

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 20th April 2017

1. PRESENT

Community Council Members

- A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Dziennik, L Rae, D McLean
J Allan, I Burt, A Lockhart, T Crawford
(TEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members

- A Dunlop (Civic Week), W Aitchison (Street Pastors)

Elected Members

- n/available

Police

- PC C McDougall & PC G Keith

Members of the public

- Mr&Mrs J Robertson, A Gibson, A McGillivray, K Turner, J Smith

Guest

- Lee Walls (BRAG)

2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors

- I Cuthbertson

Co-opted members

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Elected Councillors

- P Lockhart, G Guichan

Police

- PC F Menzies

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

4. MATTERS ARISING –

- **Natal Street Parking:** Suggestion about requesting that the public be allowed to use the overflow car park has hopefully been passed on to Fife Council for their consideration.

5. POLICE UPDATE –

Things have been a bit wild recently.

- Little World of Play – vandalism still under investigation
- Chemist Robbery – two locals apprehended
- House Theft, Wemyss St – CID from Dunfermline running with investigation
- Quite a few fire raisings at the back of the Crown. 3 local youths caught
- Increasing Road Safety outside the schools. Well received
- Kick Start Project – started on Wednesday and going well.
- Access vandalism campaign started. Public are asked to contact the police when they see something happening. Posters are being put up at the High School.
- Concern expressed about 'a flasher' in the area. Not caught yet
- Community Woodland. Youths are camping at the woodland. Bottles of Vodka...etc have been found at the Woodland. Police were called to the area and as a result, the youths were cleared out.
- Complaints about Youths drinking at the area around the War Memorial. Suggestion was that approaching the community safety officers at Fife Council would be help.
- Complaints about kids on the roof at Cowdenbeath Primary School. Encourage locals to phone when they see this.
- Street Pastors advised that they were concerned with number of young children out on the street at night.
- Scrap cars at the back of the Crown. Police will have a look

Intelligence to help the police investigate crimes in the area needs to come from members of the public. Police are asking the Community Councillors to encourage the public to phone 101 regarding any crime they see.

6 GUEST SPEAKER – Lee Walls (Brag)

Very informative update on Social Enterprise from Lee Walls of Brag. Lee is a social enterprise adviser. Her Remit is to support groups/ individuals who are starting a social enterprise or who are looking to grow an existing enterprise. Social enterprise is just a different way of setting up as a business (eg Brag, Fire Station at Dunfermline are examples of social enterprise)

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7. CORRESPONDENCE

- **New Community Centre** on 12th May. Looking for volunteers to take up the invitation from Fife Council for a tour of the new community centre in Stenhouse Street. Liz Rae and Diane Mclean will be the community councils representatives on 12/5 @ 13.00. Names have been advised to Ross Martin, Fife Council
- **Micro Grant Scheme.** Cheques to the successful applicants were personally distributed by A Haddow. Only Chairman of CACA still to get cheque. Hoping to get receipts and reports of how the money was spent in due course for our report back to Foundation Scotland.
Successful applicants: Cowdenbeath Martial Arts, Cowdenbeath Jujitsu, Cowdenbeath Bowling Club, Blue Brazil Boys Club, Cowdenbeath Majorettes, Trinity Tots, Ryan Reekie, Callum Paterson and CACA
- **CoY 2017 campaign** - Applications received to date have been sent to community councillors. Closing date for nominations is 30th April. If any more received they will be sent to everyone. Guidelines on voting process have been issued to all community councillors.
- **Community Hub Office (To be called “What’s your Beath) –** will be officially opening sometime in May. K Turner will be one of the folks responsible for managing the office. Folks can see the plans for the green site, Brunton Square and many more things about what’s going on in Cowdenbeath . Looking for as many local groups to make use of the office.
- **Visit to Exxon Mobil Chemical Plant.** CG & AH have received invitations as residents of Cowdenbeath to visit the Exxon Mobil plant. 29th April and 12th May. If anyone is interested in visiting the plant. Let CG know and she will organise with Exxon Mobil
- **Invitation to Lochgelly Heritage Group meeting.** Lochgelly Heritage group is meeting on Monday, 8th May at 6pm in Lochgelly. Is anyone interested in attending on behalf of Community Council. A Gibson has volunteered to attend and will feedback to Community Council
- **Christmas Lights for Cowdenbeath:** AH raised the topic of the lights in Cowdenbeath. He has been advised that Fife Council will cease the funding of the lights for Cowdenbeath. General discussion ensued and there appears to be differences of opinions as to the state of play. One opinion was that funding was not going to cease but that the contract was being put out to tender. Decisions had still to be made. In light of differences, it was suggested AH confirm with Fife Council exactly what the state of play is and get it in writing. If a group needs to be formed to ensure Cowdenbeath has Christmas Lights, there should hopefully be a reasonable lead in time to allow matters to be checked into, a group formed and funding in place.
- **Fife Council Safer Communities Team** has contacted us as they are currently working on a project to promote safety in the home and reduce unintentional accidents and harm.
The project has been initiated as a result of a realisation that the Cowdenbeath Area Committee area has seen a consistent increase over the last four years in the numbers of people attending Accident and Emergency. This includes falls and injuries as a result of accidents in the home.
The Fife Cares Service is a free service that provides home safety visits to families with children under 5 years and vulnerable adults, in particular adults over the age of 65 years to residents in the Fife area regardless of tenancy. The project being run is initially in the town areas of Cowdenbeath and Kelty to provide information which may prevent accidents in the home and to promote the service provided by Fife Cares.
The Community Council has been contacted to seek assistance in identifying groups who are within the target ages in Cowdenbeath area. Does anyone have any information.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Fife Development Plan.** On 28 February 2017 Fife Council's Executive Committee agreed to adopt the Local Development Plan (FIFEplan) subject to consultation with Scottish Ministers. In doing so they accepted the modifications proposed in the Examination Report published in November last year. The decision of the Executive Committee was re-examined by Fife Council's Environment, Finance & Communities Scrutiny Committee on 14 March 2017 who confirmed that the plan should proceed towards adoption. Following the decision to proceed towards the adoption of the Local Development Plan the consultation has begun on the following Supplementary Guidance documents, which provide further detail to the policies in FIFEplan: [Affordable Housing](#), [Minerals](#), [Planning Obligations](#), [Making Fife's Places](#). The consultations run from 17 March 2017 for a period of 7 weeks, ending at 5pm on 5 May 2017. Follow the links above to view and comment on each of the consultation documents. Check it out on www.fifedirect.org.uk/fifeplan for details.
- **Improving Parking in Scotland.** The Scottish Government has asked that information be shared about the consultation on Improving Parking in Scotland. Information about the consultation was posted on the website (<http://www.communitycouncils.scot/improving-parking-in-scotland-consultation-launched.html>) and it will also be promoted on Twitter www.twitter.com/ScottishCCs. The consultation explores how parking is managed across the country and invites views on delivering a consistent approach to managing and enforcing parking on public roads, including trunk roads, while improving accessibility for all. The consultation paper can be found here - https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/road-policy/improving-parking-in-scotland/user_uploads/improving-parking-in-scotland.pdf. The consultation closes on 30th June 2017 and any questions about the consultation should be sent to parkingconsultation@transport.gov.scot.
- **Village of the Year 2017.** A new and exciting programme is being made for Channel 4 : **Village of the Year 2017**. This summer, **Penelope Keith** and her team of judges will be visiting villages across the UK to determine a winner, with a **£10,000 prize for the village** up for grabs. All of the details on "**How to apply**" are on our website <http://www.villageoftheyear.co.uk/>. We are looking to inform as many villages as possible and so if you could distribute this information through your network of local authorities then it will give these communities the opportunity to say why they love where they live! What do you think?
- **Women's Anti Austerity Action Group** has invited representatives of our Community Council to their event being held in the Lomond Hotel on Friday 21st April. The Women's Anti-Austerity Action Group in the Howe was formed to help alleviate the effects of austerity, and does this in a number of ways e.g. transporting donations made by Auchtermuchty residents to Glenrothes foodbank; raising funds for and buying school clothing and equipment through our Back To School Bank; holding information events to encourage the attention and participation of Howe of Fife residents in promoting a socially just society. We think 'I, Daniel Blake' epitomises a broken system that has the wrong priorities. The screening on 21st will be followed by a short talk, and opportunity for discussion. We hope you can attend, and look forward to meeting you. Anyone interested in attending on behalf of CC, see CG
- **Forth Bridge Abseil – Sunday 21st May 2017**
Chest Heart & Stroke Scotland are organising the Forth Bridge Abseil on Sunday, 21st May 2017. The Ultimate Abseil has taken place for over a decade, raising over £1million for people living with chest, heart and stroke conditions in Scotland to date. This unique challenge allows you to abseil (free-fall style, like the S.A.S.!) from the stunning Forth Rail Bridge – Scotland's Best Loved Landmark, and a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It's a 165ft drop with a soft landing on the sandy beach below – the ultimate Forth Bridge experience! More information can be found at www.ultimateabseil.com, where you can also sign up online. Paper forms are available on request by calling 0300 1212 444 or emailing fundraising@chss.org.uk. Spaces are limited so please register in advance to avoid missing out!
- **Fife Pride Festival** Fife's very first Pride festival this summer are looking for committed volunteers to give up a few hours to help make Fife Pride 2017 a huge success. They will have roles in parade stewarding, transport and guiding, research interviews, backstage crew, media & PR, plus lots more! If you'd like to get involved and have some time to spare on Saturday 1st July in Kirkcaldy, then get in touch with them at info@fifepride.com
- **Fife Centre for Equalities** – E Bulletin distributed. Hard copy available from CG
- **Fife Coast and Countryside Trust** – Spring Newsletter distributed. Hard copy available from CG

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8. COUNCILLORS REPORT - no update available. Local elections

9. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 31st March 2017 is **£47,333.67***

C/Fwd from March 2017 meeting	£49,176.67	
	EXPENDITURE 16/03/2017 – 31/03/2017	INCOME 16/03/2017 – 31/03/2017
Mossmorran Community Micro Grants	£ 1593.00	£
Donation to Broad Street Centre Legacy Group	£ 250.00	£
Totals	£ 1843.00	£

*Accounts year end is 31st March. Accounts are being prepared for independent examination.

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

➤ Balance of £ 1740.58 available to the Community Council .

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

- **30th April** – Charity Show at HoB Club. Tickets (£5.00). Ticket sales not going as well as expected. Quite a few other events on in the Town on same date. Draw for a Rangers top will made. Hoping to make a bit of money out of it., Hopefully will be a surge of attendance on the day.
- **10 – 16th June** – week long programme of events. Trying to get more folks to attend the Church Service
- **17th June** – Gala Day Parade. Theme is **Good v Evil**
Call for volunteers to help out on Gala Day. Variety of different tasks to be done from setting up the gazebos in the morning, to stewarding at the parade , to litter picking , to taking gazebos down at the end of the day. If you know of anyone who can lend a hand, then get in touch with Civic Week

Environmental Group

- Bird boxes at HoB, Created wildflower seeds at Millenium Garden,
- Dalbeath Marsh getting a makeover
- Accounts being sent to independent examiner

Four winds trust

- Next meeting on 20th May. Community Councillors were asked to spread the word and encourage Cowdenbeath (constituted) groups to apply

Mossmorran

- No meeting since last community council meeting.

CACA

- Starts back tomorrow

Broad St Centre

- Last AGM is next month

Foodbank

- Very busy. Still needing donations of certain items.

Street Pastors

- Looking at the possibility of having a 'safe space' to talk to folks.
- Considering operating patrols at Beath High School at lunch time to try and help.

Town Centre Development

- Japanese Knotweed and 'Whats your Beath'. See correspondence

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Promote walks in Cowdenbeath. Take photos of local walks in Cowdenbeath and promote on the What's on website. Trying to encourage folks to get out and walk.

10. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday 18th May 2017 @ 18.30 . This is our AGM followed by monthly meeting

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