 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 14th August 2024**

**St. Catharines Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Convenor Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that she wasn’t receiving copies of correspondence that had been sent recently via email and the Police Reports. Please could this matter be addressed.

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, John Ogden, Lennox Ainslie, William Ballantine, Billy Horn, Gordon Clark, Stuart McAllister

**In attendance**:

Councilor David Aitchison (Falkirk Council) PC Graeme McDougall (Police Scotland), Tomas Workman Lead Pastor (Riverview Church).

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Brian Laird (Vice-Convenor), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Lorna Weir.

1. **Minutes of 10th July 2024**

Minutes were approved as read.

1. **Matters Arising**

Banking Hub will contact us for information details of a meeting. Email contacts only.

No Treasurer’s report

No Secretary’s report.

Apparently, an email has been sent out looking to raise funding for the Community Toilets, however Billy Horn commented that he did not know about this matter.

The Convenor asked Billy Horn if there was any payment scheme still planned. Billy Horn reminded everyone present what has been discussed about at previous

 meetings and the advantages of setting up Pay Pal or QR Code payment.

1. **Police Report**

PC Graeme McDougall in attendance and submitted a written report.

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

No report submitted.

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

No report submitted.

1. **Reports**

**Gordon Clark**

Friends of Kinneil are looking for sites to put structures on, which are 8ft to 9ft tall along a new walk. More details to follow when I have more information. Kinneil House has also been open.

**Willam Ballantine**

One family has been away during Spring and another recently to the caravan site. We’ve also got another family due to go soon.

**Lennox Ainslie**

Disgusted at the length of time the contractors are taking to complete the works

within Bo’ness Library.

**Councilor David Aitchison**

Falkirk Council is presently in recess.

There will be a meeting in Bo’ness Academy next Tuesday evening at 7pm where Officers will be present to discuss the future of any funding allocations for Bo’ness

and where it would be most appropriately spent.

Tesco have asked that the recycling bins be removed from their car park for a month

to try and deter fly-tipping.

**Val Spowart**

Val asked Councilor David Aitchison about some people that she knew who were having problems with tenants, short-term lets and re-allocation. His best advice was to return to the Housing Department.

The Salvation Army Officers are on holiday at present. Wondered who to apply to if wanting to change parking arrangements outside hall? Councillor Aitchison will advise.

**Tomas Workman -** Lead Pastor (Riverview Church)

We are an independent charity which works out of the Riverview Church in Bo’ness Town Hall and the old Tourist Information Office at the bottom of Church Wynd. Our remit is to assist members of the community with drug and alcohol problems, and we call ourselves the “The Junction”.

**Billy Horn**

Letters need to be sent out to SUSTRANS regarding the overgrown trees on sections of the John Muir Way. Some lights have also been smashed or are broken along the path. Billy enquired if anyone knew of somebody who had a tractor to fill grit during the Winter? Litter removal has not been addressed yet. Falkirk Council have installed new litter bins around the town.

The Community Toilets are moving forward. An application for the use of the Bothy has been submitted by Buzzness.

Also, both the Inchyra Park and Zetland Park in Grangemouth receive funding to provide a dedicated officer to take care of them. I recommend that the Douglas Park should be taken on board by Bo’ness Community Council. The changing rooms are definitely requiring upgrading and maybe also the construction of a climbing wall in the park?

 **Stuart McAllister**

There is confirmation of withdrawal of application under the Town and Country

 Planning (Scotland) Acts for the Proposed Demolition of Bo’ness Recreation Centre.

 Application No: P/24/2326/CPL Dated: 15 July 2024

According to Councilor Aitchieson, Falkirk Council still plan to demolish the above

 building.

1. **Correspondence**

A member of the public is objecting to the ongoing traffic problems at the entrance to the Miller Homes site at the roundabout at the entrance to the Drum Site. The said person believes that locals should be compensated for inconvenience incurred and road closures/delays etc. (Email received)

1. **A.O.C.B.**

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 Sept 2024 7.30pm at St Catharines Church Hall**