



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY  
SEPTEMBER 12<sup>th</sup> 2018 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

## **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

## **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Owen Griffiths (Vice-Chair) Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ian Don (Treasurer), Val Spowart, Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Gail Nash, Robyn Adamson, Siobhan Samson.

## **3. In Attendance**

Councillor Lynn Munro.

## **4. Apologies for Absence**

Alan Gilbert, Councillor David Aitchison

## **5. Police Report - Community Inspector (CI), Stephen McLaughlan – See Appendix 1**

Query over a previous seen and be seen campaign to ask if this is something that would be revisited due to the number of drivers driving at dusk with no lights on.

A question was raised regarding the new card for drivers for non-visible disabilities. There was no knowledge of this or confirmation of this being delivered by Police Scotland. Further research by BCC confirmed this card has been created through a joint partnership initiative between Forth Valley Sensory Centre, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service, Scottish Ambulance Service NHS Forth Valley and Clackmannanshire, Falkirk and Stirling Councils. Awareness cards are now available for free at a number of public sector premises and enable people to put their name and detail any extra support they may require.

Cards are available at all Police and Fire Stations across Forth valley, Forth valley Royal Hospital, Forth Valley Sensory Centre and Stirling/Falkirk/Clackmannanshire Council Headquarters.

Query was raised around recent firearms training which took place in Bo'ness Police Station and whether there is any procedure around notifying communities that this type of training would be taking place. This will be raised by CI McLaughlan with the fire arms team.

## **6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM - See Appendix 2**

## **7. Minutes of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> August were approved.**

## **8. Matters Arising**

Our planning meeting has been scheduled for Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> October at 7.00pm. The Secretary will distribute documentation detailing community feedback of desired areas BCC might be involved with, based on the CRT Coalfields Consultation, the information from Falkirk Councils PLACE Standard Consultation, and the Locality Planning Consultation documents.

A meeting is scheduled on 20<sup>th</sup> September regarding the recent spreading of Human Excrement Sludge and the impact this had on the Town. Representatives from Scottish Water, SEPA and Falkirk Council Environmental Health Officers will be in attendance along with members of BCC.

The Marcus Strachan temporary Commemorative Cairn has been removed and will soon be replaced with a polished Glenaby stone in which the Commemorative Plaque will be set. The plaque has been transported to Aberdeen following its removal to be matched with the most suitable stone.

Our secretary wrote to Mandy Brown at Falkirk Council Litter Team regarding the bins for the John Muir Way. Mandy has just returned from annual leave so a further follow up will be sent week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> September.

The Chair acknowledged, with regret, the resignation of Julie Kelty.

## 9. REPORTS

**Ian Don** – Current balance stands at £3517.53, of which £1442.53 is the BCC balance and £2074.80 which is funding being held for the second phase of the Marcus Strachan Project.

**Councillor Lynn Munro** – Councillor Munro undertook a walkabout with Gary Young from Neighbourhood Watch and was approached by tourists who questioned if there were any tea rooms in the town. This has raised concern over Wednesday afternoon closures of businesses in the town and how this impacts on Tourism.

Councillor Munro has been trying to deal with a Japanese Knotweed issue at the road in between Bakkavor and Carriden Church. Councillor Munro is unable to confirm who the land is owned by to address the issue further. It was also raised that this is a prevalent issue at Boundary Street near the Railway and Baptist Church. Concern was raised over not only the destruction to the roads but also the toxicity of the plant if it is handled by members of the public.

**Gail Nash** – The next Schools Cluster Meeting takes place on 25<sup>th</sup> September. Road safety continues to be an issue for all schools. The Cluster group continues to work closely with the community police officers and schools to combat this issue. Deanburn Primary is being piloted as a dementia friendly school.

Falkirk Community Trust submitted an application for the Hidden Heritage Trail that was designed by Bo'ness School Children. Unfortunately, this was not received in time but more funding applications will be submitted.

Gail confirmed that funding has been granted to build an accessible changing area in Bo'ness Recreation Centre.

**Val Spowart** – Two new Christian groups have formed in the town. The Church at the Barony who meet at the Barony Theatre every Sunday from 5pm – 6pm and the Filling Station group who meet in the Matty Steele Café on the first Thursday of every month at 7pm.

Churches Together are holding a quiz night on 28<sup>th</sup> September in St Marys Church, Cadzow Ave. £2 a ticket which includes supper.

It was also highlighted that St Catharine's will also be hosting a historical Wedding Dress Show on Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd September

**Alex King** – Foundations for the Buoy are underway ahead of its placement at the end of the month.

## **Stuart McAllister – Planning**

Application No. P/18/0449/FUL Earliest date of decision 31 August 2018  
Application Type Planning Permission  
Proposal Temporary Planning Permission for Refrigeration Units, Canteens and Portakabins  
Location Caledonian New Victoria Sawmills, Bridgeness Road, Bo'ness  
Applicant Caledonian Produce Ltd  
Case Officer David Paterson (01324 504757)

Application No. P/18/0465/FUL Earliest date of decision 14 September 2018  
Application Type Planning Permission  
Proposal Erection of 4 Dwellinghouses with integrated garages  
Location Land to the West of 3 Elam Terrace, Deanfield Road, Bo'ness  
Applicant Crossgate Homes Ltd  
Case Officer David Paterson (01324 504757)

Proposal of Application Notice PAN was received for site M02, Drum Farm South, Bo'ness in 2019. Bo'ness Community Council will be formally invited to take part in the consultation process prior to submission of the developer submitting his planning application to the Council.

Siobhan raised concern over the Stewart Milne site signage for HGVs from the east into town. Suggestion to add signage on or ahead of the roundabout at the entrance to the Drum Estate to stop further issues with deliveries attempting to gain access to the site via the Drum.

## **Joan Boyd – Correspondence**

**E-mail** from Catherine Hunter stating she has recently become the local democracy reporter for the Falkirk Herald and wanted to introduce herself to the community council.

Part of her role is to cover community issues the council are involved with or have been informed about. Madelene and I have her contact details.

**E-mail** from Brian Pirie regarding the Production Far, Far from Ypres, to celebrate the centenary of the first Armistice on 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018. I will circulate this.

**E-mail** from Maria Montinaro updating us on where we are as a group of Community Councils regarding pushing for the Equal Right of Appeal for communities within in the Scottish Planning Bill which is in the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

**E-mail** from Maria Montinaro regarding the Government's response to the Falkirk community Council submission to the Scottish government not to renew the PDL 162 Licence.

**E-mail** from the Forth Estuary Forum regarding their Annual Conference.

**E-mail** from Brian Pirie for information regarding the Scottish Community Councils Twitter evening on 18<sup>th</sup> Sept from 8.00p to 9.00pm. Madelene forwarded this to Robyn. However it is linked into a document that Brian sent out a few weeks ago about Democracy Matters.

## **Falkirk Roads**

Notification from Falkirk Council regarding temporary closure of roads in Bo'ness from 8.00am to 8pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2018:

A904 North Street from 119 to its junction with Seaview Place

A904 Seaview Place

Hope Street

Market Street

Hamilton Lane

**Madelene Hunt (Chair):** The rescheduled Meeting with Miller homes will now take place with Miller Homes on 24<sup>th</sup> September.

**A.O.C.B.**

Lennox Ainslie highlighted the NHS Public Patients forum, inviting people to attend the bi-monthly meetings. Also looking for members for the Bo'ness Community Safety Group.

There being no further business, the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair

**Date of next meeting – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7:00pm**

Name of  
Community  
Council:

<b>Monthly ward report:</b>	Bo'ness Community Council
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	12/09/2018
<b>Author of report:</b>	PC Greg Cruickshanks
<b>Report presented by:</b>	PI Stephen McLaughlin
<b>Reporting period:</b>	01/08/2018 – 31/08/2018

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.

Ward Priorities :

**There has been a total of 37 crime reports raised by Police this month.**

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

There have been 18 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

Four of which were Vandalisms and one Culpable and Reckless Conduct. There was no pattern or repeat location.

There was one crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, this was a Serious Assault.

There have been four minor Assaults and five Disorder/Breach of the Peace type offences.

There has been three Wilful Fireraising offences and one offence relating to the Possession of a Knife.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area.

There has been 2 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There has been one Drink Driving offence detected.

Two Careless Driving/Fail to Report road accidents

## **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)

**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM (FALKIRK COUNCIL)**

Boness Community Council Meeting  
 Wednesday 12 September 2018  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

**ASB Reports** Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

**Period: 01/08/18 – 31/08/18**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
<b>83</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South
	<b>36</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>26</b>

**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 01/08/18 – 31/08/18**

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	14
Litter & Fly Tipping	11
Youth related disorder	9
Other	2

**Current CST activities in the area**

The Community Safety Team continue to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community.

We currently have no reports for your area.

**Contact Us**

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<b>Email</b>	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
<b>Online</b>	Falkirk Council Website	<a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today">www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today</a>