



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL
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MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th MARCH 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), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, Val Spowart, Val Ferguson OBE and Robyn Adamson.

In Attendance: Councillor David Aitchison

Apologies for Absence

Ashley Sneddon, Joan Lamazon and Councillor Lynn Munro

Police Report **Officer in attendance: 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. How are the numbers of incidents comparing between now and last year?

Response: They are the same as normal.

Q. What happens when an individual has a TAG in place and they move elsewhere?

Response: That aspect is the responsibility of the Prison Service.

Q. What is happening with the Cash Withdrawal at R S McColl paying out double money?

Response: The Bank will be writing to people.

5. Town Centre Capital Fund – Jacqui McArthur, Falkirk Council

Background: The Council's share of the £50m funding is just under £2m. This will benefit Falkirk, Bo'ness and Grangemouth town Centres. Falkirk has 15% shop vacancies and Bo'ness has 25%. Public Wi-Fi in Town Centres started in Denny in 2018 making it Scotland's first digital Town. The plan is for all Town Centre businesses to have websites and this has been done in Grangemouth.

This offers opportunities to alter how we live. Introducing Wi-Fi was a key objective but price was an issue. Now, this is much more affordable.

In Scotland 89% of the population use internet.

Break down of internet user data by age group:

16-34 19%

75yrs and over 41%

Men 90%

Women 89%

It is essential for Bo'ness that people can connect on Wi-Fi in the Town centre. For example, Universal Credit is now on-line so being connected is crucial. It allows those who cannot afford internet at home to connect within their local Town Centre.

Advantages:

People linger longer in cafés

It is good for shops and gives advantage for capturing data around when people visit the Town, where people are going, and can be the main hub of the Town Centre. The data gathered is GDPR compliant and used only for analytical information. It is good for local shops, enhances the shopping experience, increases spend and footfall in the Town and makes Bo'ness a modern fit for purpose shopping venue.

We have investigated, looked at what is available elsewhere, prepared a brief, used Contact Scotland as a fair way of contracting firms to do the work.

The purpose is to provide a Bo'ness Website promoting shops, attractions, events etc . Doing so will provide opportunities for business equality by :

Harnessing Connections

Celebrating the Town

Supporting business lets

Encouraging more shops to open

Buy local, shop local, build brands

Encourages business, communities and brings people into the Town centre

The network will have very strict parameters. It is a protected network and is pretty essential to local communities.

The next steps:

Images from the Town

Digital Hub for individual business websites

Enhance digital connections

Scoping 23.3.20

Physical enabling link

Radius.

Within the next 5-6 weeks we will be out engaging with the Community Council and Local Businesses.

Questions:

There is nowhere for young people to go in the Town. Based on Denny are there any figures that suggest where young people group together in the Town? Answer – We will check that.

Will the Platform be able to allow Local Groups to be included? Answer – No one has suggested that but we can look at that. At the moment, all businesses will be included within the next two months.

6. Minutes of Wednesday 12th February 2020

Proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by Siobhan Samson

7. Reports

Len Ainslie – Fiona Burns is going to crown the Queen this year on Fair Day. Schools and Falkirk Council will make any decisions regarding any postponements of the Fair.

Siobhan Samson – Ineos Road Closure – There has been no meetings with Falkirk Council. We need to ensure that Falkirk Council lay out all the costs onto Ineos. There is a 5-6year window for Ineos to close the road.

Val Ferguson OBE – Val reported that Bo'ness Community Bus has appointed a Project Manager. The standard of applicants was excellent. The person appointed has a lot of experience of working with Lothian Transport.

The Shuttle service from Linlithgow Station to the Hippodrome for the 3 nights of the Silent Film Festival is already sold out.

In regard to the Corona virus the necessary actions for drivers to wipe down everything after each journey are in place.

There will be a Public meeting in the Town Hall on 3rd May 2020 to celebrate another year of our Bus. Madelene congratulated the Community Bus. By the 7th May the Community Bus will have office premises.

Councillor Aitchison – Madelene welcomed Councillor Aitchison to the meeting.

The Falkirk Council Budget has been passed. Flower beds and hanging baskets will benefit the Town Centre, Cemeteries (offices) and War Memorials. There will be no brown bucket charges and one free uplift of large items per year. £7m is being invested into roads within Falkirk District.

There was a drop-in session at the Walled Garden at Kinneil. The Sustainable Group is still there. £100k has been allocated for flower beds.

Robyn Adamson – An e-mail has been received regarding the Repair of the Bandstand. The tender for a Project Manager is out and urgent work is to start on the 16th May 2020. Health & Safety must be ensured and surveys will take place on 26 April. HES involvement is necessary. There is one option for repair costing £25k and another costing £125. There is no guarantee that the work will be completed by Fair Day but Falkirk Council will do all they can.

Social Media - £20,000 of Sustrans funding is available. Robyn will send details.

Wendy Turner – Barony Theatre are hosting the Falkirk Youth Theatre production as part of Hippfest. Fifty percent of the seats have been sold.

The S5 and S6 Academy Drama Students are to perform their Drama and it is hoped that this will lead to closer working with the Academy.

Stuart McAllister – Planning Application from Stuart Milne for Muirhouses received 160 objections.

Correspondence. (Secretary) Joan Boyd.

E-mail from the Scottish Health Council attaching a Flyer - Do you (or does someone you know) live with myalgic encephalomyelitis (ME)?

If so, the Scottish Health Council is looking for people who are living with a diagnosis of ME to give their views about what support they would like to see in place.

These views will be used to help the Scottish Government to address particular gaps in knowledge and understanding about the care and support needs of those who are affected.

If you would like to be involved in this piece of work, you can **complete an online survey at:** www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/MyalgicEncephalomyelitisSurvey/

If you would prefer to take part in a telephone interview or participate in a face to face discussion (as part of a group or individually), please contact our local office and we'll be happy to arrange.

There is a flyer attached which can be shared and/or printed and displayed. We want to make sure we have done everything we can to reach individuals living with ME, so are very grateful for any sharing of the flyer/this email/the survey link.

E-mail attaching a Flyer related to Commissioning Transplantation in Scotland 2020-2025. Public and Professional Stakeholder Engagement Event on Thursday 26th March 2020 at the Stirling Court Hotel. The Flyer has the registration details. If anyone is interested in going, I will send on the link.

Email from Muirhouses Amenities Association enclosing, for our information, a letter to the Reporter (3 pages).

Please find attached for information a letter sent today by me on behalf of the Muirhouses Amenities Association to the Recorder, Scottish Gov re the above. The reason I am forwarding this to you is not only to update you of developments but also because they, Stewart Milne Homes, in their appeal to the recorder against the Council's original decision (rejection) & the Council's lack of response to their amendments per objections raised in writing & those raised at a subsequent public meeting at Bo'ness Academy.

In Stewart Milne's response they have cited a supposed lack of objections from the Community Council as tacit support for the development see

<https://www.dpea.scotland.gov.uk/CaseDetails.aspx?id=120879&T=2> and associated references.

In our response to the Milne proposals as you will see in the letter, we have raised this point & rejected it & in addition refuted their conclusions and amendments as being historically not factual in a Bo'ness context and their proposed adjustments to traffic calming on Carriden Brae as being cosmetic and ineffectual at best.

E-mail from Craig Whyte, [Great Place Activity Lead Officer – Learning, Culture & Creativity, Falkirk Trust](#).

I wrote to you all back in June last year to introduce the Great Place (Falkirk) Project (funded by National Lottery Heritage Fund) and our aims of raising awareness of, celebrating and building strong links with our local heritage.

We are planning to hold a Storytelling Event in late April, it which local people, including those who have come here in recent years, are afforded a platform on which to share stories of their, or

their family's 'journeys' to Falkirk. By 'journey' we mean the story of their origin and how they came to call Falkirk home.

We plan to hold a couple of outreach events in local communities at which people can come to chat informally about their, or their family's migrations from places both near and far (as near as the Highlands or Borders, as far as the other side of the world, and all between). From these we would be happy to gather just 2 or 3 stories which might be presented as part of our Storytelling evening at which we will have live music and perhaps light catering. If individuals do not wish to present their stories in person at the event, there will be options to have them presented through conference-style poster format, or by a third party with particular storytelling or communication skills.

I am therefore writing to ask if (1) you know of anyone in your community who might be willing to share a personal or family migration story (2) you would be willing to communicate word of this programme within your community or (3) you would be interested in helping us host an outreach event in your area.

I understand that this request might fall out with the remit of Community Councils, but I would be delighted to hear from any of you if you are interested.

Email from Falkirk Community Trust detailing Activities at Kinneil/Kinneil House in March and April.

Email from the Community Engagement Manager at Edinburgh Airport. Hope all's well with you and the Community Council in Bo'ness.

I'm just looking to check in and share a link to the latest copy of our community newsletter Inside EDI. http://bit.ly/InsideEDI_Winter_2020

Hopefully you will have already received this via your local authority community council liaison officer but if not please feel free to share this with your members. I also sent out hardcopies to a number of libraries and community centres in Falkirk but this is a growing list and would be delighted to send out a bundle to your meeting facility if you don't already have any copies, just let me know what address they should go to.

Since I started at the airport over a year ago I have been able to engage with a wide range of communities, whether that's been responding to email enquiries, coming along to group meetings or just popping out for a coffee with individuals to talk a bit more about the airport's community based activities. Please remember the offer is always open to catch up in person, whether there is a specific topic to discuss or just have a general chat, I'd be delighted to meet up.

E-mail from Maria Montinerio, Dear Community Councils, It is with regret that I have to advise the Dart Energy Appeals, subject of 2014 Public Inquiry, are being pursued by Ineos. As parties to the 2014 Public Inquiry under the Concerned Communities of Falkirk (CCoF) umbrella (attached CCoF Public Inquiry Statement) I write to advise you that it is CCoF's intention to submit legal representation to the DPEA by the 20th March deadline - see below e-mail trail & attached Chief Planner's reply to DLA Piper). CCoF hope to be able to make representation (at least for the 20th March deadline) without having to raise further funding, if this is not possible will be back in touch. Regretably Larbert, Stenhousemuir & Torwood Community Council are no longer active which means communities potentially impacted by the proposed coal bed methane developments no longer have community council representation. Will keep you updated.

Email from Local Energy Scotland who recently reported that [over £20m has gone to communities across Scotland](#) in the last 12 months from Community Benefits from renewable energy projects. They'd like to use this opportunity to remind us of the free and impartial support available from Local Energy Scotland to help with planning for, managing and evaluating community benefits.

- We have launched a new, free **Community Benefits Toolkit**, developed in partnership with Foundation Scotland. This step-by-step guide is full of practical information, case studies and examples and is available on the [Local Energy Scotland website](#).
- Foundation Scotland will be leading a **free webinar** on the **12th March at 1pm** to give an overview of how to use the new Community Benefits Toolkit and will present case studies and examples from across Scotland. Sign up here: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/915256972911081740>

- An **enablement grant** to help community groups identify the needs and aspirations of their community, or to support the securing and setting up of community funds
- **Frameworks of Contractors** to help community groups select legal, financial, project management and community engagement services quickly and with confidence.
- **Case studies** to show how communities have benefited
- A **Community Benefit Register** that details community benefits provision across Scotland – don't forget to add your communities details if you are already in receipt of community benefits.

Find all of this information and more by visiting <https://www.localenergy.scot/community-benefits/>

Falkirk Council Notifications

5 Notifications for applications to hold a procession on the 19th June 2020 in Boness for Boness Fair Day

Notification of the revoking of a parking space at 24b Kinneil Road.

Madelene Hunt (Chair)

McLaren Trophy - Madelene will arrange invitations for the McLaren Trophy Award. We are waiting on an agreed date from the family. Will probably be a Thursday evening.

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 10th June at 7pm.

APPENDIX 1

Name of
Community
Council

Monthly ward report:	Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting:	11/02/2020
Author of report:	PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by:	PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period:	01/02/2020 – 29/02/2020

FORWARD

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.

WARD
PRIORITIES

There has been a total of 43 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 28 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

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

There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, which was an attempted Robbery. There have been 4 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area. There have been 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

Over the previous month there has been 4 offences relating to failing to Stop/Report a Road Traffic Collision.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 1 Housebreaking offence, relating to a commercial premises. There has been 4 minor Thefts.

There has been 1 Attempted theft of a Motor Vehicle, and 2 offences of Theft from a Motor vehicle, these occurred on the same evening and appear to be related.

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: 01/02/20 – 29/02/20

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
152	EAST -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL -Falkirk North and South
	56	46	50

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 01/02/19 – 29/02/20

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	19
Litter & Fly Tipping	37
Youth related disorder	0
Other	0

Current EE activities in the area

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

Contact Us

Phone	01324 506070	
Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	Also on line at- My Falkirk
Online	Falkirk Council Website	www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today