



BO'NESS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Draft minutes of Meeting Wednesday 14 December 2022 7pm within meeting room above Bo'ness Library

1. **Welcome:** Madelene Hunt welcomed everyone to the last meeting of the year and wished everyone well for Christmas and the forthcoming New Year.

Sederunt (Attending): Madelene Hunt, Lennox Ainslie, Stuart McAllister, Val Spowart, Brian Laird, Jaine Mclean, John Ogden

Apologies: Matteo Petrozzo, Brian Dempsey, Owen Griffiths

2. **Also attending:** Councillor David Aitchison - Falkirk Council
PC Graeme McDougall - Police Scotland
Adrian Mahoney – Member of the public.

3. **Police Report**

PC Graeme McDougall gave us his report and informed us that Police Scotland now have crime system in place for reporting crimes. Please see his report for details.

4. **Minutes** of the 9th November 2022 meeting
Minutes were accepted with approved amendments

5. **Matters Arising**

Councillor Aitchison: David informed us that the drains had now been cleared at the bottom of Carriden Brae and in Dawson Place.

Madelene Hunt: Enquired whether there was any further news regarding the new regional restructure to date?

Val Spowart: The Salvation Army managed to raise about £1000 at their concert.

Brian Laird: At the bottom of Bo'mains Road there's still a car persistently parking within the bus stop opposite Morrisons. Surely this must be a health and safety issue that needs to be addressed? Similar problems

occurring in Dawson Place too. Maybe access to Morrisons could be changed to using the same entrance as the hairdressers?

John Ogden: Complained about Falkirk Council's online reporting method for the reporting of fly tipping and for using the waste sites where you now have to book a timing slot to dump your rubbish.

Adrian Mahoney: (Re-above) If people are not able to go online how well publicised are the services? I would imagine it would be frustrating if you turned up at the tip and were told you cannot use it.

Councillor Aitchison: Soon householders will be getting charged by Falkirk Council a nominal sum if you wish to get your brown bins (garden waste) emptied by the council.

There was a full council meeting today and a motion to reopen public toilets in Bo'ness and Blackness by Labour not Falkirk Council was submitted. However, public liability insurance and cleaning regularly would be required.

Adrian Mahoney: Suggested that a donations box placed within the toilets could help finance the running.

Councillor Aitchison: A member of staff was never there all the time, only at opening and closing times.

Jaine Mclean: Enquired where the funding for the Bo'ness Miners Memorial had originally come from and which local groups were involved? (It was supported by Bo'ness Community Council as was the Bridgeness Slab.)

Val Spowart: Wished to bring to everyone's attention that cars are parking in Market Square next to where the Christmas Tree is located.

Madelene Hunt: Four groups have sent nominations to become members of Bo'ness Community Council.

- Wendy Turner Barony Theatre
- Billy Horn Buzzness
- Steven Baird Bo'net
- Gordon Clark Friends of Kinneil

These nominations were accepted by the Community Council.

Madelene said she would also like to see the youths represented as well.

Madelene Hunt: What action will Bo'ness Community Council take to oppose the closure of Bo'ness Recreation Centre?

Someone else is complaining about the bins at the Drum overflowing and smelling.

Councillor Aitchison: The first thing that will happen will be a Falkirk Council wider consultation which may be done online or maybe an opportunity to visit Bo'ness Library to express your views regarding the proposals. There will be a Community Asset Transfer to save Falkirk Council money and demolish Falkirk Town Hall. Everything is going through Community Asset Transfer.

By 2023 there will be a decision to close assets or keep them open until then.

Adrian Mahoney: Friends of Kinneil believe they have found a route to source some funding for Kinneil from the proposed new development along Crawfield Road.

I've no idea what's going to happen regarding the future of the Hippodrome.

Madelene Hunt: PAN - Planning Application Notice Tuesday 31st 2023. Drum Farm Lodge applicant wishes to meet with Bo'ness Community Council. The developer is Dandara. The contact is Chris Wright. Jaine to invite to February meeting .

John Ogden: Does Falkirk Council have a history of refusing plans? The local plan is agreed by councillors and Falkirk Council development

Adrian Mahoney: Falkirk Council must have a certain amount of housing stock to develop.

Madelene Hunt: Plans to invite Malcolm Bennie (from Falkirk Council) to the January meeting. (Re strategic property review).