

Minutes of Meeting of Cowdenbeath Community Council  
AGM  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**1. Present**

**A Haddow, A Stott, C Gourlay, A Dziennik, I Cuthbertson, I Burt, S McGillivray, A McGillivray, D McLean, L Rae, P Millmore, A Lockhart** (TWELVE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

**Co-opted Community Councillors** - J Young

**Members of the Public** - Mr & Mrs J Robertson, B Kay, H Anderson, L Galbraith

**Elected Members** - Cllrs A Campbell and D Watt

**Police** - PC's F Menzies & G Gardiner

**2. Apologies** – W Aitchison, Cllr G Guichan

**3. Approval of Minutes for May 2018** - **Proposed:** D McLean **Seconded:** L Rae

**4. Chairman's Report for May 2018– May 2019**

**Town Centre Development:** We have an upgraded green square, new street furniture, new pavements and the start of the heritage garden. And I have to congratulate A Walker from Fife Council for all his hard work in trying to improve our Town. There are still some aspects to finish but the High Street is looking much better. Some of the shop owners have also been 'doing up' their shop fronts and that's certainly a great sight. And with the community council successfully acquiring funding from Awards for All, we will have more murals/shutter art courtesy of the very talented Kerry Wilson. And there are a few new shops in the High Street with a few more scheduling to open including the development at the North End. Things are looking up

**Coalfields Regeneration Trust** This year Coalfields Community Futures Programme is covering Cowdenbeath. A group of residents volunteered to be on the Steering Group and they have been working with CRT on Cowdenbeaths' Community Action Plan. Over 1700 opinions have been gathered and a Community Action Plan has been created. 12 projects have been allocated funding to improve Cowdenbeath. The launch of the Plan is at the end of this month and hopefully groups will unite together and drive forward the Plan

**Remembrance Day:** This years Remembrance Day has a special place in my heart. It was 100 years since the end of WW1 and the Community Council decided to commemorate the event with WW1 items (eg Bench) and a WW1 Concert in Carnegie Hall. We had ordered a few items for the commemoration but sadly owing to a high demand at the suppliers, we were only able to have the Bench in place by the day of the service....but it did look great. And the concert .....well what can I say. It was a memorable event. And just yesterday, we received confirmation that some of the remaining WW1 items have been installed at the Town House. So it's looking good for this years service . Thanks must go to all the folks who attend the Service – it certainly wouldn't be the same without them

**Environment Group:** Congratulations and well done to the environment group, their volunteers and staff at Fife Council Parks & Open Spaces. In the Beautiful Fife Campaign 2018, Cowdenbeath achieved the SILVER GILT award and it was down to their hard work and effort in trying to make Cowdenbeath look good. It's not an easy task but they did it. Will they get GOLD next year ....I hope so. There are only 4 folks on the Environment Group and they hope that folks will come forward and help.

**Civic Week:** Congratulations and Well done has to go to Cowdenbeaths Civic Week Committee, their friends and family as well as volunteers who regularly to help.

The Committee work tirelessly throughout the year to organise a fun filled programme of events for the folks of Cowdenbeath. It's a standing joke that 'Civic Week' runs throughout the year. Even though the weather wasn't very good during Parade week, all events went well. And even though the activities were moved from the Park up to the High School, everything still went well. This Committee certainly do Cowdenbeath Proud.

**Street Pastors** – Congratulations also goes to the Pastors. They celebrated their 4<sup>th</sup> birthday in October and are going from strength to strength

Thank you also has to go to the other office bearers of the CC. I may be the Chairman but I couldn't do it without the support of them.

All in all I think we've had a good year in Cowdenbeath. There's been lots happening and it's been positive. However I have to say I am disappointed the CC decided to stop awarding the CoY. Today I was at the funeral of former CoY – Jimmy Scally. During the service I heard the story of how during Civic Week his family only saw him for about an hour that week because he was out and about being CoY. That's what it means to folks.. The CC has indicated they would like to do another type of award and I really hope that this starts soon.

#### **5. Treasurer's Report - A Stott**

Accounts to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 have been independently examined and signed off. Amount in bank as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 is £60,982.27

Copies of accounts distributed prior to meeting to Community Councillors for discussion on the night.

The bulk of the amount in our accounts is for the proposed heritage/community garden at Brunton Square (eg £38k) No concerns raised by CCs.

Application will be submitted for Fife Council grant.

#### **6. Election of Officials**

At this point, all office bearers stood down and Cllr A Campbell took charge as office bearers were (re) elected.

Cllr Campbell thanked our outgoing chair – Alex Haddow – who has decided not to stand for re-election.

<b>Position</b>	<b>Nominees</b>	<b>Proposed by</b>	<b>Seconded by</b>
Chairperson	I Burt	C Gourlay	A Haddow
Vice Chair	L Rae	C Gourlay	A McGillivray
Treasurer	A Stott	A Haddow	I Burt
Secretary	C Gourlay	I Burt	A Stott

NB: There was only 1 nomination for each position.

**7. . Date of Next Meeting :** Next meeting will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2020.