

Cowdenbeath Community Council

Minutes for 21st February 2019

1. **PRESENT** : Community Councillors introduced – A Haddow, A Stott, C Gourlay, A McGillivray, S McGillivray, A Dziennik, D McLean, Liz Rae, P Millmore, A Lockhart, W Aitchison, I Cuthbertson & C Hoffland.
(THIRTEEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members	n/a
Elected Members	Cllrs A Campbell, A Bain, G Guichan
Police	
Members of the public	J Young
Guests	J McGregor

2. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors	I Burt, A Burt
Elected Members	D Watt
Co-opted Members	
Police	PCs F Menzies & C McDougall

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Proposed: W Aitchison Seconded: D McLean

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Car park at Stenhouse Street. It was pointed out that there is currently no lighting in the car park as opposed to it 'not being very well lit' as detailed in last minutes.

DW contacted Fife Council about traffic management and lighting and the following is their response.

"At the bottom of Stenhouse Street there are no waiting / no loading restrictions which will keep the junction clear. As part of the restriction changes we brought to the last Committee we are changing the no waiting 8am to 6pm single yellow line on the north side of Stenhouse Street to a no waiting at anytime double yellow line. We are removing the no waiting 8am to 6pm single yellow line restriction on the south side of Stenhouse street and providing limited waiting bays instead. See the attached plan - this will facilitate more on street parking which will help users of these businesses.

Regarding the car park signage, our parking management team are dealing with this."

At meeting it was advised that transportation have been asked to consider installing lampposts with 2 lights on them

Remembrance Day Services – CG/WA met with local cadet commander. In principle the cadets would be willing to work together with CC for future services. Agreed to have ongoing discussions on how we proceed. Need to look and see if we can reduce time commitment on the day as well as reducing the cost to CC. If anyone has any ideas speak to CG/WA.

Licensing Issue at Green Square – Community Council hosted a cross group meeting and the subject of licenses (amongst other things) was discussed. Action taken by Fife Council to provide a community events pack detailing aspects of licenses and what is required and when. And hopefully make the process much easier. The minutes of this meeting with all the actions were distributed to Community Councillors/Elected Councillors. Next cross group meeting will be held in March. See below under Town Centre Development for actions.

Crossing at Partners – work on the High Street should hopefully be coming to an end in the next month or so and new crossings will be installed. .

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

Community Woodland. Police and Safer Communities team are patrolling and monitoring the area as best they can. The whole of the community team are aware and it is an area marked as an area of anti social behaviour that response officers will also be aware of. The Police have spoken to Gleaner asking they phone them if they see youths heading into the area, especially if they have wheelie bins, as they are most likely to see them at the relevant times.

Community Police have raised the concerns and provided advice to groups of kids that they deal with within the community and it has been raised at the high schools by deputies to pupils as well."

A suggestion from the meeting was the PC McDougall also use his new role to raise this matter with pupils
(**post meeting note:** have received confirmation that this suggestion will be taken forward)

Fun Fair – Community Team are aware that the fun fair will be in the Town and will be paying attention to the area

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6. GUEST SPEAKER – J McGregor

JM has submitted a planning application for a nursery at Woodend and came along to present details of the proposal to CC. 81 child place (9 places for 0-1years, 40 places for 1-3year olds and 32 places for 3-5year olds). Presentation was informative. For full details check out Fife Council planning site and refer to 19/0032 FULL

7. CORRESPONDENCE

Coalfields Regeneration - Update. Fun Day held on 26th Jan was a success. Over 300 people in attendance. Priorities identified (eg Develop proposals for derelict buildings, look at reducing prices for leisure facilities, create wider range of sports activities, have litter pick ups/tidy ups...etc). Fife Council agreed to donate more funding (20K was already in the pot) and consequently all project applications applying for funding were approved for funding (subject to appropriate documentation being received by CRT). There were 12 projects in total

Mossmorran Windfarm Community Fund – Last year the CC applied for funding of £1000 to purchase 3 art sculptures. There were conditions attaching and it was confirmed that these conditions have been confirmed to Foundation Scotland and the payment of £1000 will be received soon. One of the conditions was that the sculptures be considered for insurance. Checked with FC and they can be insured under all risks on our policy at a cost of £56. This cost was accepted by CC. Next step is to progress the project. Anyone interested in being involved in this project – see AMcG.

Planning Application Received (19/00127) Change of Use from Woodland to Hutting (20 Huts) and associated car parking and access. Dalbeath Woodland Cuddyhouse Road Cowdenbeath Fife. Concerns expressed about use of log burners and having satisfactory entrance and exit roads (would expect these concerns to be dealt with under planning regulations.) No objections/recommendations to be submitted

Social Heritage Trail Project being progressed where stories and places that people identify will be mapped and a series of social heritage trails will be devised. The heritage trails will serve to encourage local people to celebrate what is good about their community, consider their place in their community and their aspirations for its future. M Ayers has been speaking to a number of people in the town to gather the stories.

Donation to local knitting group. The majority of Community Councillors (AS, AD, AL, AMcG, CG, DMcL, IB) agreed to the email proposal of donating £50 to the knitting group to knit some more 'yarn bombing' covers for us. WA did not vote as there was a conflict of interest

Parking Attendants – Parking attendants have been in Cowdenbeath on approx 33 days during Nov 18 – Jan 2019. Approx 80 Parking Charge Notices were issued. Various reasons for notices being issued.

Mossmorran . A short summary of communication measures taken at Mossmorran over the last 18 months were received by Community Council and subsequently distributed to ccs as well as on Facebook.. Residents are welcome to supply their feedback on the effectiveness of measures at community meetings or by email reply. Also from 3/2/2019 for approx 4-10days, we were advised that flaring may be noticeable at times at Fife NGL for short periods during planned maintenance work due to be carried out at the neighbouring Fife Ethylene Plant (FEP) operated by ExxonMobil.. Shell UK has planned a significant reduction of capacity in the system that supplies the plants to allow for the FEP maintenance work to be done with as little flaring as possible. We are prioritising the use of two less visible Fife NGL ground flares, which both plants have use of, over elevated flaring (via flare stack). If there is a need to use the Fife NGL elevated flare during this time, it should be a smaller flame due to the low amounts of throughput. Flaring is an essential part of the plant's safety systems, and we aim to minimise any disturbance. We have planned carefully for steady operations during the work.

WW1 Memorial – Remedial work has been undertaken at the WW1 memorial

- all railings have been repaired,
- all new handrails have been installed,
- south top slabs have been lifted and re-laid to remove trip hazard,
- south mid footpath additional concrete foundation support was poured 5th Feb,
- almost all walls have been raked out ready for repointing,
- approximately half of the railings and handrails on the north entrance have been prepared ready for painting,
- The painting and pointing are pretty much weather dependant from now, they were hoping to get a window of milder temperatures to allow them to get this completed.
- The cost for the additional lighting has still to be received
- AH has agreed to meet FCouncil to discuss wreath holders

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7. Recruitment campaign for future community councillors. We welcome three new community councillors to the fold. (AB, LR and CH) Their declaration forms have been registered with Fife Council.. We are waiting on one other declaration form. Agreed it should be returned by 7th March to allow it to be registered with FC. **AH will speak to individual.** Also agreed by those in attendance that we will consider another recruitment campaign in 2020 (unless our numbers go down considerably before then)

Town Centre Development : The Community Council hosted a cross group meeting in February to discuss work within the Town Centre. Reps were from Fife Council, business, cowdenbeath fc, civic week committee and a number of other groups within the town. Agreement reached that another meeting will be organised for March and the hope is that reps from the schools would be in attendance.

Actions from the meeting were:

- Identify other contacts who would be interested in attending next meeting
- Fife Council to raise issues re licenses for green square with view to getting simpler process for groups
- Fife Council to contact Science Festival organisers
- Civic Week Committee to provide their year long programme of events
- Fife Council to Recruit more digital champions
- Fife Council to engage with schools
- Fife Council to establish contact with Network Rail with view to getting lighting at the bridge
- Fife Council/Local Artist to approach various owners of buildings to agree murals to be painted. Funding has been secured for more murals
- Fife Council to organise for feasibility study to be conducted on future useage of Town House

8. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Budget meeting held – Agreed. no alterative budget put forward. Council Tax will rise 3%

North End Development – could be finished by Sept

Leisure Centre – £1.2m to refurbish Leisure Centre.

Mossmorran report – report into flaring due to be completed by April

Parking attendants report – see ‘matters arising’. Concern expressed about the number of cars parking at the green square area as well as in Hall Street (beside the vets). What can be done to prevent motorists from parking on the newly laid paths/blocks. (**post meeting note:** *matter has been raised with Project Manager of Town Centre Development. Matter Will be discussed at town centre meeting*)

9. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report (spreadsheet distributed by treasurer before meeting)

Balance in CC's account as at **21st February 2019 : £44,744.98**

Amount of	£40,351.86	ringfenced for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 1,650.00	ringfenced for WW1 memorial items at Town House
	£ 298.79	ringfenced for Beath Bulletin
	£ 250.00	ringfenced for Remembrance Day Services (<i>money recd from WW1memorial sponsors</i>)

SUB TOT **£42,550.65**

Balance **£ 2,194.33** available to the Community Council.

TOTAL £44,744.98

NB: AH to hand over payments for some wreaths for Remembrance Day

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9. OTHER REPORTS

Civic Week – Next event on Civic Week Committees calendar is **Arianne Grande Tribute on Sunday, 24th March** at BHS. Royal Party will be selected at this event Looking to have Ice Breaker night once Royal Party selected.

1st May - Beath High School Cluster Netball/Basketball leagues. Very positive meeting with Fife Active Schools representative held. Approx 200 children taking part in this event.

08th – 15th June. Civic Week events culminating in Parade on 15th. Theme is Mardi Gras

22nd June – Ministox cup at Racewall

29th November – Santa comes to Town/Christmas Lights switch con

30th November – Children's Christmas Party/Christmas Fair

Nb: awaiting confirmation of Scottish Night details

Four of the Civic Week young volunteers have been nominated for BHS citizenship award.

4 wind trust – 5 groups from Cowdenbeath received funding (The Clearing, Social Eyes, Environment Group, FABA and 46th Scouts). Approx £20k in total was distributed to all groups from the 4 local community councils applying for funding. Next meeting is April (AGM).

Foodbank – Needing more volunteers. Coffee morning has been organised for 9th March at the foodbank to encourage folks to go along and hear about what happens at the Foodbank.

Environment Group – applied for funding from 4 winds trust for hanging baskets – application was successful. Bird boxes have been put in to Primary Schools.

Street Pastors – continuing with Street Patrols and Rail Patrols. The team will be attending the Bystanders Training event organised by Police Scotland. It is something that they are already involved in. Information being circulated to anyone who may be involved in the "night time economy" e.g. bar stewards, doormen, security staff. The Ask for Angela campaign is well established in many areas and is an effective way of preventing attacks.

Mossmorran – see above. Trying to get better communications with local communities. New community liason officer.

Town Centre Development – see above.

CACA – start back tomorrow. Bouncy Castle has failed H&S test. Trying to get another one.

10. AOB

Winter Lighting – any progress on whether the winter lighting will be on this year. Answer: Very much doubt it. It has been reported to the staff responsible for electrics at Fife Council. Will continue to progress. General consensus is that residents are disappointed that the winter lighting hasn't been working as well as it should.

Microgrants – question asked if the MicroGrant scheme will be running this year. Answer: It is anticipated that the scheme will run again this year but will contact Foundation Scotland for confirmation.

Nadfly – when will the work by Nadfly be done. Answer: Once the developments on the High Street are finished, then Nadfly work will begin.

Co-opted Members - Offer was made to Jean from Uptown Girl to become a co-opted member of Cowdenbeath Community Council. It would be good to get views of the business community at the CC meetings.

Next meeting will be Thursday, 21st March 2019 at 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre