

Minutes of Bo'ness Community Council
Wednesday 9th April 2008
Upper Rooms Bo'ness Library

Community Planning Officer for Falkirk Council attended and showed a DVD of community involvement in another area of Falkirk Council area. Afterwards there was some general discussion regarding how this would be rolled out in the Bo'ness area.

Details of the event for town hall on May 27th were discussed encouraging local people to identify issues using a large scale map of Bo'ness/Blackness. All of the issues are colour coded and then fed back into planning process as an outcome of the event.

Present: M Hunt (Convenor), B Kelly (Vice-Convenor), L Ainslie,
M Gibbons, W Stanners, A Nimmo, I Don (Treasurer), G Fairholm,
S McAllister, R O'Connor (secretary), M Gilfillan

In attendance: Officer M Matthewson, members of the public

Apologies: A Ritchie, M Bennett, B Bruce, D Findlay

Minutes of Previous Minutes

Proposed: I Don
Seconded: G Fairholm

Matters Arising: None

Reports

Officer

Matthewson 45% of crime had been detected including the fire raising damage to Bo'ness Academy which caused £500k of damage. This was 2 youths who also damaged vehicles on the foreshore and at Victoria Swing Park.

Vandals were also causing problems at Drumfarm Cottage; this site is derelict and very unsafe. Representatives from McTaggart & Nickel who are awaiting the transfer of title had agreed to increase security.

The Polish shop in the town had been vandalised and was not closed.

The issue of unlawful parking was discussed and areas of concern highlighted. Officer Matthewson advised the Community Council that there would be an action day in April and areas of concern would be added to the plans.

It was confirmed that civilian investigators had been recruited to assist Officer with some of the routine ground work, door to door questioning and statement taking were examples given. This freed Officer to undertake other work.

I Don Bank £692.16
Mining Memorial £390.42

M Stanners Trees obscuring the west view of the memorial to mining was still to be cut back, and update from Falkirk Council was awaited.

Deanfield area had been chosen to participate in Fairer Scotland initiative, details were outstanding.

L Ainslie Forum meeting would be taking place on 8th May. Foreshore development would be on the agenda. It was agreed that to have appropriate representation and airing of issues that ING should be present.

Original meeting to discuss the Foreshore Development had been scheduled for 17th April, Falkirk Council Policy and Resource Committee called the matter into Council; therefore the original meeting was rescheduled.

**Councillor
Constable**

THI Western Approach, it appeared that there would not be an Antonine Wall Heritage Centre however, it may possible that a Heritage Themed Park could be developed however it would require a partnership approach.

W Stanners asked for this matter to be continued onto the agenda for the next meeting to allow the Convenor for Environment and Heritage to comment on the issues.

M Hunt confirmed that she had been asked to attend Falkirk Stadium for a regeneration group meeting. Concerns were expressed at different groups being asked to attend at different times.

G Fairholm Bonnie Bo'ness had secured the flower baskets again this year and the cost increase was being absorbed.

B Kelly McLaren Trophy, it was an excellent evening and it was requested that a letter be sent to Falkirk Council to thank them for their support. M Hunt confirmed that this had been done.

S McAllister Access Forum, Bo'ness/Blackness path. Plans are to rebuild on the landowners site, there are however objections to this so seems like the pack will be rebuilt on the existing site. Falkirk Council is producing a leaflet for local paths.

M Gibbons Falkirk Area Safety Panel meeting, it was agreed that police attendance at safety meeting was patchy. Inspector McGregor is being asked to encourage police attendance at meetings.

M Hunt

Plans for the renovations of Corbiehall had been received as had an application for internal and external alterations at Tidings Hill.

A health promotion event was held at Falkirk Council for the Future of Food.

The Roads Department had been emailed for a closure for the Victorian street fair; however there had been no response to date.

Litter Pick Up has been arranged for 27th April between 10am-12noon. This was a joint venture between the Community Council, Bonnie Bo'ness and Friends of Kinneil.

Inveravon meeting had taken place the previous week.

Mail

Falkirk Council Planning and Transportation
Falkirk Council Disabled on street parking
Postwatch Scotland newsletter
Falkirk Council Communities Scotland Inspection Report
Wicksteed brochure

AOCB

M Gilfillan

Safety rail around balcony of town hall seating appears to be a hazard as it was significantly higher than necessary. The Community Council asked M Gilfillan to contact Falkirk Council and take this matter forward.

G Fairholm

Whilst going around town for the hanging basked, local shop owners were upset at being asked to pay to have a stall outside their shops for the Victorian fair. There was some discussion about how this had been dealt with in previous years, and some suggestions about how the organisers could progress this.

S McAllister

Flood Prevention, disabled access and ramps are being installed to allow access to the foreshore over the flood prevention installation..