



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14TH MARCH 2018 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.

1. Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room and introductions were made as we have 4 new nominated members

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Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Convenor), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Stuart McAllister, Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Alan Gilbert, Siobhan Samson, Robyn Adamson, Owen Griffiths, Linda Stuart, Alex King, Gail Nash, Julie Keltie, Valerie Spowart and Wendy Turner

3. In Attendance

Councillor David Aitchison

4. Apologies for Absence

Ian Don (Treasurer)

No Members of Public in Attendance

5. Police Report Offices in attendance: P. C. Graeme McDougall

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**

Questions and Answers to the Police Officers

There were concerns both over needles found at Bridgeness Boat Club and a proposed event at Kinneil Estate called 'Bo'ness Big Puff' which is being organized by 'Legalise Cannabis Scotland'. A few residents are concerned about this.

The police will look into both of these matters.

6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

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

Period: 01/02/18 – 28/02/18

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
113	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggis,	CENTRAL-Falkirk North and South

		Banknock	
	34	37	42

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 01/02/18 – 28/02/18

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	21
Litter & Fly Tipping	9
Youth related disorder	4
Other	0

Current CST activities in the area

The Community Safety Team continues to monitor for Litter, Dog Fouling, Fly Tipping and Anti-Social Behaviour through patrols and reports received from the Local Community.

We are currently monitoring the Muirepark Court area for the litter the school pupils generate at lunchtime.

A communal area in North Street for Dog Fouling, we are working alongside the tenants and Housing Officer to find a resolution.

The area along Linlithgow Road, Dean Road to Nursery for Dog Fouling, we continue to monitor.

Anyone found to allow their dog to foul and fail to pick it up will be subject to a £80 Fixed Penalty Notice under the Dog Fouling (Scotland) Act 2003.

In the evening we are monitoring the Upper Forth Boat Club car park for the drivers littering and drug use.

Contact Us

Phone	0808 100 3161	FREEPHONE 24/7
Email	community.safety@falkirk.gov.uk	
Online	Falkirk Council Website	www.falkirk.gov.uk/do-it-today

7. Minutes of Wednesday 14th February 2018

Minutes read and accepted by Stuart McAllister and Linda Stuart.

8. Matters Arising

Pg.3 The Harcus Strachan event, which was a UK government Victoria Cross initiative, acknowledging WW1 Victoria Cross recipients, received £2500 from the Common Good Fund. The money can only be utilised as detailed in the application submitted. Any unused money must be returned to Falkirk Council.

Pg.4 The Community Council (CC) purchased a new platform for the website last year which allows the CC to poll the community to gauge their opinions on matters involving the area so we do have the facility to put questions to the community.

Pg.6 Invitations were handed out for the McLaren Trophy presentation at this month's meeting. The winners of the cup were the Children's Theatre Bo'ness

9. REPORTS

Len Ainslie – Bo'net meeting was held yesterday, £20k fund has been received from Coalfields Regeneration Trust and Bo'net working the Trust will be taking applications on ideas. Coalfield will decide if all criteria is met.

Members will be attending The Public Partnership Forum (NHS) – discussing Mental Health Services at the Sensory Centre at 6.30pm for 7pm.

Everything is in order for the Fair. The Kirking of the Queen may be changed, however. Maria Ford will be crowning the Queen. The Fair Queen will be attending the McLaren Presentation and Silent Film Closing Night. There is a large programme on for the Hippodrome Silent Film Festival. He also mentioned that the Bo'ness Safety Group is looking for new members.

Wendy Turner – Wendy is representing the Barony Players. The Barony Theatre are proud to be screening a silent film as part the Silent Film Festival. The nominated film, 'Grass', will be screened on Saturday. The theatre is concluding a community consultation and is working on its next production, which will be 'The Ladykillers'. It is also considering a play based around the Armistice. The theatre is currently being painted and getting new heating installed.

Robyn Adamson – Has received concerns over dog fouling, particularly near Kinneil School. Robyn will contact the Safety Team regarding this. David confirmed he will also take these complaints to the Council.

With a view to informing the community, Robyn has drawn up a poster advertising BCC meeting times, to be placed in venues around Bo'ness. The poster will also be put it on the website.

Siobhan Samson – Siobhan has attended the Planning Permission Appeal, related to the Ineos application which may result in the road closure, to present the case on behalf of the Bo'ness Community Council. Various groups and Community Councils also attended the enquiry. Mr. Duncan, the traffic expert, found a "*lack of detail*" in the Ineos' masterplan for the pipe bridges. A "*practice drive*" was discussed. It was said, by an Ineos representative, that Bo'ness has "*the luxury of two roads*". Siobhan argued that people in the community tend to use a road suitable for where they want to go and to only have one option could cause a number of problems.

Julie Keltie – Julie is the Chair of the Playaway Playgroup, which caters for children aged 2-5 years. The playgroup employs local people part-time. Julie is also involved in the White Lady Mountain Bike CIC, which still needs some funding to complete phase 1. Julie said the track will hopefully be finished by summer, if all goes well.

Valerie Spowart – Valerie is the Chair of the Bo'ness Churches Together group. The group reaches out to people in Bo'ness, encourages people to attend Church, while promoting the various activities held in the Churches. Valerie spoke about how important Churches were, particularly in the lives of elderly people and people who need an understanding and listening ear.

Linda Stuart – The roads have many large potholes and these need to be reported to Falkirk Council to be made aware of locations. Linda noted the pavements are also quite dangerous, especially for older people. Further discussion took place clarifying how members of the community can advise Falkirk Council about road condition issues.

Councillor David Aitchison – The council settled on the budget last week with everything essentially the same. The tip fee has been halved, which will hopefully reduce fly tipping.

The Rugby Club is having a summer event and has received funding. They are also doing work on the pitch, including a 3-foot fence and a seating area. The Newtown Park AGM will be held on Tuesday 27th March in Fisons.

Gail Nash – Gail is the Chair of the Parent Council at Deanburn School, and also of the Parent Council Cluster Group. A common issue for the Parent Councils is road safety. Road Safety Month will be held in April, and this will highlight issues of road safety in and near schools. Joan asked Gail if there were any concerns in the Schools related to pupils who require additional support. BCC has highlighted its concerns about the reductions in the number of ASN support assistants within schools that has taken place during the last two years, because of Falkirk Council budget cuts. Gail and Joan will discuss this.

Alan Gilbert – Cowdenhill Community Centre AGM will be held on 17th of April, at 7pm. The Community Centre are looking for more volunteers, especially people with specific talents. The bookings for the centre this year are looking good.

Ashley Sneddon – Nothing to report.

Owen Griffiths – Buzzness Spring Fair will be held on 31st March and the 80s Disco will be held on 21st of April.

Alex King – Alex has reported the damaged road at Pennelton Place. He feels Bo'ness could use more updates from SEPA, perhaps a few days a week, over the fumes coming from Grangemouth.

Stuart McAllister –

Application No: P/18/0047/FUL Earliest Date of Decision 20 February 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

Mr. Mann from Miller Homes should be present at our next meeting with some plans of the proposed Kinglass development.

Joan Boyd - (Secretary) – Madelene and I met with two Officers from Falkirk Council (FC) to review the Community Choices event and to discuss lessons learned. This was very useful. We did raise the lack of clarity around how the decisions were made and lack of discussion about the criteria with stakeholders. More money is available. We suggested that we wait until the result of the locality planning consultation is completed before discussing the way forward. It might be that the community could be polled around one specific project which fulfils the criteria and we work with FC to achieve that. All of the projects that receive money are supposed to be open to the public, which was not the case the last time.

Correspondence

E-mail from Falkirk Council confirming they are undertaking a procurement process this month with a view to commissioning a company to remove the debris from the harbour. We will be kept informed once the officer knows when the work will be carried out. Joan will continue to keep on an eye on this.

E-mail from Edinburgh Airport who are specifically looking for feedback on their Noise Action Plan (NAP). This is a document they produce every five years and it details their noise management and mitigation strategy, actions to meet the strategy and how they plan to report on the success of those actions.

The Scottish Government requires airports to submit a NAP every five years, and it is a requirement that the airport must consult on this document before it is submitted. The airport is running the public consultation which closes on 2 April at 23.59pm.

For more information regarding the NAP, or to respond to the consultation online, please visit nap.edinburghairport.com. To request a paper copy of the consultation book and form, then email: edicommunications@edinburghairport.com.

Also a notification about essential maintenance on Runway 24 which are taking place on the 11th, 12th, 17th, 18th, 24th and 25th March between 23.00pm and 05.30am. Due to these essential repairs, runway 10/30 will be used for both arrival and departures to Edinburgh Airport, and all flights will use alternative flight paths. This may result in questions from your community around changes in flight paths or create additional noise between these hours.

E-mail The Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EdNAB) which has been established to create and maintain an impartial pathway for communities to engage with Edinburgh Airport around noise issues. The primary aim of the Board is to minimise noise impacts on affected communities. They included their terms of reference and Code of Conduct which give further information on their aims and objectives and the way the Board operates. They are funded by Edinburgh Airport but remain independent, with scope to define their own work programme and appoint external contractors.

The Board has met monthly since last September and is made up of representatives from several different communities and groups affected by noise from the Airport. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday of every month from 6.30-8.30pm at the Marriott Hotel on Glasgow Road, Edinburgh. Owen has agreed to attend the Board meetings on our behalf.

To keep communities up to date with the work of the Board, they are in the process of creating a website where minutes of meetings will be published alongside other relevant information. The address of the webpage will be forwarded to us once this is available.

Notification from Falkirk Council regarding two disabled Car Parking spaces. One is to be placed between 26 and 30 Muirend Court, Bo'ness. The other is an order for one at 22 Muirpark Court, Bo'ness which comes into effect on 5th April 2018.

Madelene Hunt (Convenor) - Madelene has received complaints from people regarding the car park at Richmond Practice, as people are parking their car to get the bus to Edinburgh. This is taking up spaces, and often disabled ones.

10. A.O.C.B.

Permission has been granted for the Bo'ness Buoy to be placed near the harbour.

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