

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 19th May 2016

1. **PRESENT**

Community Council Members - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, D McLean, J Allan, I Cuthbertson, A Lockhart, C Kirk, A Munro, A Dziennik (TEN Community Councillors)

Co-opted Members

- A Dunlop (Civic Week),

Elected Members

- Cllr G Guichan, Cllr A Bain

Police

- Inspector I Stephen

Members of the public

- Ann Bain

2. **APOLOGIES**

Co-opted members - W Aitchieson

Elected Councillors – P Lockhart

Fife Council - F Forbes

Police – F Menzies/C McDougall

3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** -

Proposed : J Allan

Seconded: I Cuthbertson

4. **MATTERS ARISING** -

Gary Guichan has contacted Fife Council re the following matters from previous meetings.

- Goal Posts at Trinity Church. Fife Council will look at trying to get a set of goals or at least one. A fence will not be put up unless it is a health and safety issue or damage and even this would be scrutinised for funding.
- New Community Centre opening hours – early indications are that new community centre may be open over the weekend. However it depends on staff availability. More details will hopefully be confirmed nearer opening of the centre
- Bus Shelter opposite Taxi Rank on Broad Street - On assessment it was agreed that the above shelter was in need of repainting and a works order has been passed to our maintenance team to have the interior of the brick shelter repainted as requested. The work will be carried out within the next few weeks, weather permitting.

5. **POLICE UPDATE.** Inspector I Stephen

- Inspector Stephen gave update on his background in Police. He has been in force for over 20 years and this is his first involvement with Community policing. He has been impressed with involvement of various groups within the community and hopes to build good relationships.
- Underpass at Stenhouse St. Photos distributed showing the good collaborative initiative with PC's Menzies and McDougall and schoolkids for Beath High School. The underpass has been made very decorative and the feedback received has been very good.
- Update on the next round of safety at schools and anti social behaviour
- Good feedback from police involvement at CACA. Over 100 youths in attendance.
- Walking Football initiative at the Leisure Centre on a Tuesday. Could we help with the promotion of this event.

Questions/concerns raised

- Car (with puncture and parking ticket) has been sitting in one of the bays outside the 2 shops in Station Road for over 3 weeks. What can be done? Can it be removed. Allegedly the car is not taxed or insured. It was confirmed that there are notices at these bays confirming options for use (Post meeting note – 2 notices read that you can park there for 30mins and no return within 1 hour)
- Parking on pavements at Natal Place. Can anything be done? If the cars are causing an obstruction - YES. Resident has complained to Police/Fife Council but no one appears to take responsibility.
- Rowan Terrace junction with Stenhouse St. Concern expressed that with cars parking on either side of junction that it was difficult to see traffic. What can be done.

Inspector Stephen advised that his community officers will investigate these issues when out and about in the community

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6 **CORRESPONDENCE –**

- **Air Volution** As mentioned at last months meeting. A community fund of approx £14,000 per annum will be available for the benefit of the residents of Cowdenbeath, Crossgates & Mossgreen and Hill of Beath. The Fund will be managed by Foundation Scotland a registered charity. Foundation Scotland will work with an appointed group of persons resident within the areas who will form a Community Panel. The Community Panel will be made up of 2 community councillors from each of the areas and one other resident from the wider community. The expectation is that the community panel will meet approx once or twice a year. The purpose of the panel is to:

- To advise Foundation Scotland about making awards to community projects
- To advise Foundation Scotlan about the management of the Fund such as how it can be promoted in the Community
- To advise Foundation Scotland on setting and reviewing priorities for the Fund in response to evidence of need within and across the communities the fund serves

Action for Community Councillors: We need to reps to sit on the Community Panel. Anyone interested. There will be a publicity campaign to find someone from the wider community.

Participatory Budgeting (PB). CG gave update on recent PB meeting (5th March) which she attended on behalf of the community council. PB is recognised internationally as a way for local people to have a direct say in how, and where, public funds can be used to address local requirements. When PB is adopted its use can be very important in helping individuals feel connected to each other and to their communities. It can instil a sense of ownership, trust and connectivity. Fife Council are keen to work in partnership with local communities (Cowdenbeath, Lumphinnans, Lochgelly, Cardenden, Benarty, Kelty, Kingseat, Hill of Beath , Crossgates & Mossgreen) and other bodies (eg Coalfields Regeneration) to use funds which will become available in Sept/Oct for the benefit of these communities.

Action: If any community councillor is interested in attending these meetings and representing Cowdenbeath, please see CG for more details

- **FVA Volunteer Managers' Recruitment and Management e-bulletin May 2016** – available from CG
- **NHS Fife Community Services (West Division) Register of Interest Members**

Family & Unpaid Carers Event – Rothes Halls, Glenrothes - Wednesday, 25th May 2016 – Details available from CG

Health and Social Care Partnership publish full Strategic Plan. The final full Strategic Plan for Fife (2016-19) and Summary Report are now available. Visit the Publications Section of www.fifehealthandsocialcare.org.

- **PKD is renowned as the leading Charity music and bike festival**

PKD stands for Promoting Kinship Day and their concept has evolved and aims to create better bonds within the Kingdom of Fife by pulling Villages together. The festival this year will take place on 23rd July 2016 at the Dalgety Bay Sports Centre in Fife. PKD remains a family festival, including a kids zone and a fairground with children under 16 are free with an adult. .

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllr G Guichan

- **Fife Electoral Review** – proposals submitted. Changes will be made to Cowdenbeath (ward7) boundary going forward. Kelty will be included in Cowdenbeath boundary. Lochgelly, Cardenden and Benarty will form another boundary (ward 8). The current Lochs ward will disappear.
- **TCCCF** – Youth Charrette held in Leisure Centre to discuss Town Centre. Report on the output from the charrette was presented to the elected councillors. Very interesting. A lot of what they youth are suggesting is what has been suggested in the past in previous discussions with different residents in the town.

8. OTHER REPORTS

- **Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 19th May 2016 is **£77,051.77**

C/Fwd from April meeting	£76,835.62		
		EXPENDITURE 22/04 – 19/05/2016	INCOME 22/04 – 19/05/2016
Newsletter		£0.00	£216.15
Remembrance Day		£0.00	£0.00
Expenses		£0.00	£0.00
Town Centre Funding from Scottish Government		£0.00	£0.00
Totals		£ 0.00	£ 216.15

*(£74,803.22 ring fenced for TCCCF Wifi and Winter Lighting)

(£ 0.0 ring fenced for the Beath Bulletin. Waiting on other payments coming in)

Next event to be organised will be the Citizen of the Year in May 2016 – Estimate for this event = £250

We need to review the money spent on our events.

- **Civic Week Report** -

1. 28/05/2016 – Saturday night disco at Trinity Church
2. 29/05/2016 - Car Boot in aid of Civic Week funds
3. 02/06/2016 - Reception for Royal Party in Town House
4. 11/06/2016 - Start of a very, very busy week. Any help which folks can offer for this week will be greatly appreciated. See Civic Week Committee for details
 - ⇒ Sat (11th) Bunting/Boards/Banners go up at 5am
 - ⇒ Golf Tournament at Golf Club
 - ⇒ Residents of Sunnyside Court entertained
 - ⇒ 80s/90s disco in Golf Club in the evening
 - ⇒ Sun (12th) Bunting/Boards/Banners go up at 6am
 - ⇒ Residents of Abbotsford entertained
 - ⇒ North Parish Church Evening Service
 - ⇒ Mon (13th) Residents of Meldrum Court entertained
 - ⇒ 5-a-side football at Leisure Centre
 - ⇒ Tue (14th) Residents of Roselea entertained
 - ⇒ Swimming disco at Leisure Centre
 - ⇒ Wed (15th) Residents of Valley House entertained
 - ⇒ Wheelbarrow Race at Public Park
 - ⇒ Thu (16th) Pet Show at Broad Street Centre
 - ⇒ Bowls Tournament at Crossgates Bowling Club
 - ⇒ Fri (17th) Residents of Alexander House, Crossgates entertained

SATURDAY 18th JUNE – GALA DAY PARADE

Health and Safety matters discussed with Fife Council and appropriate Risk Assessments completed. Concern has been expressed regarding payment for road closures. AH in consultation with Transportation

- **Environmental Group**

Gearing up for Beautiful Fife campaign – signposts at Gateway to Cowdenbeath need cleaning, Bollards in Thistle St, Wooden Posts at Leisure Centre, 19 Signs on the High Street need cleaned.

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- **Four winds trust**

No meeting has been held since April. We now have another representative from Cowdenbeath Community Council – Anne Lockhart.

- **Mossmorran** - No update available
- **CACA** Numbers going up at CACA.
- **Broad St Centre** Next meeting will be AGM will be on 21st June.
- **Foodbank** Going well
- **Street Pastors** No update available
- **TCCCF** Youth Charrette report available. Marquee/Pop up stalls for use on green site being purchased

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vandalism at Dalbeath Marsh – Article in Fife Times. AD raised the matter- what can be done about this?

10. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday, 9th June @ 18.30

(nb: meeting brought forward as Gala activities starting 11th June)