



# **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

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### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 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 (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Alex King, Robyn Adamson, Alan Gilbert, Lindsay Stuart, Siobhan Samson and Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary),

**In Attendance:** Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Lynn Munro and Councillor Ann Ritchie.

3. **Member Of the Public:** Adrian Mahoney

4. **Apologies for Absence**

Owen Griffiths, Ian Don (Treasurer)

5. **Police Report** Officers in attendance: P. C. Graeme McDougall  
Report Presented by: P.C. Steve Mitchell

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.

- **Anti-Social Behaviour, Violence & Disorder.**
- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**
- **Road Safety**
- **Dishonesty Crimes**

**No Questions and Answers to the Police Officers**

**No report from Falkirk Council Community Safety Team**

#### **Election of Public Office Bearers**

As this is the first meeting of the newly elected Community Council we start by electing Office Bearers

**Convener:** Madelene Hunt (P: Lennox Ainslie, S: Alex King)

**Vice Convener:** Lennox Ainslie (P: Alex King, S: Robyn Adamson)

**Secretary:** Joan Boyd (P: Alex King, S: Stuart McAllister)

**Minutes Secretary:** Ashley Sneddon (P: Alex King, S: Madelene Hunt)

**Treasurer:** Ian Don will continue as treasurer

5. **Minutes of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Minutes read and accepted by Lennox Ainslie and Stuart McAllister.

## **6. Matters Arising**

Pg 2: More work with the Harkus Strachan memorial will be carried out.

No update on the litter in the harbour, but Joan will continue with this issue.

There has lately been a lack of dog waste bags in the library, and an increase in the amount of dog waste not being picked up.

Pg 3: There is still no update on the questions that the Community Council has asked regarding the Council Budget. There is still a couple of issues on this we need to pursue.

## **7. Reports**

**Len Ainslie** – Nothing to report.

**Siobhan Samson** – Planning on the 5 pipe bridges from Ineos is very vague. Any future plans on the site where the new Power Station could affect A904 if it is built close to or on part of the area. There is pre-planning information available about this on the DPEA website.

The Grangemouth Community Council is standing by its written representation. Bo'ness Community Council will be taking part in the relevant hearing sessions. Siobhan is checking the alternate driving route with the planning committee.

**Councillor David Aitchison** – Mary Pitcaithly, the Chief Executive of Falkirk Council, is retiring.

Newtown Park Association – The Association has received 250k for the New Astro turf pitch and floodlights. Consultants have been engaged to develop the forthcoming Hub.

Community Bus - After the Town Hall meeting, which was well-attended, it was agreed that the Community Bus would stick to the motorway route.

**Councillor Lynn Munro** – Falkirk Council budget discussions are ongoing.

**Alan Gilbert** – Cowdenhill Community Centre repairs are ongoing and funding is being sourced. Sandy Turner is the current acting chair and the committee are not keen to buy the hall until much-needed repairs have been met. They are looking for more groups to use the building, which is a very versatile and affordable space.

**Robyn Adamson** – The Santa trains have concluded and almost £6k was raised for guiding. The Guides are also looking for more volunteers and are looking to expand their social media presence.

**Linda Stuart** – Nothing to report.

**Ashley Sneddon** – Nothing to report.

**Alex King** – Nothing to report.

**Councillor Ann Ritchie** – Nothing to report.

**Stuart McAllister – Planning**

Application No: P/17/0739 Earliest date of decision 3 January 2018  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Erection of Dwellinghouse  
Location: [42 Grahamsdyke Road, Bo'ness EH51 9EA](#)  
Applicant: Mr and Mrs McFarlane

Application No: P/17/0590/FUL Earliest Date of Decision - 5 October 2017  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Demolition of Public House and Erection of Building for Class 1 Retail Use with Associated Car Parking, Servicing, ATM and Landscaping  
Location: [175 Dean Road, Bo'ness EH51 0HG](#)

Application No: P/17/0425/FUL Earliest Date of Decision - 27 October 2017  
Application Type: Planning Permission  
Proposal: Amendment to Planning Permission P/15/0364/FUL (Substitution of Housetypes - Plots 308, 318 - 335 and 347 - 352)  
Location Land To The South of Kinglass Cottage, Borrowstoun Road, Bo'ness  
Applicant Miller Homes

**Joan Boyd** – Finance: The current bank account stands at £2928.12. (BCC £882.43 and Marcus Strachan £2045.69) Any money not utilised for the Marcus Strachan project, which is continuing, will be returned to the Common Good Fund.

## **8. Correspondence. (Secretary) Joan Boyd.**

### **E-mails and information forwarded to members since the last meeting:**

**E-mail** from Maria Ford relating to the Coalfield's Regeneration Trust new five year plan.

Community Events will be taking place in Bo'ness Town Hall on the morning of 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 3<sup>rd</sup> March to gather local views. More information can be obtained from [www.uourboness.wordpress.com](http://www.uourboness.wordpress.com)

It is important that there is a good attendance of local people at these events. Lunch will be provided and event starts at 10 am

**E-mail to Community Councils** advising that Mark Ruskell MSP will be hosting a follow-up meeting for CCs affected by the flight paths at Edinburgh Airport(EA) at 6pm in the Scottish parliament on 24<sup>th</sup> January,2018. You will remember that the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) decided, in September 2017, not to continue its review of EA's application due to a number of technical issues. The meeting is to discuss how Community Councils may work together if and when any future consultation takes place. Joan commented that we have had very few complaints from the community in regard to Edinburgh Airport plans and that the South of Boness will be most affected by any noise. As Joan is away she will try and get someone else to attend on our behalf.

Falkirk Council Community Planning Partnership proposes to undertake a structured and locality-wide community focused consultation until February 2018. Community feedback, Place Standard consultation and Focus Groups will take place. Community representatives and stakeholders will be invited to the Focus groups. If you would like to be involved or

wish more information please contact a member of the Community Planning team on 01324 503090 or e-mail [communityplanning@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:communityplanning@falkirk.gov.uk). We should be statutory consultees on this.

**9. Madelene Hunt (Chair)** - We are still researching a fitting tribute to Marcus Strachan and consultation is on going with a local designer.

**10. A.O.C.B.**

**Bakkavor** wish to nominate a ‘Charity of the year’ and are looking for applications from Charities in the surrounding area. They are holding a “Dragon’s Den” style event to select the winning ‘charity of the year’. Bakkavor would like to offer both physical support as well as monetary donations to their chosen Charity. For more information please contact [susan.russell@bakkavor.com](mailto:susan.russell@bakkavor.com)

**Miller Homes** have put in an application for further houses at Kinglass Fields Estate despite this area not being on the Local Plan at present. They have requested a meeting with us but have not replied to our request for available dates to meet.

**Nomination** papers for the McLaren Trophy e mailed to everyone before the meeting and need to be returned at our February one.

**Adrian Mahoney** spoke on behalf of the Coalfields Regeneration Project, which will hold engagement sessions for, among other topics, issues in Bo’ness and Blackness, community engagement and projects looking for funding. Details of events in Town Hall under item 8 Correspondence above

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