

BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 11TH OCTOBER 2017 **IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY**

Welcome

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the room

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Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ian Don (Treasurer), David Findlay, Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, Alex King and Siobhan Samson.

In Attendance Councillor David Aitchison

Apologies for Absence Ashley Sneddon and Robyn Adamson

Police Report

Monthly ward report: Bo'ness Community Council
Date of meeting: 11/10/2017
Author of report: PC Graeme McDougall
Report presented by: PC Graeme McDougall
Reporting period: 01/09/2017 – 30/09/2017

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.

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

There have been 22 incidents of ASB over the previous month. There is no identified pattern or repeat locations. There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery. Which was a serious assault and has been detected. There have been 14 minor assaults reported to Police.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, there were no Drug Search warrants enforced within the Bo'ness area. 4 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances were detected.

- **Road Safety**

There have been 2 Driving Licences offences detected, 1 Offence relating to driving without insurance and one offence detected in relation to driving under the influence of alcohol.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 1 housebreaking offence, relating to residential premises where a suspect has been identified and 1 Theft by Opening a Lockfast Place which has been detected. There have been 6 minor thefts. There has been 1 Theft of a Motor vehicle with enquiries ongoing.

FALKIRK COUNCIL COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM REPORT

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

Period: 01/09/17 – 30/09/17

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
	108	EAST-Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	WEST-Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock
34		33	41

Hotspot Patrols

Area	Issues	Actions
N/A	N/A	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. There are no identified areas in Boness at this time.

Investigations: Period 01/09/17 – 30/09/17

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	16
Litter	0
Fly Tipping	7
Youth related disorder	5
Other	6

Current CST activities in the area

We are monitoring and patrolling a number of streets and all parks in the Bo'ness area in relation to dog fouling. At the moment we are monitoring the park area next to Mingle Place following specific reports.

We have visited and engaged with youths outside McColl's shop in Dean Road Boness due to numerous calls regarding anti social behaviour around the front of the premises. We have also visited the shop and engaged with staff.

If you have any information relating to those responsible in these areas (or any other), then please do not hesitate to get in touch via the details below. All calls are confidential.

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

Minutes of previous meeting 13th Sept 2017 Minutes proposed by David Findlay and seconded by Owen Griffiths.

Matters Arising

Joan Boyd raised the issue of the CC website being used for polling purposes.

There was general agreement that we should endeavour to make the website more interactive, when necessary.

REPORTS

Ian Don - The website costs have been paid and our bank balance now stands at £861.42

Lennox Ainslie - Lennox attended the Fair AGM but the meeting was not quorate so the meeting will be called again next month.

David Findlay - David will be responsible for the annual poppy collection this year. David has volunteered his services to Poppy Scotland. David also attended the BRAAS Real Ale Festival.

Siobhan Samson - Siobhan gave an update on the progress of the Ineos PLI. The CC has received notification from the DPEA informing us that Scottish Ministers will now decide the case. This means that the Reporter will carry out the PLI and submit a report to Scottish Ministers who will either accept the Reporter's recommendation or make another decision.

We have also received a letter from the DPEA seeking comments on Falkirk Council's submissions particularly regarding:

* The justification for the closure of Bo'ness Road *The assessed transport effects *The scope for and sufficiency of the proposed mitigation.

After some discussion it was resolved to send an e mail to the DPEA indicating that we were happy to rest on our previous comments and submissions.

The Reporter also sought a decision re dates for the Pre- Inquiry meeting. As we had previously requested an evening meeting it was resolved that we should e mail the DPEA expressing our preference for Monday 13 November at 6.30pm.

Discussion took place about what level of participation Bo'ness CC should take in the PLI. Siobhan explained that, for perfectly understandable reasons, Grangemouth CC had already informed the DPEA that they would not be taking part.

It was resolved that we should write a letter to Rhona Geisler seeking a meeting to see what level of cooperation could be sought between Bo'ness CC and Falkirk Council.

Councillor Aitchison - reported that the date for removal of the obstruction from the right of way has been extended until Friday 13th October.

Newtown Park Association has submitted an application to Sport Scotland seeking £280,000 to continue the improvements at Newtown Park football ground.

Owen Griffiths - Owen attended a meeting with Edinburgh Airport (EDI) executives, together with other Community Councils, at the Hilton Hotel, Edinburgh Airport on September 26th.

Together with the Rationale Report, an overview of statistics and conclusions were presented from the first and second consultations, including:

- 126 survey responses in the Falkirk area, compared to 1500 survey responses in West Lothian.
- 4048 of the comments made were in regard to noise concerns.
- Ricardo (Energy & Environment) suggest that, under new flight paths, net noise will be reduced to 16 hours at levels of >54dB LAeq.
- Concerns were raised about poorer air quality at near proximity, due to increased surface traffic; further consultation on this is expected, but EDI anticipate negligible change.
- Flight paths B2 and A6 will suffer the largest change in tranquility (refer to consultation documents for flight paths) — these should not affect Bo'ness.

CAA Feedback

It was reported in the media that the CAA had “blocked” the proposed changes submitted by Edinburgh Airport. EDI responded at the meeting by saying the application had been “paused” in order to review some technicalities. This included the change to flight path E; option E6 was the submitted option, however E7 will now be submitted instead in the revised application. The E7 route will affect Bo'ness.

Other technicalities fed back from the CAA included issues with upper air space that must be re-addressed, but EDI report that these issues are of no consequence to community concerns.

Effect on Bo'ness

Some parts of the report, and prior consultation documents, suggest the following are likely to have a direct effect on the Bo'ness and Blackness areas:

- E7 will be the preferred departure route to the East (after E6 was knocked back by CAA), which will turn East with a heading over the North of Bo'ness. There are no clear indications at what

altitude an aircraft **could be** at when passing over the town – despite rough indications of what altitude an aircraft **should be** at when passing Bo'ness.

- It's not clear how much deviation aircrafts may take from the proposed routes.
- E routes are jet only routes; however it's not clear what times of day aircrafts will be allowed to use these routes.
- C routes may have significant impact, as it will run 24 hours. C5 is the proposed option for this route.

Further information was been requested, including a copy of the presentation.

Alex King - Alex reported that the harbour is full of debris. It was suggested that Joan should write to the Council to find out who owns the harbour and who is responsible for the removal of the debris. Alex reported that a few areas of the coastal path could do with debris removal.

Stuart McAllister - reported that the following planning application had been submitted:

Application No : P/17/0590/FUL **Earliest Date of Decision** 5 October 2017
Application Type : Planning Permission **Hierarchy Level** Local
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
Community Council : Bo'ness

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 –
Plots 308, 318-335 and 347-352)
Location : Land To The South of Kinglass Cottage, Borrowstoun Road, Bo'ness
: Bo'ness
Applicant : Miller Homes

CORRESPONDENCE

Joan has written requesting the opportunity to apply to the Common Good Fund for funding regarding the Marcus Strachan Event but has not yet received a reply.

Bo'ness CC received a letter of thanks from Alan Gow, Richard Hannah et al reporting that they have been successful in raising money for the War Names project.

Falkirk Council wrote to inform us of the removal of several disabled parking spaces from residential dwellings in Bo'ness.

Madelene Hunt

The Marcus Strachan event will take place on Nov 20th at 12 noon at the Cenotaph. Falkirk Council will provide the catering for the reception after the Service which is by invitation only. Those involved will assemble at the Town Hall at 11.30am and march to the Cenotaph. The Marcus Strachan event information will be added to the CC website so that members of the community are made aware of the event.

AOCB

Remembrance Sunday. Joan Boyd will lay the wreath on behalf of the CC.

Communication has been received for Brian Pirie re the CC elections. Brian confirms that the election process will go live on 23 October 2017.

The members noted, with some concern that Falkirk Council will no longer be sending out a calendar for the waste collection dates. Information is available on the website. <http://www.falkirk.gov.uk/services/bins-rubbish-recycling/household-waste/bin-collection-dates.aspx?>

The Community Council noted the recent passing of former Bo'ness Councillor, Beth Eaglesham and recorded their condolences.

Alex King proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.