

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 16th February 2017

1. **PRESENT**

Community Council Members

- A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Dziennik, I Cuthbertson, L Rae
A Lockhart, A Munro (EIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members

- A Dunlop (Civic Week),

Elected Members

- G Guichan

Police

- PCs C McDougall and F Menzies

Members of the public

- D Watt

2. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors

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Co-opted members

- W Aitchison (Street Pastors)

Elected Councillors

- P Lockhart

Police

3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Proposed : I Cuthbertson Seconded: A Dziennik

4. **MATTERS ARISING –**

- **Flats in the High Street:** Fife Housing power washed the front of the flats. Bins moved to back of the flats. Housing will keep eye on the situation.

5. **POLICE UPDATE** – PCs C McDougall & F Menzies

- **Most High Profile** – incident in King St. Indecent exposure. Currently in the hands of CID. Concern about the lack of lighting in the area. G Guichan took note to check this out with Fife Council
- **Cameras in Prospect Street/Foulford Road.** In response to daily reports of school pupils behaving in an antisocial manner
- **Preparing/Developing Kick Start initiative.** Building up with the Primary Schools. Liason group established
- Raising awareness of the **Police Twitter** account

6 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Environment Group** – The group help to look after the millennium garden, the community woodland, tubs and hanging baskets on the High Street. Grass cutting season is about on us...will need folks to help. When tasks are being undertaken, the CC could promote and ask for help. Could we get the Rotary/The Schools to help with the tubs on the High St. If theres a litter pick, we could ask for volunteers.
- **Signage at the Fishtail** – proposal to formalise the one way system. General consensus was that if someone who doesn't know the area, went up the fishtail – it could cause problem. Best to get signage up
- **Fundraiser at the Dora Golf Course in aid of Erskine Hospital/Care Home.** Saturday, 13th May. Community Council has been invited if we want to take part with a stand to advertise Cowdenbeath. Let CG if anyone available
- **Fife Licensing Board** – Diamonds Bar and Grill. No comments or representations.
- **Mossmorran Community Fund** – MicroGrants. The Micro Grant scheme has been running since early Feb and will close 28th February. To date, we have received a few applications but anticipate more. Community Councillors will be issued with all applications. Please read up on the criteria, the applications and be prepared to make decisions on how the total funds of £1591 should be distributed at our meeting on 16th March 2017
- **4 Winds Trust** – Members meeting on 20th February 2017 in Lumphinnans Bowling Club at 6pm. If any community councillor is intending to attend, can they let me know so I can advise S Murray at 4WindsTrust.
- **Fife Voluntary Action** – update issued to those Community Councillors on Email. Hard copies available from CG if required.
- **Transport Scotlands Rail Infrastructure Strategy.** Online public consultation was launched by Transport Scotland last year. The consultation can be found at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/rail-policy/rail-infrastructure-strategy-from-2019>. The consultation is a real opportunity for interested parties to help shape the future approach to the prioritisation, specification and funding of key rail industry outputs and targets including core performance measures, as well as the general approach taken to determine future rail infrastructure investment priorities
- **Edinburgh Airport** – Airspace Change Programme. If you want to make your comments on the second consultation then you have the opportunity to do so. Check out the www.letsgetfurther.com website for more details
- **Fife Centre for Equalities** – Ebulletin emailed to community councillors. See CG for additional copies

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- **Consultation on the Scottish Planning system (emailed to Community Councillors on 21/1/2017)** Scottish Government has launched a consultation on the plans for the future of the Scottish planning system. They have published information about this on the Community Councils website (<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/consultation-on-the-future-of-the-scottish-planning-system.html>). The consultation seeks the views of the people of Scotland. In 2015 Ministers commissioned an independent panel to undertake a review of the planning system. The review included opportunities to get involved through both written and oral evidence and an online discussion forum and many community councils gave input to this review. Since then Scottish Government has been working with a wide range of stakeholders, including community representatives, public and private sectors, to explore potential changes to the planning system. This consultation builds on the work of the Independent Panel, the Scottish Government and stakeholders. It presents proposals for change and provides an opportunity for people to help shape the future of the planning system in Scotland.

Community councils have a statutory right to be consulted on applications for planning permission and are mentioned in Places, people and planning: A consultation on the future of the Scottish planning system, which gives an overview of the consultation and proposed changes to the Scottish planning system. Following completion of the consultation period analysis of the responses will be undertaken and published within 12 weeks of the consultation closing. The analysis will help inform the drafting and production of a draft Planning Bill which is to be introduced to Parliament in Year 2 of the Parliamentary Programme.

During the time of the consultation closing and the introduction of the bill Scottish Government will be engaging with key stakeholders to finalise the detailed proposals for inclusion in the bill. More information, including how to get involved in the consultation, can be found at <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/planning-architecture/a-consultation-on-the-future-of-planning/>. The consultation will close on **4 April 2017**.

If it helps, A Rowley has published his views in the debate at www.alexrowley.org

7. **COUNCILLORS REPORT - G Guichan**

- Main topic was the budget which has just been approved. Clarification asked on Capital Budget.
- Question was asked about how the area committee will be affected by the elections. Cowdenbeath Area Committee will change – losing one member.
- What's latest development on the Crossgates to Cowdenbeath Road. Answer: It's an ongoing issue. When the road gets muddy from the lorries...etc. the owner is visited by police (and/or transportation) – owner has to have time to deal with it. If Council has to do anything extra – bill goes back to individual.

8. **OTHER REPORTS**

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 16th February 2017 is **£49,351.67***

C/Fwd from Jan 2017 meeting	£84,293.17		
		EXPENDITURE 20/01/2017 - 16/02/2017	INCOME 20/01/2017 – 16/02/2017
Micro Grant Scheme	£		£ 1,591.00 ⁽¹⁾
Remembrance Day	£		£ 21..50 ⁽²⁾
TCCCF	£ 79,554.00 ⁽³⁾		£
Fife Council	£ 2,000.00 ⁽⁴⁾		£ 45,000.00 ⁽⁴⁾
Totals	£ 81,554.00		£ 46,612.50

⁽¹⁾ Money received from Mossmorran WindFarm Community Fund for MicroGrant Scheme

⁽²⁾ Payment received from St Brides for Wreath at Remembrance Day

⁽³⁾ Amount paid re WiFi, Winter Lighting and Marquees.

⁽⁴⁾ Amount paid re Community Cinema and amount received as match funding re FET application

➤ Amount of £45,000.00 ringfenced for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square

£ 393.09 ringfenced for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin

£ 200.00 ringfenced till 31/10/2017 for Community Theatre Event for D McArthur

£ 1591.00 ringfenced til 31/07/2017 for MicroGrant Scheme

➤ Balance of £ 2167.58 available to the Community Council .

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8. OTHER REPORTS – (continued)

Civic Week Report - 2017 programme of events has been compiled.

Family disco on 11th February in the Cross Guns went well. Good night

- 28th February in Broad St Community Centre - Royal Party/Ambassador disco. Fliers going into the schools
- 15th April – Eastor Disco at Trinity Church
- 30th April – Charity Show at HoB Club. Tickets (£5.00). on sale soon at Hallmark, Beath Bargain Store, HoB Club
- 10 – 16th June – week long programme of events.
- 17th June – Gala Day Parade. Theme is Good v Evil

Environmental Group

- See correspondence discussion

Four winds trust

- Next meeting is AGM on 20th Feb 2017

Mossmorran

- Next meeting is next month

CACA

- Still going strong – last week approx 92 attendees
- Losing a community worker

Broad St Centre

- No update available

Foodbank

- Low on toiletries
- “Food-drive” will be held at 2 local venues. Folks can be encouraged to donate there

Street Pastors

- Continue to patrol twice a month. Concern expressed at the levels of under age drinking that puts our young people at risk in so many ways.
- Rail pastors are now patrolling 3 evening per month on the Fife Circular route as part of a 6month pilot programme

Town Centre Development

- Work underway at the ‘green site’ is to remove the Japanese Knotweed.
- Update given about proposed Heritage Garden at Brunton Square. Ideas on what could go there should be directed to CG
- Reminder that the site where A Rowley had his office is being turned into a ‘community hub’ sometime in April. Plans of Town Centre Development will be display in the office

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- W Aitchieson has issued a request for used spectacles. The aim is to collect 300 pairs of used spectacles (100 have been reached already). Its in connection with PRECIOUS SIGHT FOUNDATION charity. A programme to help partially sighted children is being started. There are thousands but the first programme will help 300.
- Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland have an event coming up that they think the local community would be interested to hear about. Loch Leven Walkathon on 19th March Why not support the work of Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland by getting sponsored for the walk. Spread the word
- Question – can the trees at Rowan Terrace be ‘topped’
- What’s happened at Selkirk Avenue – trees have been ‘razed to the ground’

10. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday 16th March 2017 @ 18.30