 BO’NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

**Minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2024**

**St. Catherines Church Hall 7.30pm**

1. **Welcome**

Convenor Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and commented that she’d 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), Jaine McLean (Secretary, Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, John Ogden, Lennox Ainslie, William Ballantine.

**In attendance**:

Councilor David Aitchison: PC Graeme McDougall. A copy of the Police Scotland report is due to be forwarded.

1. **Apologies for Absence**

Wendy Turner (Minute Taker); Lorna Weir

1. **Minutes of the 10th of April 2024 meeting**

Minutes were approved as read.

1. **Matters Arising**
2. **Police Report**

Police Scotland were notified that vans were collecting and selling scrap metal within the town centre area and also a certain car which had been seen speeding. Hopefully, a copy of the PC Graeme McDougall’s report will be forwarded for inclusion in the minutes.

1. **Treasurers’ Report**

**Brian Dempsey**

Brian reported that the Bank Balance up until the end of March was **£2145**

**FC** had paid us **£1094**

1. **Secretary’s Report**

**Jaine McLean**

The Old Tennis Courts at Bridgeness Bowling Club are being converted into allotments. There’s already a waiting list for them thanks to Bo’ness Rugby Club for all their help.

1. **Reports**

**Billy Horn**

There was a running event several weeks ago on the foreshore opposite Bo’ness Library. It was soon realized that it needed to pay more attention to pedestrians and members of the public crossing a busy public road.

**Jaine McLaine**

Agree with Billy’s remarks regarding road safety, and how much do you believe it would cost fund for such an event?

**Billy Horn**

Falkirk Council recommended that to fund the Annual Xmas Event it would require a budget of £10k However, this is the time when you pull in favours from groups and friends and you can reduce your expenditure.

The Fun Fair in the Summer is geared specifically towards children. Last year Alan Mason brought along his ice cream van and others assisted with PA System and performing etc.

**John Ogden**

Totally disgusted with the photograph on the front of last week’s Bo’ness Journal

clearly explaining why F.C. closed Bo’ness Recreation Centre.

**Val Spowart**

There will be a Churches Together Meeting on 25th May at 7pm within St. Catherine’s

Church Hall.

**Lennox Ainslie**

There used to be a red light in the harbour, but I believe that it’s been now removed?

Forth Ports Authority need to be consulted regarding this light which was at the entrance to the dock.

Road works and temporary lights are diabolical causing unnecessary delay.

**Billy Horn**

Robert Jardine was a Tri-Shaw Pilot in Bo’ness.

1. **Correspondence**
2. **A.O.C.B.**

**Proposed Community Event**

**Billy Horn**

Mike Ewart at Falkirk Council seems to be the contact person should we wish to run an event on the foreshore. We could invite him or a council official to one of our meetings and to get their views on the matter and hopefully discuss developments.

A lot of questions need to be asked:

* Can you park a campervan on the foreshore?
* Where can you safely cross the railway?
* Etc

Anyone visiting would possibly spend money in the local community.

**Councillor David Aitchison**

David remarked that some residents would not take kindly to the extra traffic on the roads.

**Billy Horn**

I’m keen to attract the youth element to assist us, give them something worthwhile

to do.

**Convenor Madelene Hunt**

Madelene suggested that Geoff Bailley or Ian Scott may be able to assist with

Walking Tours locally.

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 12th June 2024 at 7.30pm at St Catherines Church Hall**