

Cowdenbeath Community Council

Minutes for 18th April 2019

At the beginning of the meeting, a minutes silence was held in memory of a former community councillor – Jeanette 'Jinty' Beattie – who sadly passed away earlier this month.

1. PRESENT : A Haddow, I Burt, A Stott, C Gourlay, A McGillivray, I Cuthbertson, L Rae, C Hoffland, A Lockhart, D McLean (TEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members	n/a
Elected Members	Cllrs A Campbell,
Police	F Menzies/G Gardiner
Members of the public	C Morgan (Civic Week)
Guests	

2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors	A Burt, S McGillivray, A Dziennik, W Aitchison
Elected Members	Cllrs D Watt, G Guichan
Co-opted Members	
Police	

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

4. MATTERS ARISING

Farm Road – Copy of letter from A Ewing to K Gourlay asking for update on next steps regarding the traffic management issues at Farm Road

5. POLICE UPDATE

Youth Issues – Increased calls to Stenhouse St Underpass and the Skatepark.

Park at Bellway (Off White Threshes Road) – no recent issues.

Links Market – Dedicated resources allocated to Links Market

Stats: 196 calls to Police Scotland for Cowdenbeath – only 41 were crimes. Of those, 26 have been detected with 23 ongoing

Bank Scams: Question asked if there is a dedicated area at the Police to contact re scams. Answer: The banks usually have a liaison officer. If there is a loss of money, contact the bank as well as the police.

Parking - matter about parking on pavements (especially at Central Park on a Saturday when stock cars on). There is little or no room to walk on the pavements because of cars being parked there. What, if anything, can be done? Suggestion was that when there big events at Central Park, could bollards be put out. Also can appropriate signage be installed. Matter will be raised and perhaps there could be a cross group meeting held in the future between police, enforcement officers, community safety officers and organisers of Stock Cars
LR has photos of the parking and will pass them on to the enforcement officer. Action: CG to pass LR email contact details for parking enforcement officer.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Local Community Plan** – Details of Cowdenbeath's Community Action Plan being prepared with CRT should be taken into account when FC is compiling the local community plan. Few other additional comments sent in around mid April
- **Coalfield Regeneration Trust.** Reminder of the work being done between CRT and the CRT steering group compiling Cowdenbeath's Community Action Plan. Primary school children had been asked to submit a "vision for the future in our Community" – these submissions were discussed and winners selected. The Action Plan is being compiled from the views of nearly 2000 residents. The hope is to have a launch date for the action plan sometime during the week beginning 20/5. Expectation is that the steering group which includes AH, AMcG and WA will work closely with various groups in the town including the community council. Payments for the CRT projects have been paid into our account (including communication payment)
- **Shutter Art/Mini Murals** – confirmation that local artist Kerry Wilson has been working on more shutters/mini murals as a result of the funding we received from Awards for All. Nifty Gifts Shutters completed and mural on the wall at the Leisure Centre.

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- **Fife Licensing Board.** Notice of Application for Variation (Major) Premises License. Aldi, Stenhouse Street and Junction Bar. No objections or representations made.
- **Issues raised via website enquiries.**
 - Blackburn Drive Lighting** We received complaint towards end of March re lighting in Blackburn Drive. Matter immediately taken up by Cllr A Campbell. As a result, Fife Council agreed to review the lighting in that area. A second complaint was received around mid April and passed on. **Action:** Cllr A Campbell will check to see when the review will take place.
- **Blackburn Drive:** Shrubs were removed in this area and as a result, it was discovered that the wall and stairs beside where the shrubs were had more problems. Housing Dept in Fife Council are aware of the issues and looking to get costings to fix the wall/handrail on stairwell. Parks and Open Spaces will visit the site to determine what can be planted in the space vacated by the shrubs.
- **Quid a Kid** – Concern had been expressed by a resident that the 'quid a kid' scheme was in operation in the Leisure Centre (notice had been put up). After investigation, it was confirmed that the quid a kid scheme had been included in Fife Councils budget and would continue to operate. (The notice was duly taken down)

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Town Centre Development – Work on the High Street should be finished by end of this month. Any 'snagging' issues will be attended to later on in the year. Fife Council has a license that will cover groups for the green square. Question raised about the work at the North End – What will be in operation on the day of the gala. It was agreed that Civic Week Reps would consult with Fife Council to determine what can be done to ensure that the gala day parade can be held with minimum disruption.

8. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report

(spreadsheet distributed before meeting). Balance in CC's account as at **18th April 2019 : £103,769.84**

Amount of	£85,351.86	ringfenced for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 14,935.00	ringfenced for Community Futures Projects/CRT communications
	£ 1,000.00	ringfenced for art sculptures (mossmorran funding)
	£ 298.79	ringfenced for Beath Bulletin
	£ 250.00	ringfenced for Remembrance Day Services (<i>money recd from WW1 memorial sponsors</i>)
SUB TOT	£101,835.65	
Balance	£ 1,934.19	available to the Community Council.
TOTAL	£103,769.84	

NB: Fife Environmental Trust funding received (£45K)

Environment Group – Donation of various plants made to the group. Will be planted in Millenium Garden. No major incidents in the Community Woodland.

Civic Week – With the **Arianne Grande Tribute** being cancelled, Civic Week organised a fun day on 30th March. The royal party was selected (unfortunately no entrants for ambassador) Royal Party with have outing to allow them to get to know one another.

21st April – 'Old Firm' Football match at Central Park

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

Also looking to organise a 5K fun run sometime in September. Liasing with Cowdenbeath FC and Jog Cowdenbeath.

Foodbank – Looking for funding to purchase new tables..

Street Pastors – no update available

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9. OTHER REPORTS *(continued)*

Mossmorran - Fun Day being organised for 25th May. Event will be in Aberdour.

CACA – starts back next week.. Nail technicians session went well. Successful application to 4 winds trust to purchase a new bouncy castle

4 winds trust – Meeting held on 15th April. Over £20k distributed to groups within the 4 areas. Cowdenbeath groups were: CACA, Civic Week Committee, Cowdenbeath Bowling Club, Cowdenbeath Martial Arts, Cowdenbeath Jujitsu.

Town Centre Development – see Councillors report. School reps were in attendance at the cross group meeting on 27th March. Keen to be involved. Looking to progress the digital side of matters.

10. AOB

- Could we have a 'centrepiece' in the Green Square. Community Councillors were asked to 'canvass' residents thoughts on the matter.
- Lochgelly Heritage meeting on 1st May. No one available to attend
- BHS Cluster netball/basketball – Final game on 1st May then presentations. IB will check if she's available to attend on behalf of CC
- Jennie Lee workshop on 23rd April. Anyone wanting to attend – see CG. Update on the walkabout with M Knights (playwright) for JL workshop. He wanted to know more about the pits within the Town. CG took him on short walkabout.
- The commemoration stone for the No7 pit (along from the Leisure Centre) is needing a good clean. Who should we contact. Action: CG will contact Parks and Open Spaces
- We are down to 14 Community Councillors. A Burt advised he was unable to continue as a community councillor at present.

11. Next meeting will be Thursday 16th May @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.

Our AGM will be first, then the normal monthly meeting