

**Minutes of the Bo'ness Community Council Meeting held on
Wednesday 12 May 2010 in Bo'ness Library Meeting Room**

Present: Madelene Hunt (Convenor), Gail Fairholm, Tom Sargent, Bill Kelly, Len Ainslie, Lyn Cranwell, David Findlay, Malcolm Gilfillan, Alex King, Stuart McAllister, Ann Cromie, Joan Boyd, Maria Ford, Owen Griffiths and Rob Willox

In Attendance: Councillor Adrian Mahoney, Councillor Ann Richie, Press

Apologies: Liliias Snedden

Police Report:

As has been discussed at previous CC meetings, additional funding is made available from the Scottish Government for increased police patrols in the Deanfield area of Bo'ness. This funding is applied for locally and organised by the community police team. This funding comes from the 'Fairer Scotland' budget.

During April into May, additional patrols took place on a Friday and Saturday nights and these occurred every second week, finishing on 08/05/10.

During this time, off-sale premises were visited frequently and foot patrols carried out between the hours of 5pm and 11pm.

Whilst on patrol, police recovered a small amount of cannabis from an adult male after a routine stop and search. A 14 year old female was also found to be drunk and incapable of looking after herself within the Calder Park area.

Both persons were charged and reported for these offences. The 14 year old female was left in the care of her parents. As a result of further enquiry carried out by PC's Lesley Hunter and Craig Heron, an 18 year old male was traced and charged for buying alcohol on the girl's behalf. This was particularly satisfying due the obvious danger his conduct had placed the girl in.

Minutes

The Minutes of meeting held on 14th April 2010 were proposed by Len Ainslie and seconded by Alex King. There were no matters arising.

REPORTS

Gail Fairholm

Credit Union is going well with some regular customers, a meeting with the Bo'ness Journal will take place to see if they can put an article in to publicise this and encourage new members to join.

Tom Sargent

A number of letters for Malcolm received on Planning.

BCC on Facebook is now up and running so please sign up

Len Ainslie

20th May Foreshore Liaison Group meeting in the Library

27th May Licensing Forum Municipal Buildings Falkirk

27th May Area Forum in Kinneil Primary School 7pm

30th May Victorian Street Fair.

Malcolm Gilfillan

Planning matters - application for radio mast at 17 Ochilview Road, further details will be requested for this.

Questions asked about the Drum Business Park as new sign has been put up there. It was explained that outline planning permission was granted some years ago but if any new building work was to take place a detailed application would need to be submitted.

Adrian Mahoney to get planning applications of the new building application by Andersons sent to Malcolm. There were concerns on the height of the building and it was agreed that Tom will write a letter to planning department pointing out our concerns and that we were awaiting full detailed plans.

Stuart McAllister

Safety Group meeting –AGM- will take place on 8th June at 7pm In the Cabin, Boundary Street.

David Findlay

No report

Rob Willox

Noted that Bonnie Bo'ness Photographic Competition was on going. Entry forms would be available in the library and elsewhere. There was no interest from the local Primary Schools so this section was taken out this year entries.

Tenders for a reproduction of the Bridgeness Slab had been requested from six companies. The cost was likely to be in the region of £75,000 which included managing the project, copying the original slab by laser (£60,000), transport and

setting up the slab with a plinth and information plaques. We are actively seeking funding from a number of sources.

Maria Ford

Attended the last Fair committee meeting. Photo shoot of the Fair Queen is taking place for this year's Fair Programme.

Open day at Kinneil House has been successful - 526 attended

Visitor's stats are

2008 -1538

2009 -1762

AGM Meeting of Friends of Kinneil is on the 3rd June in the Library, large room

Joan Boyd

Bo'ness Means Business had a meeting with the Town Centre Management to discuss a new website for the town that will include all of the local groups, websites and their details. It will need to be maintained and updated regular with what is happening in the town, funding was being looked at for this and also the support of the Community Council and Liaison Group.

As regards what is happening in the town at Christmas, it was agreed that a one day special event would be better than lots of small events taking place on various days. Further details will need to be discussed and clarified.

Alex King

Nothing to report

Lyn Cranwell

Nothing to report

Owen Griffiths

There is a Homebase Competition for funds to decorate premises. Much to our surprise the group had reached the last 9 in the UK.
The next Valley FM Rock night is the 4th and 5th June

Bill Kelly

Noted that the Treasurer's account was £640.35, the Mining Memorial account £729.37.

Bill was going to look into the insurance quote from Falkirk Council as a previous insurance quote is coming in cheaper. Bill will compare the two and report back.

Cllr Adrian Mahoney

The new public information display points have arrived. Still to confirm where these will be sited. All long term public and tourism advertisements for the town can be posted here.

Madelene Hunt

Noted that the Community Council website was now linked to Facebook which might encourage more users and hopefully raise our profile.

The Victorian Street Fair plans were moving ahead.

The updated Constitution has been sent up to Falkirk Council, still awaiting acceptance confirmation.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

Further to several queries raised at our last meeting the Convenor had sought clarification and met with office bearers and two members and details are as follows. It was agreed that all invoices and expenses under £100 are to be paid immediately if agreed by the majority of Office Bearers, there would be no need for approval from the members. If it was for accounts like insurance etc or any other genuine bill it was agreed this could also be paid as above. If there was a request to purchase a high value item above £100 a majority of members would need to approve and once agreed it could be bought. Approval can be sought by the Convenor ringing round members to get a majority to support request. Majority is fixed at 8 in our new Constitution.

Agreement for signing of cheques

Any **two** approved members to sign all cheques.

All above financial matters were approved unanimously as written, by the members.

AOCB

Bo'ness United Football Club asked to meet with a small group of us to discuss how they could pursue the establishment of an all weather pitch at Newtown Park.

It was suggested that they attend one of our meetings to discuss this further when matters have progressed and more details are available.

The meeting closed with a vote of thanks to the Chair.