



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **Minutes of the meeting held on 11th November 2020** **Conducted via Digital Media**

### **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the meeting.

### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Joan Boyd, Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths, Valerie Spowart, Wendy Turner, Chloe Whyte, Brian Laird, Lennox Ainslie.

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Ian Don (Treasurer), Gaele MacFarlane and Austin Reid

### **4. In attendance** Councillor David Aitchison, SNP MSP Candidate Michelle Thomson

### **5. Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020 Meeting**

Minutes read and proposed by Chloe Whyte and seconded by Siobhan Samson

### **6. Matters Arising**

Madelene Hunt had met with Sustrans and Angus Duncan FC to discuss having the Victoria Sawmill lintel moved from the Bakkavor site to the Funeral Parlour or Anderson's for storage until it can be placed permanently on the John Muir Way path.

Joan Boyd reported that there had been no reply from David East of Ineos. Siobhan Samson asked why there had been only two days' notice of the flaring in w/o 9<sup>th</sup> November. This level of notice is not acceptable.

An email response from David Alexander had been sent to Madelene Hunt. The email did not reply any of the questions asked. Madelene Hunt recommends that no further action be taken.

### **7. Consultation on Falkirk Local Development Plan 2 (LDP2) – Supplementary Guidance**

Joan Boyd suggested that a group should be put together to respond to the Supplementary Guidance. There is a lot to read and therefore this would mean everyone would not need to read everything. Joan Boyd and Madelene Hunt will send out what they wish the Committee members to read. Discussion followed about Affordable Housing and Social Housing. The definition of what is meant by this should be clearer and Chloe Whyte asked about accessibility in these types of housing.

## **8. Reports**

Lennox Ainslie reported that the Taxi Licence Forum will be meeting to 19<sup>th</sup> November and will be discussing Private Hire Licences and whether they need to be tested on the “knowledge”. This aspect has led to a decline in the number of licences being issued.

Val Spowart reported on the Toy Bank and Food Parcels Appeal which is a collaboration between Bo’ness Churches. She explained there is a Self-Application process that can be filled in online or by visiting the Salvation Army building. Robyn Adamson suggested sharing this via social media and on the BCC website.

Robyn Adamson reported that school parking is being looked at by the Cluster Group.

Councillor David Aitchison reported that the Bo’ness Recreation Centre has re-opened. Slots for using the swimming pool can be booked. He also reported that the Falkirk Council Conservative Group has changed its membership and Councillor Munro is back on the Executive. He was asked whether the £29m is a cut or savings by Falkirk Council. He reported he could not comment as he didn’t have the details.

Madelene Hunt spoke about the parking at the new Scotmid and the conflict between car parking and bus stops. Councillor Aitchison said he would ask about this.

Owen Griffiths reported that Sanctus Media had recorded the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial. Madelene Hunt asked if it could be put back onto the website.

Chloe Whyte suggested a campaign to send Christmas Cards to the lonely and vulnerable members of the community. Discussion followed about how this might be actioned. Madelene Hunt suggested that Chloe, Val and Robyn might meet to discuss further. Ideas to Chloe. Owen suggested using social media to promote this.

## **9. Correspondence**

Joan Boyd reported on correspondence received:

An email asking about improvements to the Cycle Path Network between local towns. Joan replied suggesting contact with Sustrans and Paths for All and the fact that we are looking at hire bikes.

Brian Pirie had been in touch about the Remembrance Service arrangements.

A Principal Teacher at the Bo’ness Academy had been in touch asking about a Business Directory for arranging student placements. Joan replied with suggestions and Siobhan Sansom suggested helping the Foodbank.

## **10. A.O.C.B.**

Website blogs are needed. Please send to Robyn.

Madelene Hunt has enquired about being allowed to meet in the large meeting room at the Library. The room is big enough to allow for social distancing.

Michelle Thomson reported that she is meeting with many Bo'ness groups and welcomed the opportunity to attend the Community Council meeting. She has heard about BCC's concern about the lack of representation of Bo'ness Councillors at Council Meetings.

Braefoot Road Path – Joan Boyd reported that this path is now open to the public. It was opened on 31<sup>st</sup> October by the Council. She reported that she has received an email from the “landowner” and she has replied stated that as BCC has reached an impasse, she will not be corresponding any further. She re-iterated the correspondence that has passed between the two parties over the past months.

Madelene Hunt asked that everyone keep in contact with each other. This support will be much appreciated.

Lennox Ainslie gave thanks to the Chair.

The date of our next meeting is 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020.

**POLICE REPORT**

Name of  
Community  
Council:

<b>Monthly ward report:</b>	Bo'ness Community Council
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	11/11/20
<b>Author of report:</b>	PC Graeme McDougall
<b>Report presented by:</b>	N/A
<b>Reporting period:</b>	01/10/2020 – 31/10/2020

Foreword:

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.

**There has been a total of 28 crime reports raised by Police this month.**

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

There have been 11 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

4 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 Assaults or Robberies reported. Which was a robbery, this was minor in nature and the victim and suspect knew each other. There have been 3 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, 1 Drug Search warrant was enforced within the Bo'ness area. 3 offences of possession of a controlled substance were detected.

- **Road Safety**

Over the previous month, There was one offence of Dangerous Driving, 1 offence of Careless driving, 2 offences of driving without insurance and 1 offence for driving without an MOT.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There have been no Housebreaking offences reported and 3 minor Thefts.

There was 1 Theft of a Motor vehicle.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

### **Community Engagement and Reassurance**



Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round.

The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website; [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)