



(DRAFT NOTES)  
**BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**NOTES OF MEETING HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017  
 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

**Welcome:** Madelene extended a warm welcome to everyone present

**Present:** Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Robyn Adamson, Siobhan Samson, Alex King and Stuart McAllister

**Apologies:** Owen Griffiths, David Findlay, Ian Don and Ashley Sneddon

**Minutes of previous meeting:** **Proposed** Lennox Ainslie, **Seconded** Alex King

**Matters Arising:** Following our recent letter, it has been confirmed that Boness Harbour is owned by Falkirk Council (FC). With regard to the clearance of the debris, D Thallon, Environment Coordinator, confirmed on 13 November that a site inspection will take place to ascertain the scale of the problem, however, it seems likely that FC will need to engage specialist contractors to remove debris rather than rely on the litter team. Once an understanding of the potential costs of removing the debris is understood, FC can then advise whether the resources are available from their existing limited maintenance budget to pay for the necessary works. JB will write asking for an update.

**REPORTS**

**Police:** No one in attendance and no email received

**Falkirk Council Community Safety Team**

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

**Period:** 01/11/17 – 30/11/17

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South
<b>98</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>39</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 01/11/17 – 30/11/17**

<b>ASB Concern</b>	<b>No of reports</b>
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	18
Litter	5
Fly Tipping	10
Youth related disorder	4
Other	2

**Current CST activities in the area**

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

Philpingstone Road - Dog Fouling. We continue to monitor and work with the residents as the fouling is in the communal garden area.

Anyone found allowing his or her dog to fouling will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

Crawfield Road - Off Road Vehicles. We will continue to monitor and work alongside the Police.

**Contact Us**

<b>Phone</b>	0808 100 3161	FREEPHONE 24/7
<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>

**Madelene Hunt**

Madelene, Joan and several other Community Councillors attended the Marcus Strachan V.C. commemoration event near the War Memorial and the reception for invited guests in Bo'ness Town Hall after the event. It was agreed and acknowledged that Sanctus Media had done a fantastic job of live streaming the event. The live stream is available on our website [www.bonesscc.org.uk](http://www.bonesscc.org.uk)

**Robyn Adamson**

I've been very busy recently fundraising with the Guides on the Santa Trains. We attended the Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph and Marcus Strachan V.C. commemoration event. The communication team has successfully setup our Twitter account. There is also an automated feed system to public notices/updates relevant to Bo'ness now on the Website.

Robyn attended a meeting of a forum to improve Calder Park by installing new play equipment for various age groups and hopefully that will encourage greater use by both children and adults. There were not many members of the public in attendance. Who will be responsible for health and safety and the upkeep of the park?

**Siobhan Samson**

Madelene, Joan and Siobhan attended an enquiry with INEOS Consultation on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November. Our intention that we wish to be present at both the Pre-Enquiry and Hearing sessions have been noted. The venue for the event is still to be confirmed. No details have been mentioned of a recent accident when bollards were knocked down at the Inveravon Roundabout/A904

Grangemouth Road. A letter will be submitted to Falkirk Council to discover ownership of said bollards.

### **Alex King**

Alex attended the AGM of the Forth Estuary Forum on 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Queensferry Hotel, North Queensferry. Two presentations on the agenda included, Anadromous fish and fisheries in the Forth - diversity and connectivity (Alison Baker, Forth Fisheries Trust), and, Assessing the condition of the Forth and Tay (Scottish Marine Plan 2019 National) Christopher Cutts, Forth Estuary Forum. For further information please see [www.forthestuaryforum.co.uk](http://www.forthestuaryforum.co.uk)

### **Stuart McAllister**

#### **Planning Applications**

Application No: P/17/0679/FUL Earliest date of decision 15 December 2017  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Change of Use of Open Space to Class 5 Industrial Use  
Location: Land to the East of 13 Crawfield Lane, Crawfield Lane Bo'ness  
Applicant: Fisher Estates (Scotland) Ltd

### **Joan Boyd:**

Joan mentioned that any responses on the budget were required by the 15<sup>th</sup> December, but as the comments we made last year still apply, it is the view of the budget team that no further response is required this year.

At the budget participation meeting with FC at the end of October, we did again raise the matter of us not receiving any response to our request for information related to some of our concerns which could further inform our decision making. We still need to pursue this.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

**E-mail-** Clare Grant, Boness Journal asked for information and a response by Thursday morning, related to an article they are running this week highlighting the BCC elections.

**E-mail** from Brian Pirie regarding nominees being able to attend the Count for the BCC elections.

**E-mail** regarding the Police Scotland Scotland Estates Review Consultation which has been passed to all BCC members for response/participation. This relates to the proposed disposal of Boness Police Station which is being considered with this review.

**E-mail** highlighting potential funding opportunities from the Coalfield re-generation Trust. This funding is for the Coalfields Enterprise Support Programme which helps entrepreneurial organisations overcome barriers to development, employment and improving Health & Wellbeing. Up to £10,000 is available. Contact: Gary Porter 01259 272127 or email [gary.porter@coalfields-regen.org.uk](mailto:gary.porter@coalfields-regen.org.uk) in the first instance to check for eligibility and to discuss your idea/proposal. Application Forms must be completed and submitted by 25<sup>th</sup> January 2018 and projects must commence by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

**E-mail:** Confirming that the signs stating Marcus Strachan, born here have been placed at both of the entries into the town.

**Ineos Appeal** – Copy of a letter from the Boness Road Action Group (BRAG) received. The letter states that the group represent 316 individuals. They also represent 3468 signatories on the Change.org petition and are happy to represent the views of any others who have submitted submissions but do not wish to formally participate.

**Inner Forth Landscape Initiative Newsletter received.** There were two dates related to the Bridgeness Volunteering Day. One earlier this month and the other on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018.-

**Falkirk Council Roads:**

Temporary road order for South Street from 7.12.17 – 15.12.17 to allow utility works to be undertaken. Likewise one for Hope Street from 12.12.17- 15.12.17 at the junction of South Street for the same purpose.

**AOCB**

Joan raised the issue of the changes to the Data Protection Act which are coming into effect in April 2018. We will have to look how/if these may affect Website Polling and the BCC contacts list which we use for e-mailing out to the community groups. As she understands there is a requirement to ensure individuals and groups are offered the opportunity of opt in and opt out of e-mailing. We can discuss this further next year.

**The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the chair proposed by Alex King.**