



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th April 2018 IN THE LARGE UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

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Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Convenor), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Ashley Sneddon (Minute Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths, Linda Stuart, Alex King, Gail Nash, Julie Kelty and Wendy Turner

3. In Attendance

Councillor Ann Ritchie, Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Lynn Munro, Mark Cummings (Miller Homes), Kirsty O'Brien (Miller Homes), Arthur Mann (Miller Homes)

4. Apologies for Absence

Alan Gilbert, Ian Don (Treasurer)

Members of Public in Attendance

M.G Brown, Harry Jackson, Donna Gillooly, Rosie Walker and others

Miller Homes Development Update

Miller Homes has submitted a plan proposing to build on land at Northbank Farm, adjacent to Kinglass Fields which BCC note is not identified within the current development plan.

Arthur Mann, Strategic Land Developer of Miller Homes explained they are building on sites identified in the last 2 development plans. Northbank will hold 450 houses, with a first phase of 200. Up to 25% of the onsite housing could be affordable housing. 66% of buyers at the Miller Homes current developments in Bo'ness come from this area.

Miller Homes propose to submit a planning application in the second half of this year and hopes to commence work at the start of 2019. If this plan were to be accepted, the first phase of 200 houses proposed should create 100 new pupils for Bo'ness schools, which are under-subscribed. 47% of the house buyers are looking to upsize. This plan could create 50 affordable houses onsite.

The Community Council and members of the public have concerns about cars driving too fast on Borrowstoun Road, which may lead to accidents. An option would be to realign the road to improve traffic safety.

Siobhan: This has cut through the green belt. Borrowstoun Road has been gradually widened and it hasn't helped traffic flow.

480 affordable houses over 18 years would go all the way to the Drum. Siobhan also asked Mr. Mann to confirm that any affordable housing would be affordable housing 'for rent'.

Arthur Mann: The decision about the level of onsite affordable housing results from discussions with Falkirk Council and\or whichever housing association operates in that area. He agreed that affordable housing for rent would be discussed.

Alex King: People are ignoring the one way in the narrowed part of the road in front of Kinglass Cottage.

Arthur Mann: This measure was meant to reduce speed. Any traffic safety matters should be reported to police. Traffic as a wider issue should be referred to the Council. We should perhaps be talking to the Council now about wider traffic issues.

Linda Stuart: Any plans in place to train local people?

Arthur Mann: We already have an active apprenticeship program in place.

Mr. H. Jackson: Cars are getting stuck at the narrowed road, and people are turning right out of the scheme too fast. The sign is too high, it needs to be lowered. Also the cleanliness of the road is really bad.

Arthur Mann: We have just started on that road frontage, so muck may be going onto the road from that.

Donna Gillooly: There is ongoing loudness, especially at 7:30AM on a Sunday. The large vehicles continue using Gauze Road, drive past schools, etc.

Arthur Mann: We will endeavour to make the signs bigger, and restrictions should be placed on subcontractors when they are booked.

There was also concerns raised about the environmental factors of the dust kicked up in the summer. Mr. Mann was concerned that this had not been better actioned and will investigate.

5. Police Report

The purpose of this report is to provide the local community and local stakeholders with information on policing issues affecting the Bo'ness & Blackness ward area. See Appendix 1

There has been a large spate of break-ins in transit vans, particularly Ford. The police requested members of the public to be vigilant of this, particularly if they own a van of this type.

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

Donna Gillooly: The Erngarth to Marchlands parking is bad, it makes the road too enclosed, but there are no yellow lines.

Police: Council would have to put down yellow lines, we can only do something if they park in a bus stop.

Stuart McAllister: As well as an upsurge in transit thefts, a silver car has been reported as being driven dangerously around Bo'ness. How often do patrols take place in Bo'ness?

Police: You are correct about the transit vans, there are no simple answers, as coded keys are so readily available. We do not have enough resources to patrol anymore, the 'patrol' comes from Banknock, all the way across, as well as an increased size of patrol, we have less officers on shift.

Alex King: What about dog fouling?

Police: The Community Safety Team deal with this.

Linda Stuart: What's the news on the cannabis festival?

Police: We are looking into it.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

See Appendix 2

7. Minutes of Wednesday 11th of April 2018

Pg 4. The funding was for summer event last year.

Pg.4 SEPA in hub a few days every week.

8. Matters Arising

Pg 3. Linda reported the Potholes which were fixed in 2 weeks.

Pg 4. App. for buoy has been approved.

Pg 4. Some email contact, more info needed for a more robust discussion.

9. REPORTS

Len Ainslie. - attended silent film gala night and closing night, which the Bo'ness Fair Queen also attended. Big thanks to the Fair Queen, the Provost, for attending the McLaren Trophy. Kirking of Fair Queen will be on Friday instead of Sunday.

Robyn Adamson – Owen and Robyn met this month and created a draft Social Media policy for BCC. These include guidelines for social media and online media in general, representing ourselves as Community Councillors, increasing traffic to the website, increasing the profile of BCC, by using projects and showcasing the work of the BCC. There will be searchable terms on minutes, listing projects, polling, etc. The website is GDPR compliant.

Gail raised the question of how BCC supports other groups, **Madelene** said that as we are a new CC, there are things in the pipeline, and polling on the website will help with this.

Wendy Turner – The Barony will have a pop-up shop in Grangemouth town centre. Talking to the Coalfields Regeneration Trust re funding. New carpet being laid in the theatre.

Linda Stuart – Linda suggested a different approach could be taken to reports. The Office Bearers will consider this prior to the next meeting.

Councillor David Aitchison – The Prentice Westwood Service of X19 to Edinburgh is being withdrawn from May. Community Bus still running.

Gail Nash – Cluster group met last night, concentrating on Road Safety Month. Gail requested that a member of the BCC come and give a short talk. Looking to do a litter pick, linked with Marine Conservation Society and work with NSPCC on bullying awareness.

Stuart McAllister: Asked about the dead birds, seal, etc. along the shoreline.

Ann Ritchie: contact environmental health or DEFRA.

Alex King – Noise of the flares from the BP have been bad this week.

Stuart McAllister –

Application No: P/0161/FUL

Earliest date of decision 17 April 2018

Application Type: Planning Permission

Proposal: Change of use from Class 5 to Used
Car Sales

Location: Fisher Coach Builders, Bo'mains
Industrial Estate, Crawford Lane
Bo'ness EH51 0QG

Joan Boyd - Correspondence

Scottish Water regional newsletter which includes notice about a consultation on their future plans. If you wish to take part then go to their website www.yourwater.scot for more information. Joan will look at the next six monthly newsletter and we can decide if we wish to unsubscribe.

Falkirk Council Roads – notification of the provision of a disabled parking space at Deanfield Road, Bo'ness.

10. A.O.C.B.

There were some general comments around what the community council wishes to achieve, future plans etc. Joan advised the members that Alan Gilbert had an AOCB for our next meeting to discuss some of these aspects.

POLICE REPORT

Appendix 1

Name of Community Council:	Monthly ward report: Bo'ness Community Council
	Date of meeting: 11/04/18
	Author of report: PC Graeme McDougall

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.

There has been a total of 51 crimes reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 25 crimes of ASB over the previous month 11 of which were vandalisms. There have been no repeat locations or patterns in relation to these. There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. This was a serious Assault and enquiries are ongoing. There have been 5 minor assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, there was 2 Drug Search warrant enforced within the Bo'ness area, this resulted in 1 report to the procurator fiscal. 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances were detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There has been 1 hour of Handheld Radar carried out over the previous month. There has been 1 drink driving offence detected and 3 offences in relation to fail to report road accidents this month.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There have been 2 residential housebreaking offences reported with enquiries ongoing. There have been 4 minor thefts. There have been 3 Motor vehicle thefts and 1 Theft from a motor vehicle.

It is of note that 2 of motor vehicle thefts have been of Ford Transit vans it appears these are linked and enquiries are ongoing to identify suspects. This is part of a wider crime series across the Forth Valley area.

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

Appendix 2

Bo'ness Community Council Meeting'
Wednesday 11 April 2018
COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

ASB Reports Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.
Period: 01/03/18 – 31/03/18

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area		Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
97		EAST -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST -Denny, Dunnipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	CENTRAL -Falkirk North and South
		36	29	32

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 01/03/18 – 31/03/18

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	24
Litter & Fly Tipping	8
Youth related disorder	2
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.

We are currently monitoring the Foreshore area of Bo'ness following reports of dog fouling. Patrols and monitoring continue within communal garden areas at Philpingstone Road following reports of dog fouling.

We are also patrolling the area of Starks Brae following reports that dog walkers are bagging waste but then throwing it away without using a bin.

Anyone witnessed allowing their dog to foul and fail to pick it up will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003. This includes inappropriate disposal.

Contact Us

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