 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of Meeting 10th January 2024**

**St. Catharine’s Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Madelene welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Lennox Ainslie (arrived later), Brian Laird, Gordon Clark, Val Spowart, Stuart McAllister, John Ogden, Wendy Turner

**In attendance**:

Councillor David Aitchison,

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Matteo Petruzzo, Councillor Stacey Devine, Councillor Ann Richie, Billy Horn

1. **Complaint Received**

It was agreed that Wendy should write to all BCC members to ask for comments on whether the complaint about John Ogden should be upheld or not. MH reported that the complaint against Lynn Munro should be dealt with separately/ Wendy will write to Councillor Devine and BCC members to explain what is happening.

Madelene reported that a complaint had been received. Brian Pirie recommended that it not be discussed at the meeting. Madelene asked Wendy Turner to take forward an investigation of the complaint with a report to be given in the New Year. This matter needs to be discussed and resolved by BCC rather than by Brian Pirie.

1. **Minutes of the 13th December 2023 meeting**

Minutes were accepted.

1. **Matters Arising**

**Recreation Centre –** two representatives of the “Save the Rec” campaign attended the meeting to present their thoughts on the proposed closure and attendance at the Falkirk Council meeting where it will next be discussed. Jaine McLean asked about the campaign plans. They reported there will be no plan until after the meeting on 21st January, Madelene Hunt asked that they come back to another meeting and let the BCC know how they can support. However it is believed that if the report on the Recreation Centre confirm s that the boiler will fail, it is believed they will move to close the facility.

Madelene Hunt reported three applications have been received for membership of BCC.

1. **Police Report**

The Police Report was presented by PC Graeme McDougall. He reported there had been 48 reports related to 29 incidents. 7 were minor assaults, 2 road safety and 19 minor thefts. There was discussion of wheelie bin thefts and the new legislation around pavement parking, which will be enforced by the Council. Jamieson Avenue and Douglas Park are two bad spots. The Recreation Centre group asked he Police for an Impact Statement on about its potential closure.

1. **Treasurer’s Report**

Brian Dempster reported that the bank account will have to be re-applied for.It was agreed that Lloyds Bank account should be opened. The £1k grant from Walker Timber has been paid into the BCC Bank Account. Accounts can now be audited to the end of Marh 2024. The Public Toilets funding from Riverview Church will be paid into the BCC account.

**Action: Brain Dempster**

1. **Secretary’s Report**

Jaine reported that the refreshments at the Reindeer Event had raised £400 for Bloomin Bo’ness. She reported that Bloomin Bo’ness will provide planting for Craigview Housing which can be maintained by residents.

1. **Reports**

Gordon Clark **–** reported that Aileen Jackson is the new Chair of Friends of Kinneil. Geoff Bailey is supporting the Friends and HES on the positioning of the wooden figures. They need to be within the boundary of the Scheduled Monument.

John Ogden – nothing to report.

Lennox Ainslie – nothing to report.

Stuart McAllister – nothing to report.

Councillor Aitchison – nothing to report.

Val Spowart reported a good response to the Toy Drive. 64 families were helped with each child receiving 5 gifts.,40 people attended the Xmas Day Meal.

Wendy Turner – reported that there will be a community meeting with Beth Cowen of CVS.

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

1. **AOB**

No AOB

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 14th February 2024 at 7.30pm at St Catharine’s Church Hall**