 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 2024**

**St. Catherines Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Convenor Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that she had received copies of correspondence that had been sent recently via email and the Police Reports. Please could this matter be addressed.

**Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Brian Laird (Vice-Convenor), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), William Ballantine, Lennox Ainslie, Val Spowart, Billy Horn, John Ogden, Stuart McAllister, Lorna Weir.

**In attendance**:

Councillor David Aitchison: A copy of the Police Scotland report is due to be forwarded.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Jane McLean (Secretary), Wendy Turner (Minute Taker)

1. **Minutes of the 8th of May 2024 meeting**

Minutes were approved as read.

1. **Matters Arising**

None

1. **Police Report**

1. **Treasurers’ Report**

**Brian Dempsey** reported that bank balance was currently  **£2844**

1. **Secretary’s Report**

**Jaine McLean n**ot present - no report.

1. **Reports**

**Brian Laird (Vice Convenor)**

Is it true that any advertising that goes up on the fence at Richmond Corner must be paid for and is it expensive? Councillor Aitchieson will enquire on our behalf.

**William Ballantine**

The Diocese are sending two local families to the seaside. Please contact William if you have any spare furniture or he can even organize removals for you or storage etc.

**Billy Horn**

Billy is arranging that the BCC Secretary sends a letter to Falkirk Council regarding litter picking and street cleaning; to emphasise the need for this to continue. Thomas Workman, Riverview Church donated a cheque for £500.00 and the Douglas Lodge donated £50.00 for the Bo’ness Toilets.

Billy is arranging that the BCC Secretary sends a letter to Sustrans about the fact that sections of the John Muir Way are overgrown.

Planning to setup a QR Code to pay money into Buzzness Account. Unfortunately, Community Councils cannot be registered as charity’s.

If the Recreation Centre is now closed, where will people vote?

**Councillor Aitchieson**

The plan is to locate portacabins in car park.

**Councillor Aitchieson**

No longer required

**John Ogden**

Falkirk Council should remove a bothy as it’s no longer used as a canteen.

No clarity on Falkirk Council’s objectives?

The John Muir Way has a section where the path is lit by solar lighting at night. Several of these are not working and quite a few have been broken.

**Val Spowart**

Has anyone submitted a planning application now that Bo’ness Recreation Centre is closed?

The Riverview Church are going to open a Drop-in Centre.

**Stuart McAllister**

No major planning applications.

**Madelene Hunt (Chairperson) to Councillor Aitchieson**

Bo’ness may be receiving £3.5M to upgrade education and build a satellite center for our community.

1. **Correspondence**

No correspondence.

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 10th July 2024 at 7.30pm at St Catherines Church Hall**