



## BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

### Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Bo'ness Library – Large Meeting Room 7pm

#### **1. Welcome**

Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked that all introduced themselves. Madelene asked all to provide information for the website and explained Adrian Mahoney would take photos for the website. Madelene explained that she is looking for a meeting place for future meetings whilst the Library meeting room is unavailable.

#### **Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Jaine McLean (Secretary), Brian Dempsey (Treasurer), Lennox Ainslie, Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, Stephen Baird, Brian Laird, John Ogden, Gordon Clark, Matteo Petrozzo, Wendy Turner (Minute Secretary).

#### **In attendance:**

Councillor David Aitchison, Councillor Ann Ritchie, PC Graeme McDougall

#### **2. Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Stacey Devine, Owen Griffiths, Billy Horn.

#### **3. Minutes of the 14<sup>th</sup> December 2022 meeting**

Minutes were accepted with approved amendments.  
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#### **4. Matters Arising**

Dealt with in minutes.

#### **5. Police Report**

PC Graeme McDougall presented the Police Report. He reported that levels of crime are consistent at 30 – 40 a month and that there is a new reporting system. Reports include juvenile crime too. The figures relate to reports not to arrests.

#### **6. Reports**

**Madelene Hunt** reported that the flooding at the bottom of Carriden Brae had been reported.

**Stuart McAllister** reported on planning applications. An extension to the Care Home in Woodlands Drive. It is believed this is for people with complex needs. Stephen Baird asked if there is any likely impact on local residents. Also there is an application for demolition and development at 5 Grangemouth Road, which is currently empty.

**John Ogden** reported on concerns raised about the online booking system for the Recycling Centre which is being proposed by Falkirk Council. Janie McLean reported that a QR code is needed for those using the Recycling Centre who have a licence. It was agreed that this would need good communication and publicity. An alternative to the online booking system would also be needed. There s concern that this change may lead to more fly-tipping. Councillor Aitchison said that reports of fly-tipping should continue, although Brian Laird believes that some fly-tipping is not being dealt with. There was discussion about the use of mobile cameras to be used in hotspots. Councillors Aitchison and Ritchie will make a request for the mobile camera to be placed in the lay-bys. It was reported that lorry drivers using the lay-bys are guilty of leaving rubbish.

**Lennox Ainslie** reported on fly-tipping on the Flints and near the Golf Club but the registration number of the car is covered. He reported on the Carriden Band event which was not well-attended or publicized. He reported on the Strategic Property Review meeting.

**Gordon Clark** reported on the level of litter t the shore. Awareness raising and change of attitude is needed. He also reported on the use of Carriden Brae by large lorries which is causing problems for residents. The road is used 24 / 7 including skip container lorries going to the Recycling Companies. Councillor Aitchison reported that Falkirk Council have said there is not enough traffic. Councillor Ritchie agreed to ask for traffic monitoring to take place. He also reported on overhanging trees and the need for drains to be unblocked. The Councillors agreed to take these forward as well.

**Matteo Petrozzo** asked that everyone fill out the consultation document on the Strategic Property Review.

**Stephen Baird** reported on the Dandara Homes planning application to build 350 houses at the Drum. The reported that residents have not received any notification of this. He reported that “David’s Kitchen had been included in the application but it is not clear if this has been approved. John Ogden asked how planning applications are getting approval. It was explained that developers can refer their applications to the Scottish Reporter who can overturn Council decisions. Local communities must get together to make objections.

Stephen reported on the Champany and M9 junctions. The funding assigned to the Champany junction has been diverted to work in Denny. This work will therefore be delayed by two years. The M9 junction will be the subject of a Levelling Up grant application. It was reported that Grangemouth has been awarded £10m in Levelling Up money.

**Wendy Turner** asked if there is any news of re-opening the town centre toilets. It was reported that Billy Horn is keen to take this forward.

## **7. Correspondence**

No correspondence was received.

## **8. AOCB**

Madelene Hunt is following up Community Council funding with Brian Pirie.

Brian Dempsey reported that he will bring the accounts to the next meeting.

Jaine McLean reported that the Mailbox is not easy to access and suggested setting up an alternative. Madelene agreed to speak to Owen Griffiths about this.

Madelene Hunt will look at alternatives for meetings whilst the Library is out of use.

Madelene Hunt encouraged everyone to attend the Strategic Property Review meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> January at Bo'ness Academy. There is also a meeting at the Townhall about Dandara's proposed planning application.

Lennox Ainslie proposed a vote of thanks to the Chair.

**The date of our next meeting is Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
at 7.30pm at St Catharine's Church Hall**