



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021** **Conducted via Digital Media**

### **1. Welcome**

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

### **Sederunt**

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

**In attendance**, Councillor David Aitchison, Adrian Mahoney

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

### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Val Spowart, Councillor Lynn Munro, Ian Don (Treasurer)

### **3. Minutes of the 9<sup>th</sup> May 2021 Meeting**

Corrections: p.2 Austin Reid – nothing to report but to the note – remove erroneous “the”

Minutes read and proposed by Joan Boyd and seconded by Stuart McAllister 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 she will visit the Bo'ness Cemetery to check on progress with the matters raised.

Madelene Hunt reported on her meeting with Danny Thallon ref: the Antonine Wall Mural. A number of potential sites were visited. The mural will be designed by local school children. During this meeting there was also discussion about the Bridgeness Slab panel which has faded with time. Danny Thallon agreed to progress this.

Madelene Hunt reported that Art Berg had written to say that tenders for the work on the Bandstand had been received but no further information is available at the moment.

Madelene Hunt reported that Bo'net is working with the Bo'ness Community Hospital to create a garden and outdoor seating area. Bo'net have made a grant application for a Covid worker for the Bo'net groups.

Madelene Hunt reported that the Library Project is still on schedule for September 2021. The last meeting did not take place and there are no further meetings planned. However, Councillor Aitchison reported that he believed there was a meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> June at 2pm.

Joan Boyd reported that a letter had been sent to the Parent Council but that no response had been received to date.

Joan Boyd reported that there had been no further update about the Community Conversations and that she would write to ask Douglas Duff for an update. Councillor Aitchison reported that consultation is ongoing and will now include parents of local school children.

## 5. Reports

Ashley Sneddon asked for BCC's thoughts on opening up use of the Bo'ness Town Hall. Ashley explained that she is a member of BOGART (Bo'ness and Grangemouth Arts Organisation). She explained that she feels that Community Asset Transfer is not realistic but wondered about forming a group to look at programming events at The Town Hall. Siobhan Samson explained that Cowdenhil Community Centre is not currently pursuing CAT as they are unsure what use will be made of the Hall in the immediate future. They are still awaiting the completion of building work by Falkirk Council. Wendy Turner suggested looking at programming with Falkirk Council once the Community Trust has been wound up. Brian Laird suggested contacting the Dobbie Hall and Joan Boyd suggested contacting Moffat Town Hall. Wendy Turner suggested looking for funding for a feasibility Study to see what could / should be achieved. Siobhan Samson emphasised that we still need to have information on income from the Town Hall lets. Councillor Aitchison suggested that it needs proper promotion but confirmed the Town Hall is not under threat of closure.

Stuart McAllister – reported that notice for a **Pre Application Notice** for **Crawfield Road** had been announced. There will be two phases by two developers, McTaggart Mickelson and Robertson. There will be online consultation during July and August. This is **due** to Covid-19 meaning that planning cannot currently have face to face consultation meetings. Concern was expressed by BCC about this situation due to the fact there is a lack of information, for example how many houses does this planning application cover; and what commercial and community infrastructure will be included. Joan Boyd suggested placing information about the consultation on the BCC website to draw attention to it; and also to remind the community that BCC tried to keep this out of the Local Plan but that the Scottish Reporter **included the land in the Plan**. There was also discussion about the potential flooding from this site. Siobhan Samson suggested that BCC should force this to be a face to face meeting with the developers as it will have such an impact on Bo'ness and local services. Adrian Mahoney noted that the planning principle has been established for Crawfield Road and therefore BCC can only object to the detail. It could also ask what is the benefit to Bo'ness and confirm that financial input from the developers should be invested in community Assets e.g The Recreation Centre or Town Hall.

Wendy Turner – reported that she has made a grant application through Community Choices to enable roof works to be undertaken at The Barony Theatre.

## 6. Correspondence

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### **Period 12<sup>th</sup> May 2021 – May 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

**E-mail** – from the Licensing section of Falkirk Council (FC) regarding a non minor variation of premises licence No 0207- Bridge Inn, Linlithgow to include on and off sales. Change of hours to 11.00am – 24.00 on sales; from 10.00am for off sales.

**E-mail.** – Information from the Fresh Air Company giving details of Outdoor Gym Equipment which Joan thought we could hold onto for information in regard to our application for Community Choices Funding.

**E-mail** – about a Tackling Domestic Violence Event from the Institute of Government & Policy Department. They have allocated 10 early Bird Tickets but haven't given any detail yet other than the event will take place in November 2021. Cost of tickets is tickets £249 + VAT.

**E-mail** – from a member of the public relating to the need for an upgrading of the foot path along the Grangemouth Road. Apparently he has been told by FC twice that funding is available but nothing is happening. His comment was “Does someone have to be killed before something is done”. This is an outstanding matter that has already been raised a number of times. FC has prioritised this within all of the outstanding works across the FC area.

**E-mail** – about the PRE/2021/0009/PAN. Pre Application Notice (PAN) Land to The South Of Bo'ness Fire Station, Crawfield Lane. This is a PAN for a proposed building development along Crawfield Road. The PAN is from Colin Laverty of Barton Willmore on behalf of two builders and is planning development along the full length of the Road. Crawfield Road has, on a number of previous occasions, successfully been removed from the Local Development Plan (LDP) following our objection. However, when the current LDP was forwarded to the Scottish Government for Approval, Crawfield Road was identified by the Reporter as the only land available for development in the Falkirk Area. Falkirk Council had therefore to include Crawfield Road in the LDP. This means we cannot object to the development by itself and can only influence the full application plan through consultation when it is received.

It was agreed that as this is a significant development, we should advise the community through our website and social media that there is a PAN being considered and clarify why we were unable to object to the inclusion of Crawfield Road in the current plan. It is suggested in the PAN that Community Consultation will take place by ‘digital’ methods. It was agreed that we should make our community aware of the PAN so that they can comment on the proposals when further information is made available through the full Application Process.

**E-mail** – from Brian Pirie (FC) confirming that there will be Community Council Elections this year. All community Councillors will therefore stand down in September and **are required** to put themselves forward for re-election. Voting will take place by postal means.

**E-mail** – from NHS Forth Valley. They are looking to appoint new Board members and are looking for people to apply with a diverse range of skills, backgrounds and knowledge. Particularly those with previous clinical experience and financial skills. We have been

asked to share this information with our local networks. The closing date for the applications is midday on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021. More information is available on both the NHS Forth Valley website and the Public Appointments websites

## **7. Community Conversations**

See above under Matters Arising.

## **8. Library Project**

See above under Matters Arising.

## **9. AOCB**

Siobhan Samson reported that Kinnigars Park is in a real mess. This appears to have been left by Ogilvie Homes. It was suggested that a meeting should be held there to discuss this issue. Councillor Aitchison said he would ask for the grass to be cut and asked that BCC members respond to the Sustainability Consultation. There was discussion about improving access to Kinnigars Park but it was noted that Falkirk Council and the Grange Estate, which owns it, is not very positive. Siobhan Samson reported that the site gates should be closed during school hours but this does not appear to be happening.

Siobhan Samson reported on the Small Grants from the Community Choices Project and asked all BCC members to vote and pass on the details to family and friends.

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at  
7pm on Zoom**