

# Cowdenbeath Community Council

## Minutes for 17th January 2019

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1. **PRESENT** : Community Councillors introduced – A Haddow, I Burt, A Stott, C Gourlay, A McGillivray, A Dziennik, D McLean, P Millmore, A Lockhart, W Aitchison (TEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

**Co-opted Members** n/a  
**Elected Members** Cllrs A Campbell, A Bain, D Watt, G Guichan  
**Police**  
**Members of the public** L Rae, Mr & Mrs Robertson, C Hoffland  
**Guests** n/a

### 2. **APOLOGIES**

**Community Councillors** S McGillivray, I Cuthbertson  
**Elected Members**  
**Co-opted Members**  
**Police** PCs F Menzies & C McDougall

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Proposed: I Burt Seconded: D McLean

4. **MATTERS ARISING** – no questions asked

5. **POLICE UPDATE** -written report submitted

- Plans in place for policing the Cowdenbeath v Rangers match. Increased police presence
- PC McDougall taking up a 12month full time position at BHS wef 28/01/2019. His role will be to enhance relationships between school, families and communities. Elected councillors supportive of the role.
- Expecting new community officer soon.

AD advised he was disappointed and concerned about the ongoing issues at the Community Woodland. There doesn't seem to be any progress on resolving the issues. CG will write to Community Officers. *(Post meeting note – email sent 20<sup>th</sup> January)*

### 6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Coalfields Regeneration Trust** – Family fun day organised for 26<sup>th</sup> January (12-2pm) at Beath High School. The day is being organised by Civic Week Committee and CRT. Hopefully, a few groups will submit their applications for the funding available and residents will vote on which project they like the best. There is also a surge on trying to get residents to complete the questionnaire. Output from the questionnaire will be used to formulate a community action plan for Cowdenbeath. The CC has a few projects which they are submitting applications for
- Festive Friends**. Community Council was approached (in Dec) by Cowdenbeath FC to help identify elderly residents in the town that live on their own and would benefit from an outing courtesy of SPFL trust. 10 people were invited and they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. CCs were asked to keep this in mind should we be asked to be involved again this year.
- Hampers** – another request was received via BHS if we knew people who would like to receive a hamper courtesy of the schoolkids. IB liaised with Homestart and consequently the schoolkids delivered hampers to Homestart for onward distribution to the families/individuals. Again can we keep this type of request in mind so we are in a better position to identify folks should we be asked to assist this year. AH also distributed hampers and turkeys he had been given.
- Dalgety Bay Panto** – Thanks to Dalgety Players for the 20 free tickets we received for their panto. Sadly, we could only distributed 8 tickets for the show on 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan. The remaining 12 tickets were returned the week before in the hope that Dalgety Players could give them to local people.
- ExxonMobil Senior Citizen Burns Lunch** – Invite from Exxon Mobil for 70 senior citizens to attend a burns lunch at the Mossmorran Plant. Lunch served by staff and entertainment provided by staff. We managed to distribute 51 places but on the day there were call offs. Feedback at meeting from those in attendance was that it was a very good outing. Everyone on the buses were had a thoroughly enjoyable time. *(Post meeting note: CG sent email to CCubitt, ExxonMobil thanking them for the invitations and that comments being made was that attendees had a good time)*
- Networking Meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> March**. This meeting has been organised by Dalgety Bay and Hillend Community Council. Any takers. *(Post meeting note IB and WA have indicated they will attend. CG will confirmed to the organisers.)*
- Remembrance Day Services**. Local cadet commander has been in touch in the hope that the cadets can become more involved in the community. Would be good idea if cadets were involved in organisation of the Remembrance Day services. CG will set up meeting. Anyone interested in attending should let CG know. *(Post meeting note: WA and CG met cadet commander on 25/1.)*

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### 6. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

- **Recruitment campaign for future community councillors.** 6 people in total submitted applications. Unfortunately 2 people cancelled their applications owing to personal circumstances. The remaining 4 were welcomed on to the Community Council. Declaration forms were issued and should be returned to CG who will send to FC for registration. That means we have 16 community councillors. *(Post meeting note: Proposal made that the next recruitment campaign will be in approx 12-15 months)*
- **Pedestrian Crossing at Partners.** General discussion highlighted that there are concerns within the town that 'this area is an accident waiting to happen'. CG has raised subject with FC and Cllr Watt will be having a 'walkabout' tomorrow with the Town Centre Development project manager to see what options are available. Something needs to be done sooner rather than later. If you want to know more about where crossings are going to go, check out the TRO's detailed in the Area Committees meeting in November. (<https://www.fifedirect.org.uk/news/index.cfm?fuseaction=committee.event#Papers>)
- **Parking on Stenhouse Street.** Concern also raised about the amount of cars that park on double yellow lines and create traffic problems at the bottom of Stenhouse Street (opposite Baynes). Sometimes buses can't get into the junction. And with the opening of the new takeaway the traffic problems may get worse. There is a car park at Stenhouse Street but it is not very well lit. Could something be done re both these issues. **Action: Cllr Watt will check with FC re parking and the car park;**
- **Green Square – licensing issues** – AH raised the subject of all the different types of licenses required to put events on in the Town. Particular reference made to green square. How can we encourage people to organise events when the cost of the licenses and the hoops that groups need to go through to get the proper licenses is too lengthy. Suggestion made that FC be approached and try to find an easier process. *(Post meeting note: CG attended a meeting regarding Town Centre Development. A cross group meeting will be set up to discuss, amongst other things, the topic of licenses. Also FC are looking to employ an events coordinator and hopefully this will make the issue of licenses easier to obtain)*

### 7. COUNCILLORS REPORT

**Potholes in Bridge Street.** Lots of complaints received. Potholes have been fixed in last day or so.

**Morrisons entrance/exit.** Concern expressed about the difficulty trying to exit Morrisons car park. Cars parked opposite entrance doesn't help. Indication is that roundabout will be created. Traffic lights would be expensive

**Barriers at the Fountain** (where the Bruce Hotel was) – GG advised that the railings are here. Have to wait till a slot becomes available to do the repair.

**Mossmorran plant** – concern expressed again with the flaring/black smoke emitting from the plant. AB advised that SEPA are continually monitoring plant. And matters are discussed at the Air Quality Meeting. AB and AH advised that if anyone wishes to attend Mossmorran for a site visit, they can do so. Arrangements can be made.

### 8. TREASURERS REPORT

Report distributed by treasurer before meeting

**Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at **17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 is £44,704.98**

Amount of	£40,351.86	<b>ringfenced</b> for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 1,650.00	<b>ringfenced</b> for WW1 memorial items at Town House
	£ 250.00	<b>ringfenced</b> for Remembrance Day Services ( <i>money recd from WW1 sponsors</i> )
SUB TOT	<b>£ 42,251.86</b>	
Balance	<b>£ 2,453.12</b>	available to the Community Council.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 44,704.98</b>	

NB: AH still to collect payments for some wreaths for Remembrance Day and CG to collect payment for 1 advert for Beath Bulletin (£40)

*(Post meeting note: Payment for £40 re advert in Beath Bulletin received. Will show in next months accounts)*

**Civic Week** – first meeting will be 26<sup>th</sup> January. Christmas Events went well and Loony Dook raised lots of money

**Foodbank** – DMcL advised that the foodbank organisers have been overwhelmed with the donations received for the Foodbank. Whenever a call goes out for donations, residents from all local areas rally round. (Kelty folks donated to the Cowdenbeath foodbank at Christmas) Over 5000 people were helped last year (over 1000 were children). Donation of £900 received from BHS. Vouchers for shops can be donated. More volunteers needed for the foodbank.

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Meeting over ran and we didn't have time for the following reports

**Street Pastors**

**4 Winds Trust**

**CACA**

**Environment Group**

**Town Centre Development**

**10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019 @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.**