



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 12 August 2020
Conducted via Digital Media**

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room.

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Siobhan Samson, Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths, Valerie Spowart, Wendy Turner, Councillor David Aitchison.

3. Apologies for Absence

Ian Don (Treasurer), Councillor Ann Ritchie and Councillor Lynn Munro

4. In attendance Applicants wishing to join the Community Council; Gaelle MacFarlane, Adrian Mahoney, Brian Laird, Chloe Whyte and Austin Reid.

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

Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**
- **Road Safety**
- **Dishonesty Crimes**

Minutes of the 8th July 2020 Meeting

Minutes read and accepted by Robyn Adamson and Owen Griffiths.

5. Matters Arising

Page 2 The Bandstand. The work is out and priced for costs to make the Bandstand safe. A Bat survey has been undertaken and there are none in the roof. There is a suggested cost of £25,000. Personally, Madelene would like to see a costing for the whole work required rather than just for a temporary fixing as is being suggested at present. She is sure that we could get help with fundraising if we knew the total cost. Joan feels that Ballantynes, the local Iron Works, should be offered the opportunity to quote as they have the capability and she believes they are on the Falkirk procurement list. They may even have a mould that could be utilized. Madelene explained that Art Berg of Falkirk Council is dealing with the Procurement Framework. There was a comment about a meeting invite Ann Ritchie sent out and Gary Smith. Councillor Aitchison will speak to Gary and get them on board with including Ballantynes.

Madelene stated to the members that there was quite a lot to be achieved this year and that members will have to step up. The Bandstand is only one project that we wish to move forward with and we need to raise with the Council that we wish to crowd fund to achieve the completion of the Bandstand.

Wendy mentioned that she would like to join the project team as she has experience of funding for such projects and would be happy to help.

6. Community Council Recruitment – Each Applicant was given the opportunity to state why they wished to become a member and what they hoped to achieve by so doing.

7. A.O.C.B.

Siobhan Samson - During the recent flooding both roads were closed off. The Inveralmond roundabout was out of action and nobody could head west. We need to write formally putting our concerns on record regarding the impact of the Ineos Road Closure on our communities. This would be a joint letter from Grangemouth Community Council and us. **Action** - Siobhan offered to draft a letter.

Siobhan asked if we had received a response from Ineos regarding the Emergency warning system utilized when a major incident occurs. In particular the recent lightning storm created concern that the plant might be hit.

Siobhan explained that we are only 3 miles downwind of the inclusion Zone and that there was no good reason that only Grangemouth was leafleted. We discussed the testing of the warning siren and whether anyone remembered hearing it in Bo'ness in June. Siobhan explained that the Siren cannot be heard in Bo'ness and that the response was not good enough. Austin asked about the scientific protocol for the inclusion Zone.

Joan wrote to Ineos who advised that the booklet to which we referred was issued by COMAH and suggested we contact Falkirk Council. Bernard Whittle was contacted who advised that Boness is not within the inclusion Zone and that COMAH would have included the Town within the Zone if they had any concerns about the Ethane Tank. On looking at the COMAH website, there are two different leaflets, one for businesses and one for communities. Joan was unable to find a copy of the Grangemouth defined inclusion ZONE on the COMAH website.

Madelene Hunt – A phone call had been received about the Bowling Club in Grange Terrace. Youths are breaking in through the back of Grahamsdyke Lane and causing nuisance. There should be a key holder for the alarm.

Joan Boyd – There have been complaints that the Core Path at Braefoot is still closed off when other paths in the Falkirk Area are now being opened. Some Neighbours are still unable to access the back of their premises for hedge cutting and fence maintenance. Falkirk Council assured us that the path would be opened at the end of July. Joan has been in contact with Falkirk Council to ascertain why this is the case and is awaiting a reply.

There being no other business the meeting closed.

Date of next meeting is 9th September 2020.

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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 20 crime reports raised by Police this month.

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

There have been 10 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

3 of which were Vandalisms, the others relating to disorder offences. There are no patterns or repeat locations

There were no crimes of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. There have been 4 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area. There have been 2 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

Over the previous month, were no Road Traffic offences detected.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There have been no Housebreaking offences. There has been 3 minor Thefts.

There have been no Thefts of a Motor vehicles.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

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