



## **BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

### **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018 IN THE SMALL UPPER ROOM IN BO'NESS LIBRARY.**

#### **1. Welcome**

Madelene extended a warm welcome to the group,

#### **2. Sederunt**

Madelene Hunt (Chair), Lennox Ainslie (Vice-Chair), Joan Boyd (Secretary), Ashley Sneddon (Minutes Secretary), Siobhan Samson, Valerie Spowart, Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Owen Griffiths, Robyn Adamson and Kathryn Markey,

#### **3. In Attendance**

Councillors in attendance: David Aitchison, Lynn Munro.

#### **4. Apologies for Absence**

Alan Gilbert, Ian Don and Gail Nash

#### **Members of Public Were in Attendance**

Mr Adrian Mahoney

#### **5. Police Report - Officer in attendance: PC Graham 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. See Appendix 1

#### **Questions and Answers to the Police Officers**

“What were the results of the speed gun at Anderson's?”

Police: There have been complaints about motorbike speeding there, as well as Carriden Brae. We have ticketed 12 vehicles for speeding, and will be in the town Centre with the gun for the next two weeks.

“Update on the situation on the Cowdenhill Community Centre?”

(Note – the BCC received a letter from Chief Inspector Damian Armstrong regarding police presence in Bo'ness which will be outlined here for clarity, and an official line on this issue.

The main issue being lack of funding, 53 police properties, including the Bo'ness Police Station was assessed and concluded no longer required for police services. There was a consultation on this, but it should be noted that this was a national consultation, not a local one, with 48.5% of national respondents agreeing the Bo'ness police station “should be disposed of”. The Chief Inspector notes that there have been many suggestions for a new local station, but the costs in setting one up would be prohibitive. Inspector McLaughlin attended the BCC meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> of September as outlined in the letter, though the letter did not arrive until the 18<sup>th</sup>.)

Local police are very much for the establishment of a new local police station in Bo'ness, whether in Cowdenhill Community Centre or other, though we that agree the expense would probably be the thing that halts this plan, especially the cost of installing a secure IT network and room.

“Why are so many transit vans being stolen?”

As outlined in a previous meeting, programmable keys can easily be bought on ebay and used on older model vans.

“Is there an update on the attempted stolen dog in the graveyard?”

It was upgraded to an attempted robbery. The victim did not recognize the person, so the investigation will take a while.

## 6. COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM

See Appendix 2

## 7. Minutes of Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2018

Pg1. Correction of Inspector McLaughlin’s name.

## 8. Matters Arising

Pg1. Alex: “Seen and Be Seen” should be capitalized, as it is a title.

The disability badge is separate to the secondary card. The card is for non-visible disabilities and is available through the Council.

Rescheduling the planning meeting: it is useful to know and discuss what is important to the community. (Expanded in AOCB)

Meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> with every organisation in the area on development plan from Miller Homes.

David Aitchison indicated there has been an allocation per area and a lot of objection to the Crawfield Road plan. As a result of the development on Borrowstoun, the traffic has greatly increased, the road narrowed and widened. Community Councils should put down conditions in the planning application to look at the roads that will be affected and make decisions, taking into account previous developments. (Expanded in AOCB)

Mandy Brown – No response as of yet.

## 9. REPORTS

**Robyn Adamson** - The BCC social media has been busy, and Robyn and Owen have been busy working on it. There are new updates on road closures etc.

There have been complaints about the new lights on the tower at Longannet. They are flashing strobe lights, very bright. People have been having problems with them as far up as Pennelton Place. Madelene suggested contacting Clackmannanshire council to raise the issue.

**Siobhan Samson** – (Report on Ineos sent from David Aitchison, Siobhan remains highly involved in the process.)

The Scottish Government Planning and Environmental Appeals Division (DPEA) have provided an update on the progress of the Ineos, Bo’ness Road, planning appeal. The DPEA indicate that the Reporters now hope to submit their report to Scottish Ministers in October 2018. The DPEA advise that it will take around 3 months from submission of the report for Ministers to make the final decision on the appeal.

The report will not be published until after the Ministers have issued their decision. Also, worth noting that there are examples of other cases where it has taken longer than 3 months for Ministers to issue a decision. Further updates will be published on the DPEA website.

**Councillor David Aitchison** – There has been a core path review and there will be an increase in the number of paths to be confirmed. This is going to a 12 week consultation. David will send out more information closer to the time. Madelene enquired if the path between Miller Homes would be cleared, as the shrub beds need pruning. Councillor Aitchison confirmed it would be. There has also been a community review of disability access to the top floor of Bo'ness Library. The response was that the Recreation Centre was available with these facilities. Councillor Munro expressed a desire to preserve libraries, as they provide a core function, and there are not many council-owned facilities left. Siobhan asked if there was a statutory obligation for disabled access to buildings, but Councillor Aitchison said this only applies to new buildings.

**Val Spowart** – The quiz night was very well attended, there will be a prayer morning on 27<sup>th</sup> of October in St Catharine's Church from 10am to 12 noon, everyone invited.

**Owen Griffiths** – **Owen delivered a report on Buzzness:** In it's conception, BUZZness was setup by a group of volunteers — each with their own business in Bo'ness — to support other local businesses. The focus was on the town centre; finding out what businesses would find beneficial to their growth and looking at methods of better engagement between the businesses, local residents, and visitors.

A portion of town-Centre businesses have engaged with the group in that time, however, Buzzness now focuses primarily on providing events and programmes aimed at residents and visitors – with the bonus being that businesses will hopefully benefit from those visiting our regular town centre attractions.

Buzzness has run and supplemented several events; including theme nights, children's entertainment, Christmas markets, and (most favorably) the Transport Festival.

Financially, it hopes to be a self-sufficient entity within the near future, without any financial input from third parties, including funders. As is currently the case, funds raised through Buzzness events are reinvested into hosting more admission-free events; however, greater funding opportunities will make this easier and more sustainable. In the longer term, the group aims to share any excess funds with other local charitable bodies.

The group is currently looking at much bigger plans – including a drive-in movie – not only to significantly boost funds, but also create unique visitor attractions in the greater locale of Forth Valley, Falkirk and West Lothian; putting Bo'ness even more prominently on the map.

**Alex King** – Alex congratulated Buzzness on the excellent work, this was agreed by the rest of the BCC. The sculpture delivered by IFLI on the foreshore is not in the agreed area nor the original design that was agreed. Tunnel structure is not the original agreed size. The site and design were changed without further consultation with groups.

**Kathryn Markey** – The Barony is having a busy time. There will be an amnesty concert on the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> of November. Also a one night showing of Stuff and the annual play will be The Steamie.

**Stuart McAllister** – In regards to the wind turbine, it will be 104ft, and there have been no objections from the houses so far.

**Application No:** P/18/0572/FUL  
**Earliest Date of Decision:** 26 October 2018  
**Application Type:** Planning Permission  
**Heirarchy Level:** Local  
**Proposal:** Installation of 23.7m Wind Turbine (31.6m to Blade Tip) and Associated Infrastructure  
**Location:** Woodhead, Linlithgow, EH49 7RJ  
**Applicant:** Eocycle  
**Agent:** Cogeo Planning & Environmental Services LTD.  
Dave Anderson 272 Bath Street, Glasgow, G2 4JR

**Case Officer:** Kevin Brown (01324 504 201) - Email: [Kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:Kevin.brown@falkirk.gov.uk)  
**Grid Reference:** 298195 67691

**Application No:** P/18/0502/FUL  
**Earliest Date of Decision:** 12<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
**Application Type:** Planning Permission  
**Proposal:** Erection of 7 Dwellinghouses  
**Location:** Kinneil Bowling Club, Angus Road, Bo'ness, EH51 0BH  
**Community Council:** Bo'ness  
**Ward:** 01 – Bo'ness and Blackness  
**Applicant:** Casa Developments  
**Agent:** Philip Lindsay Woodbourne Wemyss Bay PA18 6AD  
**Case Officer:** Julie Seidel (01324 504 880) – Email: [Julie.seidel@falkirk.gov.uk](mailto:Julie.seidel@falkirk.gov.uk)  
**Grid Reference:** 298776680864

**Joan Boyd**

**Correspondence:**

**E-mail** Draft Statement of Falkirk Council's Licensing Policy responded to by 19<sup>th</sup> October 2018 of which you were sent copies.

**E-mail** addressed to Madelene regarding a report they have commissioned about Remaking Towns after Brexit. I can send anyone a link if they are interested in reading this.

**E-mail** from Richard Hannah asking for information on who to contact about plans they have for involvement in the Remembrance ceremony this year. We wrote a letter of support for the project application for funding some time ago.

**E-mail** enclosing a letter from Miller Homes thanking us for attending the meeting at Kinglass Fields last month.

**Madelene Hunt (Convenor)** - The Miller Homes meeting went well. They showed us around, and sent a letter thanking us for attending. 80% of the homes are already sold, with 56% of those sold to people in Bo'ness.

Val commented that Miller Homes were very open, and she was impressed by their manner.

## **A.O.C.B.**

### **Police Letter**

**Siobhan:** Chief Inspector Armstrong spends a lot of time justifying why they closed. A lot of the letter is just repeating what the BCC wrote to him. I would suggest we run a pilot for 6 months, using radios and phones. As for a presence, a sign of police in the town might deter nonsense, and that might improve things. I also want to highlight that it was a national consultation, not a local one.

**Madelene:** Somewhere like the old fire station may be better? Though this particular place has already been ruled out, a more central location like that might be more suitable.

**Siobhan:** We have the same population as Grangemouth, and they would be much quicker to respond. I will draft an email including these suggestions.

**Owen:** It may also be beneficial to have Grangemouth's crime figures to compare to ours currently.

### **Remembrance Service**

We are having a planning meeting with the Church Ministers, members of British Legion, members of CC and Richard Hannah and make sure things runs smoothly. The service will take place at the Old Kirk at 10.45am followed by one at the Cenotaph starting at 12.15pm. There will be a remembrance concert at Falkirk Town Hall on 10<sup>th</sup> November. Ashley Sneddon will lay the wreath at the Cenotaph.

Info management meeting with Brian Pirie on data protection, making sure we comply with GDPR

### **Turbine**

**Adrian Mahoney:** Looking to ascertain what the view of the Community Council was related to the wind turbine application.

**Siobhan:** We will look at online planning details and make a decision.

**Adrian:** There are concerns as it's near a historic site. It's the same height as the Kelpies, and will be on a hill, so very visible. There may be issues of shadow flicker and flight paths.

**Siobhan:** Solo turbines don't get paid when the turbine is turned off. People can object on grounds of flicker, and a report would be made on it.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair

**Police Report**

Name of  
Community  
Council:

<b>Monthly ward report:</b>	Bo'ness Community Council
<b>Date of meeting:</b>	10/10/2018
<b>Author of report:</b>	PC Graeme McDougall
<b>Report presented by:</b>	PC Graeme McDougall
<b>Reporting period:</b>	01/09/2018 – 30/09/2018

Foreword:

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.

**There has been a total of 27 crime reports raised by Police this month.**

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

There have been 18 crimes of ASB over the previous month.

5 of which were Vandalisms and 1 Culpable and Reckless Conduct. There was no pattern or repeat location.

There was 1 crime of serious violence such as Attempted Murder, Serious Assault or Robbery, this was an attempted Robbery.

There have been 10 minor Assaults.

- **Drug Dealing & Drug Misuse**

Over the previous month, no Drug Search warrants were enforced within the Bo'ness area.

There has been 2 offences in relation to possession of controlled substances detected over the past month.

- **Road Safety**

There has been 1 offence relating to driving without insurance, 1 offence for driving without a valid licence and 1 offence relating to Fail to Stop.

- **Dishonesty Crimes**

There has been 2 Housebreaking offence to commercial property and no residential Housebreakings.

There has been no minor Thefts.

There has been no Theft from a motor vehicle.

There has been 2 Motor vehicle Thefts both relating to Ford Transit Vans.

Other offences relate to minor and miscellaneous crimes.

## **Community Engagement and Reassurance**



Police Scotland is launching a new process for public consultation. The aim is to widen the existing consultation process by making the consultation survey available online and accessible all year round.

The survey can be found via the Police Scotland website; [www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts](http://www.scotland.police.uk/yourviewcounts)



Boness Community Council Meeting  
 Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018  
**COMMUNITY SAFETY TEAM**

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

**Period: 01/09/18 – 30/09/18**

Total ASB Reports Falkirk Council Area	Breakdown of 3 geographical areas		
<b>78</b>	<b>EAST</b> -Grangemouth, Bo'ness, Braes	<b>WEST</b> -Denny, Dunipace, Bonnybridge, Haggs, Banknock	<b>CENTRAL</b> -Falkirk North and South
	<b>35</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>19</b>

### 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 01/09/18 – 30/09/18

ASB Concern	No of reports
Dog Fouling & Control of Dogs	21
Litter & Fly Tipping	5
Youth related disorder	7
Other	2

### 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 currently have no issues reported in your area.**

### Contact Us

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