Ashley Sneddon and Robyn Adamson.

**In Attendance** Councillor David Aitchison and Adrian Mahoney

### **Apologies for Absence**

Len Ainslie and Joan Boyd.

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

### **Minutes of Wednesday 14th April 2020**

Proposed by Siobhan Samson and Val Ferguson

## **7. Reports**

### **Planning – Madelene Hunt (Chair)**

Madelene and Joan visited the site at Northbank Farm in relation to the planning application for 12 houses at Northbank Farm. Concern was raised by a resident over land ownership, however after investigation, the plans show that the development will not use the land in question for access. BCC will continue to monitor this planning application to ensure that the housing is conducive to the countryside.

Concerns were raised around how planning is running during COVID-19, the public are in a position where they need to keep an eye on the website for planning applications and consultations rather than being notified via various channels, concern that an online only planning process is not accessible for all.

**Val Ferguson OBE** – The Community Bus Service held a trustees meeting with some progress, they are hoping to restart a service from 22<sup>nd</sup> June. Bo'ness Bus have received funding from the Community Fund which will allow their buses to be made safe with perspex etc for passengers. The service would be a demand service rather than a scheduled one. This plan is in infancy but hoping to progress. They also received further funding from the resilience fund which has helped to keep the business running during lockdown.

**Robyn Adamson** – Robyn highlighted concerns from Parents over the communication from Falkirk Council in relation to school return and in particular changes to nursery allocation and 1140 hours funding.

## **Joan Boyd. - Correspondence.**

**E-mail** – from npl Estates regarding the Avondale Waste Application - At Avondale they have continued to operate the landfill as an essential service for the Councils to receive domestic waste and have been continuing to work on their planning application for an Energy from Waste plant. They have been addressing comments raised by various stakeholders and one such from SEPA has triggered an amendment on the height of the EfW stacks to 60m. This is a modification of the initial design and subsequently they are obliged to review each of the Environmental Statement chapters and resubmit to Falkirk Council. They are glad to say that the modification has not resulted in any change to the assessment outcomes as initially determined. The revised Environmental Statement is in the process of being submitted to Falkirk Council for consideration with the planning application and associated documentation remaining unchanged. Falkirk Council will consult with you shortly on this matter to enable you to make any further representations on the modification should you wish. As the applicant they would welcome the opportunity to discuss this change directly and I can be personally contacted on 07795-104051. Furthermore should you wish for copies of the revised Environmental Statement these can be made available.

**E-mail** from Brian Pirie advising the new e-mail address for Reddingmuirhead and Wallacestone CC. [rwccsecretary8@gmail.com](mailto:rwccsecretary8@gmail.com)

**E-mail** from Falkirk Council (FC) forwarding information from the improvement Service regarding Supporting Communities Safely - advice for community groups and volunteer networks. A new resource that has been published to support community organisations to carry out their vital work safely during the Covid-19 outbreak. The undernoted news item promotes the advice on infection control for community groups.

[www.scdc.org.uk/news/article/2020/5/15/supporting-communities-safely-advice-for-community-groups-organisations-and-volunteer-networks](http://www.scdc.org.uk/news/article/2020/5/15/supporting-communities-safely-advice-for-community-groups-organisations-and-volunteer-networks)

A direct link to the resource is available here: <https://www.scdc.org.uk/supporting-communities-safely>. The resource is designed to be interactive and they will seek to respond to questions and observations from users and update where appropriate.

**E-mail** from Brian Pirie on behalf of the Improvement Service regarding the Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund - SCDC's Evaluation Report Now Available. The funding response to support voluntary and community sector activity around the impact of Covid-19 was unprecedented, and quickly learning about what worked and what didn't is essential to ensuring future funding is as effective as possible. Therefore, Foundation Scotland has commissioned the Scottish Community Development Centre to survey recipients of its Response, Recovery and Resilience Fund from the fund's first 12 days when just over £1m in grants was distributed to 300 different projects.

The high response to the survey was very encouraging and shows how important this funding has been to the recipients and their commitment to continuing to support those people who are most vulnerable and at risk during the crisis and in the aftermath. The evaluation report is now available, and highlights the key impacts of the funding, and the main challenges that the grantees are now facing. The review has set out a list of recommendations for Foundation Scotland (and other funders) to consider when developing and delivering future phases of the Fund.

Download the full and summary reports at

<https://www.foundationscotland.org.uk/news/rapid-evaluation-of-rrr-fund/>

**E-mail** from a member of the community regarding the proposed private development at North Bank farm. Siobhan looked at the plans and confirmed that it was the normal farm road that was involved.

## **9. A.O.C.B.**

Aidrian Mahoney highlighted two pieces of local heritage news, which help to highlight the town; Firstly The Bridgeness Slab will feature on a Royal Mail stamp collection. Secondly documents from James Watt's time working with Dr John Roebuck of Kinneil House have been given a UNESCO honour.

Grangemouth Community Council recieved notification relating to a new round of flaring which is due to start tomorrow (11<sup>th</sup> June). A query was raised around when the planning application went in for the new flare stack to be installed. There was no consultation in relation to this.

INEOS community warning system although BCC recieve notification that the warning will be sounded the warning system is not heard in Bo'ness, there should be a notification for Bo'ness to signal residents to danger. BCC will write to INEOS to question why there isn't an alarm system in Bo'ness to mirror what Grangemouth has.

RVS (Royal Voluntary Service) was highlighted how excellent the service has been for shielding residents.

The PRStore has developed a free audio tour for Kinneil Estate using the free izi.TRAVEL app Full details can be found <https://theprstore.co.uk/2020/06/04/kinneiltour/>

**Date of Next Meeting 8<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm.**