 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 11th June 2025**

**St. Catharines Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Convenor Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Brian Laird, Stuart McAllister, William Ballantine, Gordon Clark, Billy Horn, Lennox Ainslie, John Ogden, Wendy Turner (Minute Secretary)

**In attendance**:

PC Graeme McDougall, PC Doyle

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Val Spowart, Lorna Weir, Councillor Aitchison

**3. Minutes of 14th May 2025**

The minutes were approved.

**4. Matters Arising**

* 1. Public Liability Insurance – Brian Dempsey has renewed the policy.
  2. Remembrance Day Wreaths – there was discussion of looking for an alternative to plastic poppies in the Remembrance Wreaths. It was agreed to look for alternatives either paper, knitted, crocheted or a local florist. Madelene suggested contacting the other organsations involved to see if they would be interested as well.
  3. Library Lift – the lift is not fit for purpose and is preventing the use of the upper room at the Library by the external stairs. John Ogden asked abput the contract and why this isn’t being pursued.
  4. Boness Town Cantre Masterplan - it was reported that c.100 people attended the event and there were many good ideas including a crossing from the Foreshore to the Town Centre, BBQ spaces and a fund for shop frontages. The report will be completed in July and will be presented to the Council in October. There is £500k actual spend available. The response on Facebook was disappointing/
  5. Snab Brae this work has over-run and it is still not clear what it has achieved.
  6. Falkirk Council staff attendance is available when we ask.

1. **Police Report**

Report received. PC McDougall reported that this has been a reasonably quiet month. Car thefts appear to be mostly associated with older Ford Transits. Stuart McAllister reported that speeding cars are an issue on Borrowstoun Road. Gordon Clark reported that Carriden Brae now has a 20 mph limit.

1. **Treasurers Report** (Brian Dempsey)

Total BCC Funds - £2,874.22. Audited accounts will be available for th next meeting.

A bid for £21k has been put into NLHF for an Outdoor Gym. A quote has been received from Scotplay of Glasgow. This quote includes an annual maintenance fee. If this is successful anther could be sought for Douglas Park.

1. **Secretary’s Report (**Jaine McLean)

Jaine McLean reported that an email had been received looking for information about Veterans of the American Civil War – Alexander McCallum lived in Furnace Row. It was suggested that Richard Hannah of the Bo’ness Town Trust might be able to help.

An email received from Lexi Levine about th new gates across the railway line which are flimsy and not accessible. SRPS need to be contacted.

SURF Awards are available for community regeneration projects.

The signage for the Bridgeness Slab needs to be renewed. Jaine McLean will phone Danny Thallon of Falkirk Council to ask for an update.

**Action: Jaine McLean to call Danny Thallon.**

1. **Reports**

**Gordon Clark** reported the Friends of Kinneil had a committee meeting that was attended by Adrian Mahoney and Wendy Turner. There was discussion of Kinneil Museum Historic Environment Scotland may be willing to take on the running of the Museum.

**Lorna Weir** report by Janie McLean – Bloomin Bo.ness are preparing for Fair Day.c.5k lants have been grown in the polytunnel by Walter Hackett. Borrowtoun Nursery have visited learn about flowers and vegetables and the Squirrel Scouts (4 to 6 year olds) are helping at the Cenotaph.

**John Ogden** is volunteering with Volunteer Matters offering services as a handyman to help older people. It was suggested the group might come to a BCC meeting to discuss their work.

**Action: John Ogden**

**Billy Horn –**

Fun Day on the Foreshore – 26th July

Campsite Visit – Billy & Wendy visited the potential site. There would be space fr 40 pitches at the correct distance from the pipeline. There are examples of Community Campsites across Scotland. A Business Proposal with the suggested s following headings – Business,, Heritage, John Muir Way, Biodiversity, Facilities should be started.

**Stuart McAllister** reported on planning applications:

Scottish Water Solar PV Array.

52 Grange Terrace – new build on old Bowling Club site

Newtown Football Ground – Toilet block and access ramps.

**William Ballantine** reported that the holiday will take place in July.

**Wendy Turner** asked about the padlocked gate by the Golf Club which is blocking a right of way. It is not clear who the landowner is.

1. **Correspondence –** see Secretary’s Report
2. **AOCB**

The Banking Hub is now open and has been well received.

John Ogden reported on the excavations at Torwood Broch and recommended a visit.

To save time prior to a meeting please check the minutes for accuracy and any changes to what has been recorded so we can quickly note these, adopt the minutes and move to matters arising.

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 11th June 2025 7.30pm at St Catharines Church Hall**