

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 18th May 2017

1. PRESENT

Community Council Members

- A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Dziennik, L Rae, I Cuthbertson, J Allan, I Burt, A Lockhart, T Crawford, A McGillivray, K Turner, A Gibson (THIRTEEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members

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

Elected Members

- Cllrs A Campbell, G Guichan, D Watt

Police

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Members of the public

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2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors

- P Lockhart, A Munro

Co-opted members

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Elected Councillors

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Police

- PCs C McDougall & F Menzies

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Proposed : A Dziennik Seconded: L Rae

4. MATTERS ARISING

- **Christmas Lights.** A Haddow met with C Reid from Fife Council. It's been agreed that Blachere have the contract for the next 3 years. After that a group will have to come forward to take responsibility for Cowdenbeath having Christmas Lights. AH has had meeting with a company who stores/hires light and has appropriate costings. Plus some local businesses may be interested in helping. **Action:** Put on agenda for January 2018 to discuss options

5. POLICE UPDATE – no update available

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **New Community Centre.** D McLean attended the visit on 12th May. Was very impressed with the changes made since her 1st visit. Looks good.. Aim is for centre to be open before end of the year. During discussions, comment made that rumour has it that no balls will be allowed in main hall and the majorettes won't be able to use their batons. Seems silly if the expectation was for groups to be able to use the facilities, especially the majorettes. CG will write to Ross Martin at Fife Council to ask for clarity.
- **Invitation to Lochgelly Heritage Group meeting.** Owing to unforeseen circumstances no rep available to attend the meeting. However, CG spoke with organiser and has obtained material from the meeting.
- **Street Pastors.** Invitation received from Street Pastors to attend the commissioning of new pastors on 20th May at the North Parish Church Cowdenbeath. There are over 50 street pastors in 4 teams in Fife, and a team of rail pastors who patrol the Fife Circular Route. 6 newly trained street pastors will be commissioned next week. The commissioning will be held at 2.30pm and refreshments will be served at about 3.30pm.
- **Central Fife Crime Prevention Panel** is a community organisation which has been going for 25 years in the Cowdenbeath area. They do a lot of work with Police Scotland in promoting all Crime Prevention. In the coming months, the panel is looking to launch "Community Rail Programme" which aims to promote the development of community activity in and around stations.. and one of the local train stations is 'Cowdenbeath'. Their AGM is on 25th May in the Police Station
A Haddow, T Crawford and A McGillivray will be attending. CG will advise Police

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6. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

- **Community Resilience** (Spring 2017) E-bulletin emailed to community councillors. Hard copy available from CG. With summer as no guarantee of good weather, this issue includes links and advice for ensuring that you are prepared for adverse weather conditions and updates you on the recent Community Resilience Awareness Workshop held by the Fife Local Resilience Partnership. This issue also includes information on the 'Resilience Compass' tool, developed to help communities reflect on their current resilience and identify how this could be enhanced.
- **When Coal was King....** A series of events will be taking place in and around the Kingsgate Shopping Centre, Dunfermline between the 17th and 21st May entitled 'When Coal Was King' highlighting the importance that mining played in the history of Dunfermline and the surrounding areas. It will feature storytelling, an art exhibition, historical displays, a participative painting installation, displays by the Mines Rescue Service and many other elements.
- **Fife Centre for Equalities** – strategic plan 2017 – 2020 emailed to community councillors. Hard copy available from CG
- **Dunfermline Cycling Club.** On 27th May approx 150 cyclists will head through Cowdenbeath as part of the Cycling clubs Cyclo-Sportive Event

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT -

The councillors had their first meeting since the elections. Labour/SNP had agreed to share the administration. J Leishman and J Ford are Provost/Deputy Provost. General discussion & introductions. Concerns raised: McLeod Drive (entrance to Morrisons) road needing sorted; Fountain (at Bliss Hairdressers), the metal railing was damaged and taken away a while ago. When will it be replaced?; Bollards at Central Park lying on the ground. Can they be returned their proper standing?; Rats are at the back of the area beside Partners. Also found in the area behind the flats where the old store used to be.

Compliment made about the flats on the High Street (next to Betfred) ...looking much tidier now that the bins are at the back of the area

8. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 18th May 2017 is **£47,340.68**

C/Fwd from 31 Mar 2017 meeting	£47,333.67	
	EXPENDITURE 31/03/2017 – 18/05/2017	INCOME 31/03/2017 – 18/05/2017
Beath Bulletin	£	£ 26.00
Admin expenses	£ 18.99	£
Totals	£	£

Accounts year end is 31st March. Accounts have been independently examined and application made for Fife Council grant

Amount of £45,000.00 **ringfenced** for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
 £ 419.09 **ringfenced** for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin
 £ 200.00 **ringfenced** till 31/10/2017 for Community Theatre Event

➤ Balance of £ 1721.59 available to the Community Council .

Nb: cheques still to be cashed: Trinity Tots (MicroGrants £160) and Air Cadets (Remembrance Day £100)

Community Council currently bank with the Royal Bank of Scotland in the High Street. In light of this branch being closed around October, the treasurer is investigating opening an account in one of the other banks in the Town.

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8. OTHER REPORTS (continued)

Civic Week Report

- First off, Alan congratulated Wilma Aitchison on being our CoY 2017. The Civic Week Committee are looking forward to working with Wilma. He then went on to say that the Charity Show on 30th April was a great success. Lots of support from locals. Over £3000 raised.
- The Civic Week Committee are gearing up for the inauguration of the Royal Party, then the Civic Week activities culminating in the Parade on 17th June.
- Royal Party inauguration will take place on Thursday, 1st June at the Town House
- Working with groups to get the floats sorted out.
- Have got the agreement for the bunting to go up and it will be along the whole parade route.
- Volunteers are always required to help out on Gala Day. If anyone can help or knows of anyone who can help, then let Civic Week know (range of duties from Stewards to putting up the bunting).
- Suggestion made that Civic Week Committee could supply a list of their requirements for volunteers together with time needed.

Environmental Group

- Gearing up for the Beautiful Fife campaign.
- Still experiencing issues at the community woodland. And getting in to the grass cutting season.

Four winds trust

- Next meeting is 22nd May. If anyone knows of any groups in our Town, please encourage them to apply for funding to 4 winds. There is money available and it's always good to see it going to good causes.
- Clarity required on whether groups can apply more than once in a year and what happens to any monies not paid out in a particular quarter.

CACA

- Looking at changing banks (currently with RBS)
- Met with Fife Council (R Martin) to discuss future. Agreement being set up between Fife Council & CACA re the future. Lots of space available to CACA
- Looking for new committee members

Street Pastors

- Rail pastors now part of the programme (no longer a pilot). 18 volunteers
- Commissioning ceremony on Saturday. Invite extended to community councillors
- TSB – have funding available for organisations. Go in and vote for Street Pastors.

Town Centre Development

- 'Whats your Beath' office is open Mon – Thur. In future the hope is that volunteers will man the office at the weekend
- Street Pastors have used the office as a meeting place when out and about
- Also utilised for Adult Based Learning and EATS project as well as Breakfast Club for businesses.

Mossmorran - no update

Broad St Centre - no update

Foodbank - no update

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Beath Bulletin. Gala edition just back from printers. Community Councillors will organised to distribute (approx 1000) within their areas.

10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 15th June 2017 @ 18.30 .

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