 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 12th February 2025**

**St. Catharines Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Convenor Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented on the weather. She reported that the Library lift is not functional and so meetings would continue at St Catharines; the rent for the room will be increased too.

She reported that former Bo’ness Community Councillor Walter Stanners had passed away and his funeral had been held that day.

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Laird, Stuart McAllister, William Ballantine, Gordon Clark, Wendy Turner (Minute Secretary)

**In attendance**:

Councillor David Aitchison (Falkirk Council), Councillor Stacey Devine (Falkirk Council)

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Billy Horn, Lorna Weir, Brian Dempsey, Val Spowart John Ogden, Lennox Ainslie, PC Graeme McDougall

1. **Minutes of 8th January 2025**

The minutes were approved

1. **Matters Arising**

Jaine McLean reported that the work to promote the Foodbanks via social media has taken place and will continue on a regular basis. There is now a food collection point in the Buzzness charity Shop.

Councillor Aitchison reported that the issue with the sanitary bins has been resolved and the company responsible for this has been contacted.

Councillor Devine reported that the person responsible for discussions about Noticeboards is Keir Steven and she is in contact with him.

1. **Police Report**

None received.

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

None received due to Treasurer being unable to attend the meeting.

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

Bloomin Bo’ness have entered the Keep Britain Beautiful competition. One of the volunteers is leading the liaison with the competition. There will be visits between 3rd week of July & 3rd week of August. This doesn’t include private front gardens but Jaine suggested that a prize might be offered by Bloomin Bo’ness to enhance our entry.

1. **Reports**

**Gordon Clark**

Goron reported that following the most recent Council meeting the date for decision about Kinneil Museum has been extended.

Hidden Heritage – Mike Ewart of Falkirk Council is sourcing materials and equipment for this project.

Work to create new car parking and general tidying up of car parks has been completed. The path to the House is to be re-done.

**John Ogden**

John reported fly-tipping in the Meadow at the end of Crawfield Road. This has been reported to the Council but not actioned.

He reported that Crawfield Road is being re-surfaced.

He reported that the Snab Brae traffic lights are causing major tail-backs. This work will take 18 weeks.

**Councillor Aitchison**

Councillor Aitchison reported that leaflets for HippFest Silent Movie Festival are being delivered. The launch took place at Rosebank Distillery. It wasn’t clear whether anyone from Bo’ness was invited. The dates are 9th to 23drd March.

**Councillor Devine**

Councillor Devine reported on the signage project. This will become looked at as part of the Town Centre & Foreshore Masterplan. A Project Lead will be appointed in March 2025. Councillors will be updated at the next Ful Council meeting and Councillor Devine will report to Bo’ness Community Council after this.

Action: Councillor Devine

Councillor Devine reported on the request to invite Paul Kettrick to a meeting. A formal request should be sent to Falkirk Council requesting a meeting.

Action: Jaine McLean

**Billy Horn (in absentia report by Jaine McLean)**

The Buzzness AGM will be on 6th March at 6pm at The Hope Street Café. All are invited.

**Wendy Turner**

Wendy Turner asked about Bo’ness Community Council writing to Falkirk Council in support of Kinneil Museum. She reported that at the Falkirk Council meeting Ian Shearer had spoken on behalf of the Kinneil Museum and that he Council agreed to put the museum into Phase 4 of the Strategic Property Review. This would enable time for further discussion on the future of the museum.

BCC agreed that a letter of support should be sent to Falkirk Council.

Action: Jaine McLean / Wendy Turner

**Stuart McAllister**

Stuart showed the Cala Homes Planning application for Crawfield Road. The planning application includes a retail unit. Objections can be lodged by the end of the month.

1. **Correspondence**

None received.

1. **AOCB**

None

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 12th March 2025 7.30pm at St Catharines Church Hall**