

# Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 19th April 2018

## 1. PRESENT

### Community Council Members

A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Lockhart, A Dziennik, L Rae, A Gibson, I Burt,  
P Lockhart (NINE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

### Co-opted Members

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

### Elected Members

Cllrs A Campbell, D Watt, and A Bain

### Police

PC C McDougall

### Members of the public

P Milmore

## 2. APOLOGIES

### Community Councillors

D McLean, A McGillivray, J Allan, A Munro, K Turner, I Cuthbertson

### Elected Members

Cllr G Guichan

### Police

PC F Menzies

## 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed : A Gibson      Seconded: I Burt

## 4. MATTERS ARISING ...

No matters arising

## 5. POLICE UPDATE – PC C McDougall and D Welsh (Community Safety Team)

- Police and Community Safety Team work in partnership. DW gave presentation on the work they undertake EG: Abandoned Cars, Anti Social Behaviour, Vandalism, Graffiti, Flytipping, Litter, Dog Fouling, Stray Dogs, Barking Dogs, They cover the Cowdenbeath Area and are equipped with cameras. Contact Phone Number is 01592 583642
- Test Purchasing for Alcohol being carried out between Police and Community Safety Team
- WW1 memorial – recent vandalism was not kids from Cowdenbeath. 1 has been charged/another 2 are involved
- Motor Bikes and Quad Bikes at Community Woodland – Reported to Police.
- Issues at Broomfield Road – Stain Glass windows broken. Stone Throwing and Fires in Greenhouses. Reported to Police but nothing further heard. (PC McDougall will follow up)

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE - (Local Matters)

- **Lochore Development Panel.** Cowdenbeaths rep on the panel is Tricia Lockhart. Update was given by TL . First meeting went well. Genuine interest from local people to be involved in the running of the Meedies. And General consensus is that Lochore is underused. It's a fantastic resource and so much could be done to bring in revenue
- **Proposal Application Notice (PAN) for Thistle Industrial Estate** Proposal is to demolition, retention and refurbishment, and erections of buildings for mixed use residential and employment – generating uses including access, roads and landscaping. No objections to or representations about the application from community council. Other key stakeholders are being contacted by proposers. Public Event on 18<sup>th</sup> April from 3-7pm at Unit 3, Thistle Industrial Estate. No feedback on this event available.
- **Notice of Application for Variation (Major) Premises Licence for Morrisons.** No objections/Representations made
- **Maxwell Centre Community Panel**– Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> April at 18.45 – A few of the community councillors intend to attend
- **Coalfields Regeneration Meeting** Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 11am – A Few community councillors intend to attend
- **Remembrance Day** – LR/CG met with two reps from Fife Council. They are progressing the ideas for commemorative garden....etc. Hope is to get plan of what it would look like. A Horne (Fife Council) has also been contacted with a view to having the railings outside the Town House painted in advance of Remembrance Day.
- **CoY proposal** to change awards – no feedback from Civic Week just yet

### OTHER CORRESPONDENCE

- **Scottish Fire and Rescue Service.** . Invitation received to attend an event to meet senior officers of SFRS to discuss proposals around transformation of the national service. Event will be on 26<sup>th</sup> April. 2.30 for 3pm at Dunfermline Community Fire Station. If you're interested, let CG know
- **Scottish Rural Action:** March newsletter distributed via email. Hard copy available from CG
- **Fife Centre for Equalities** – newsletter issued via email. Hard copy available from CG
- **Scottish Water newsletter** – issued via email. Hard copy available from CG

**Chairperson** – A Haddow, 16 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath . (Email address:cowdenbeath.comm.council@googlemail.com)

**Secretary** – C Gourlay, 1 Elgin Road, Cowdenbeath (Email address: cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com)

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## 6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Whats new in Adult Support and Protection** – newsletter issue via email. Hard copy available from CG
- **Stagecoach East Scotland** are proposing changes to their bus network from Monday 14th May 2018. Check this link for details <https://www.stagecoachbus.com/regional-service-updates/east-scotland/dunfermline-and-west-fife>

Involves changes to Service 19: Rosyth – Dunfermline – Halbeath P&R – Cowdenbeath – Ballingry and Service 33/33A: Kirkcaldy – Cardenden – Cowdenbeath – Halbeath P&R – Dunfermline

- **Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy inquiry** The Scottish Parliament's Economy, Jobs and Fair Work Committee shared information about their inquiry into the impact of bank closures. The main inspiration behind the Committee's inquiry is that the number of bank branches across Scotland reduced by a third between 2010 and 2017.

The Committee wants to hear from as many people as possible (both as members of a community council, as a business owner or as an individual). The Committee are keen to find out how branch closures have impacted communities at as local a level as possible. More information is available in the hyperlinks below.

Bank closures: impact on local businesses, consumers and the Scottish economy inquiry:

<http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107957.aspx>

The Call for views. For the call for views, there isn't a requirement to answer every question, only the ones that are relevant to the community. <http://parliament.scot/parliamentarybusiness/CurrentCommittees/107960.aspx>

The Committee are also running a survey that is targeted more to individuals and businesses. The intention of the survey is to capture as many views as possible and the call for views is there to allow a fuller response. <http://bit.ly/bankclosures>

- **Mossmorran and Braefoot Bay Independent Air Quality Review Group** meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> March. Unfortunately no community councillors available to attend. Awaiting minutes of meeting
- **Mossmorran Flaring – March 2018 Update Letter received.** I write to you in your role as Secretary of Cowdenbeath Community Council, to inform you of the latest news on the Mossmorran flaring. As you will know, SEPA, in addition to other public agencies, is jointly responsible for the regulation of ExxonMobil Chemical Limited and Shell UK Limited at Mossmorran. SEPA was informed this morning by ExxonMobil Chemical Limited at Mossmorran that flaring was required due to a process upset that requires a re-start of the plant. Flaring is necessary to ensure the continued safe operation of the plant, but the impact must be mitigated. SEPA works every day to protect Scotland's environment and as well as responding quickly to the initial notification this morning, SEPA staff will be in local communities this evening and over the weekend to carry out monitoring.

We are clear that environmental compliance is non-negotiable and the air quality and noise monitoring SEPA staff are undertaking is to assess compliance with the conditions in the site's permit. If you see SEPA staff in the communities around Mossmorran over the weekend please feel free to approach them and ask them any questions you may have about the flaring.

We will provide as much information as we can on the results of this monitoring as soon as it is possible. In the meantime, we will provide the latest updates on this flaring incident on SEPA's dedicated Mossmorran Hub at [www.sepa.org.uk/mossmorran](http://www.sepa.org.uk/mossmorran) and across our social media. If you have any questions please feel free to raise them through [community@sepa.org.uk](mailto:community@sepa.org.uk) – this account is monitored weekdays during office hours only.

## 7. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllrs Bain, Campbell, and Watt (Cllr Bain had to leave early and this report was discussed at beginning of meeting.)

- **High Street Lights** - Work was carried out to change the lighting on the High Street (32 LED on a flat board component) General feedback confirms that the lighting is brighter.
- **North End Development** - Indications are that work will begin around June/July. As per previous correspondence, the bridge in this area has been 'blocked off'.
- **The Crown** – Councillors have asked for update on progress on this issue
- **Skateboard Park** – Work is progressing on the skateboard park beside the Leisure Centre.
- **Rubbish/Fly Tipping** – On a walkabout, Cllr Watt noticed that there were no bins along the lane at the back of Morrisons to Rosebank Allotments and there was great deal of litter. Speaking to appropriate people in Fife Council. Flytipping at Foulford Road – as a result of Safer Communities Team being called in.....3 people were fined. Land behind Boots – Owner eventually found and working with him to clean it up.
- **Lindsay House** – care home to replace Valley House and Jennie Lee opening 1<sup>st</sup> May
- **AntiSocial Behaviour** is half the case load for councillors

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## 7. COUNCILLORS REPORT (continued)

Concerns/Questions raised:

- Is Bridge St in the plans to get resurfaced.....Cllr Watt will pass on details of plans
- Wee burn at the back of Iceland....A Dziennik/Cllr Watt were going to organise community litter pick. But owing to Health and Safety we need to ensure correct risk assessments done and appropriate insurance in place. Need to get this done for the future.
- Lane from Morrissons up to Selkirk Avenue. Continually gets flooded and has been for years. Alex H going to speak to Scottish Water about another matter and will pick this item up with them

## 8. OTHER REPORTS...Spreadsheet issued to all CC's prior to the meeting

**Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 (year end accounts) is £43,554.91

Amount of	£38,352.00	<b>ringfenced</b> for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 120.78	<b>ringfenced</b> for microgrants
	£ 1,118.54	<b>ringfenced</b> for training/purchase of publishing tool re Beath Bulletin (£749.95) and production (£368.59)
SUB TOT	<b>£39,591.32</b>	

Balance £ 3,963.59 available to the Community Council.

**TOTAL £43,554.91**

Accounts to be independently examined

### • **Civic Week.**

Civic Week Committee are working towards the events during 9 – 16<sup>th</sup> June. With this year being the 40<sup>th</sup> year, they are going to do somethings differently. More will be revealed at future meetings. Remember volunteers are required for helping at the Tea Dance as well as at the Gala Day Parade.

- **Street Pastors** – Still looking for premises on the High Street.
- **Foodbank** - no update available
- **Town Centre** - no update available
- **4 winds trust** – Next meeting is 12<sup>th</sup> May. Encourage local groups to apply.
- **CACA** – Public meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April to form new management committee..
- **Environmental Group** – no update
- **Mossmorran** – Previous questions raised about which community councils attend this meeting. Cllr Bain has advised that Kelty CC have no interest in attending the meeting. Community Councillors unanimously voted that should there be a vote with the other cc's at the meeting about who should attend....we feel that the only new attendees should be HoB community council.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**Future Community Council Meetings** – Proposal is that we move our meetings to the Maxwell Centre. Community Councillors should try to get 'tour' of the new facility to allow them to make their judgement at our May meeting

## 10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2018 @ 18.30.