



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

## **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2018** **IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

### **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room and introductions were made.

### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Convenor), Ian Don (Treasurer), Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, Robyn Adamson, Alan Gilbert, Linda Stuart

### **3. Apologies for Absence**

Siobhan Samson, Alex King, Ashley Sneddon, Joan Boyd

### **4. Police Report**

**Monthly ward report:** Bo'ness Community Council

**Date of meeting:** 14/02/18

**Author of report:** PC Graeme McDougall

**Report presented by:** PC Graeme McDougall

**Reporting period:** 01/01/2018 – 31/01/2018

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.

### **Ward Priorities**

**There has been a total of 26 crimes reported to Police.**

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

There have been 11 crimes of ASB over the previous month 5 of which were vandalism. There is a repeat location within the Thirlestane area, which is getting monitored by Police and the Council in relation to Anti-Social Behaviour. There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. This was a serious Assault. There have been 3 minor assaults.

It is of note there was an Attempted Abduction where the suspects have been identified and enquiries are ongoing.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, there were no Drug Search warrants enforced within the Bo'ness area, however 3 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances were detected.

- **Road Safety**

There have been 2 fail to report road accidents this month.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been no housebreaking offence. There have been 7 minor thefts. There has been 1 Take and Drive Away a motor vehicle.

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](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)

### **Questions raised with Police**

Madelene Hunt raise concerns with P.C. MacDougall with parking on Dean Road and Cadzow Avenue. It was reiterated that double yellow lines would need to be raised with the F.C. but if there is an obstruction to the path due to vehicles parking on pavement then this can be investigated.

Stuart McAllister raised concern regarding a caravan which appears to be abandoned to the rear of the old Carriers Arms, Police were aware.

Alan Gilbert raised concerns regarding speeding on Bridgeness Road and Carriden Brae, Police are regularly in attendance at this area and this will continue to be monitored.

## **5. Falkirk Council Community Safety Team**

**ASB Reports** Please note, figures relate to the previous full calendar month.

**Period: 01/01/18 – 31/01/18**

<b>Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area</b>	<b>Breakdown of 3 geographical areas</b>		
<b>82</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Hags,	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South

		Banknock	
	28	21	33

### 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 01/01/18 – 31/01/18

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	14
Litter & Fly Tipping	7
Youth related disorder	1
Other	6

### Current CST activities in the area

The Community Safety Team continue to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling and Fly Tipping through patrols and reports received from the local community.

We currently have a litter complaint from one of the local Councilors for Crawfield Lane at lunchtime caused by the High School pupils. We have been monitoring and a Warning Letter has been issued.

There is a dog fouling complaint for the communal garden area in North Street. We are working alongside the Tenants and Housing to get the area cleaned up and hopefully catch the person responsible.

Anyone found to allow their dog to foul and not pick up will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003

### Contact Us

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<b>Online</b>	Falkirk Council Website	<a href="http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today">www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today</a>

### 6. Minutes of Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Minutes read and accepted by Stuart McAllister and Linda Stuart.

### 7. Matters Arising

Linda Stuart raised a question over the update to the proposed upgrades to the Marcus Strachan memorial. She asked whether it needs to be a physical memorial, or could this be an annual award to a young person in the community to help keep his memory alive and keep the younger members of the community educated in what Marcus achieved. Some members of the Council agreed that this is a good suggestion but would need to look at the request for funding and find out if the money could be reallocated for this. Any changes would need to be approved through Falkirk Council and the Common Good Fund committee. This will be raised as a discussion point at a separate meeting.

## **8. REPORTS**

**Ian Don** (Treasurer) – Balance stands at £3117.03 this included £500 which is allocated to be spent on a projector. £1886.70 is remaining from the Marcus Strachan Memorial fund.

**Len Ainslie** – Bo’ness Children’s Fair Committee held a meeting on 5<sup>th</sup> February, everything is in place for this year’s festival in relation to retinue and road closures. Maria Ford has been selected to crown this year’s queen elect and has humbly accepted.

**Linda Stuart** – Attended the Coalfields Regeneration Trust (CRT) meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> February in Bo’ness Town Hall. She found the event disappointing due to the lack of attendance from local community but found some aspects of the event useful. It was felt that this was a wasted opportunity by some members of BCC who attended. The event focusing on the past may have put members of the public off from attending future events. This was fed back to the CRT on the day.

**Robyn Adamson** – Year of Young People 2018 is taking place this is an opportunity for generations to come together and celebrate our nation’s young people. It is a platform for our young people (8 to 26). It will give them a stronger voice on issues which affect their lives, showcase their ideas and talents, and ultimately, aim to challenge status quo and create a more positive perception of them in society. Posed a question as to if we want to engage with Bo’ness Academy directly to get representation on BCC for the duration of the year.

A flier has been compiled advertising the BCC meeting dates. This could be placed within local businesses or recreational areas promoting when/where BCC meetings will take place. Also gives information on the different ways that members of the public can get in touch with us, particularly, for those who may not have access to the website or social media

Alan raised a query about putting questions to the Community and how we could use the website/social media to capture this. It was highlighted that we are working to update the website to include an FAQ page of ‘Local Questions’ which we can direct members of the public to.

**Alan Gilbert** – Nothing to report.

**Owen Griffiths** – On behalf of Bo’ness CC, I attended a meeting with other Community Councils in the area on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> February to discuss ongoing concerns with Edinburgh Airport’s proposed changes to flight paths. This was held in the Scottish Parliament building

As per previous discussions, E-numbered departure flight path options (E1 to E7) are the most likely to have an effect on aircraft noise over Bo’ness – although, due to inaccuracies in the airport’s consultations and studies, it still isn’t clear how much Bo’ness would be affected.

During the meeting, Helena Paul of Edinburgh Airport Watch mentioned a few noteworthy points from her own analysis of the airport’s data, as well as the CAA’s data:

- Based on available data, the airport already has the technical capacity to achieve what it hopes to achieve by 2024, despite claims that flight path changes are required to achieve their target movements (number of take-offs or landings) per day.

- In a recent publication around the consultation, the last two sections (several pages' worth) are a list of errors made by the Airport throughout their consultation processes.
- There are discrepancies in the number-of-movement figures provided during consultation compared to the final number submitted to the CAA. On the E6 route, it was suggested during public consultation that movements on this path would increase from 41 per day to 49 by 2023 with the new flight paths in place; however on the recent proposal sent to the CAA, which instead uses E7, those numbers became 96 current movements to 111 by 2023.
- The Public Health documents in the airport's recent proposal to the CAA account only for the 49 movements-per-day figure above; not the 111 movements-per-day figure on E7 as per their submitted proposal.

A number of Community Councillors who were in attendance are also members of the airport-funded Noise Advisory Board, who wish to seek meaningful dialogue with the airport going forward about community concerns.

Further meetings are expected in order to maintain the momentum of discussion between Community Councils.

### **Stuart McAllister – Planning**

Application No: P/17/0756/FUL Earliest date of decision 2 Feb 2018  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Erection of 5 Dwelling houses with Integrated Garages  
 Location: Land to the West of 3 Elam Terrace, Deanfield Road, Bo'ness

Application No: P/17/0644/FUL Earliest date of decision 15 Feb 2018  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Formation of Synthetic Sports Pitch, Installation of Floodlights and Siting of Temporary Buildings  
 Location: Bo'ness United Football Club, Newtown Park, Linlithgow Road  
 Bo'ness EH51 0DP

Application No: P/18/0038/FUL Earliest date of decision 23 Feb 2018  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Erection of Beacon and formation of a Granite slab paving  
 Location: Kinneil House, Provost Road, Bo'ness EH51 0PR

Application No: P/18/0039/FUL Earliest date of decision 23 Feb 2018  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Erection of Beacon, gabion baskets (with granite tops) and granite slab paving  
 Location: Land to the North West of Union Street Car Park, Union Street, Bo'ness

Application No: P/18/0047/FUL Earliest date of decision 20 Feb 2018  
 Application Type: Planning Permission  
 Proposal: Erection of Buoy Monument and Associated Works  
 Location: Land to the North of Union Street Car Park, Union Street, Bo'ness

As notified by the Senior Road and Bridge Design Officer at Falkirk Council, works will commence on Monday 19 Feb and are due to be completed on Friday 23 2018 to replace a safety barrier on the North side of Provost Road. Temporary traffic lights will be in operation during this period.

**Madelene Hunt (Chair)** – We have accepted a request to meet Mr. Mann from Miller Homes. This is in relation to their application for further housing at Kinglass Fields Estate this will take place on 21st February at 3pm in the Small Room above Bo’ness Library.

At 5:30pm on the same date there will be a meeting held also in the small room above Bo’ness Library by CRT to accommodate local businesses who were unable to attend the meeting on Saturday 3rd February due to trading. This will focus on how businesses can benefit from CRT.

On 26th February the Public Inquiry launches at The Leapark Hotel Grangemouth, in response to the decision to reject the planning application to close the A904 – Bo’ness Road. The inquiry will be promoted on BCC website and social media, members of the public are encouraged to attend to show support for the road to remain open.

Second of the CRT meetings will take place on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, members of the public are invited to attend, full details and online registration form can be found at [www.yourboness.wordpress.com](http://www.yourboness.wordpress.com)

#### **9. Constituted Group Nominations**

Two nominations were received by BCC, one for Wendy Turner from Barony Players and the other for Gail Nash as an elected member for Bo’ness Parent Council Cluster Group.

It was agreed that both groups should be extended an invite to sit as member organisations on BCC, Madelene will contact both groups to confirm.

#### **10. McLaren Trophy**

Three nominations were put forward for the award, it was put to a vote and agreed that this year’s recipient would be Bo’ness Children’s Theatre. Madelene will contact to confirm.

#### **11. A.O.C.B.**

No other competent business.

**As there was no further business Len Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.**