

**Minutes of Bo'ness Community Council Meeting held on
Wednesday, 9th December 2009 in Upper Rooms Bo'ness Library**

Present Madelene Hunt (Convenor), David Findlay, Alex King, Gail Fairholm, Len Ainslie, Liliias Snedden, Joan Boyd, Maria Ford, Malcolm Gilfillan, Tom Sargent, Rob Willox and Bill Kelly.

In Attendance: A representative of the Bo'ness Journal, PC Craig Heron, Sgt. Keith Jack and Cllr Adrian Mahoney.

Apologies for absence: Ann Cromie, Stuart McAllister, Lyn Cranwell and Owen Griffiths.

Introductions. The chair invited all to introduce themselves as new members were present.

Police Report. A comprehensive report on issues was given covering crime statistics, plain clothes duties, illegal parking at schools, increase in foot patrols for December planned and additional vehicle checks by electronic monitoring. Several questions were raised by councillors re motorbikes on the harbour, parking and potential accident issues at the island at the Co-op, racist crimes and driving out carelessly from Shieldness Produce and also potential drink driving offences. The overall report confirmed we were by all accounts living in a safe community. Both officers were thanked for their time and helpful reports.

Minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2009 were proposed by A King and seconded by R Willox. Erratum A. Mahoney's report to replace with assist, spelling of Kinacres Grove, and Forth Valley.

Matters arising from the minutes. Comments were made about the time of the fireworks display and the attendance numbers since it was thought to be rather late.

Election of Treasurer. B Kelly proposed by L Ainslie seconded A King. Bill accepted and was elected unanimously- he would contact previous treasurer for books and accounts. Convenor welcomed Bill to the post.

REPORTS

Liliias Snedden Reported on the project to use the old Woolworth premises over Christmas from the 16th December for drop in facilities. Garden meeting to take place about Kinneil Halt garden, the youth team and the Indian visitors arriving on 1st to 15th Feb.

Gail Fairholm. No report

David Findlay No report

Bill Kelly reported on progress with Smartwater launch in 2010 -a police detection system based on unique DNA marking of property. Was asked what could be done for non NHW areas.

Rob Willox reported that calendar sales were slow for Bonnie Bo'ness and could affect the photography competition and also the flower baskets in town centre.

Joan Boyd reported she is Treasurer for Bo'ness means Business, Jack Marshall is Chair and the next meeting is on 12th Jan

Lennox Ainslie Reported on the over capacity from the licensing forum and the award to ex Bo'ness Fair Chair G Stewart.

Alex King Reported on death of J Burnie and departure of J Mayes from SRPS and that the 2010 running timetable in draft form was ready and includes extended running to Manuel junction.

M Ford Reported on funding bid by Friends of Kinneil for repairs to the bridge fencing and path repairs and wall repointing around Kinneil House. . BCC asked to write in support in due course. Stepforth has arranged a walk on 28th Dec. at 2pm and on 16th Jan. A prize for a short story on "I love Kinneil" has been initiated, including a car sticker to promote visitors to the estate later in the year.

Malcolm Gilfillan Reported on planning applications on the Liberal Club and Old St. Mary's, the Drum Farm appeal, land in Links Road and the housing and schools redevelopment in Whitecross.

Adrian Mahoney Reported on full council session and financial position, the films for the Hippodrome, the Antonine wall, Big in Falkirk and housing allocation.

Madelene Hunt Reported on Muirhouses conservation presentation, Bridgeness Club tennis courts and that BCC were awarded a certificate for Partnership and Sharing from Friends of Kinneil .This was being framed costing £8.50 and would be placed in the small meeting room above the Library. The BCC subcommittees were reviewed and the schedule will be updated.

CORRESPONDENCE None tabled

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Noted and discussed that rubbish still on vacant site on Linlithgow Road, flooding at new flats in Corbiehall. A letter was to be written to FC regarding illegal signs all over Bo'ness. Noted the distress to older people on unsolicited phone calls and the possible inclusion of an article in the Journal with information on how to deal with this. Comments on blocking of supermarket entrances with large piles of stock and no room left for shoppers to negotiate.

Noted the opening of Bassi's Indian restaurant with invited guests, the poor lighting around the town hall, the omission of cycle racks in the streetscape imitative and the continuation of dog fouling on streets in the town centre and on Crawfield Road.

Training for running a Credit Union on January 16th in room above library and at a future BCC meeting a session on solvent abuse is to be arranged.

There being no other business the meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair, the next monthly meeting being on January 13th 2010 at 7pm.