

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 17th May 2018

1. PRESENT

Community Council Members

A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Dziennik, P Lockhart, I Cuthbertson, I Burt, A Gibson, A McGillivray, D McLean, L Rae ,
(ELEVEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members

M Payne (Maxwell Centre), W Aitchison (Street Pastors), A Dunlop (Civic Week)

Elected Members

Cllrs A Campbell, D Watt, and A Bain

Police

Members of the public

Three members of the public in attendance

2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors

A Lockhart, J Allan, K Turner,

Elected Members

Cllr G Guichan

Police

PC F Menzies and C McDougall

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed : I Burt Seconded: T Lockhart

4. MATTERS ARISING ... Correction to last minutes: *Police Update: Fires on site of FC greenhouses.*

5. POLICE UPDATE – no update.

6. CORRESPONDENCE -

- **Maxwell Centre Panel** : AH and LR attended the public meeting (24th April). LR is now on the Advisory Panel for Maxwell Centre. Their constitution was agreed on the night by all the advisory panel members.. 1st full meeting is Tuesday next week. LR will update progress of Panel at future CC meetings.
- **Christmas Lights** : There has been a little interest in forming a committee. So far approx 3/4 people. CG spoke with VK (who is involved with Maxwell Centre and local fund raising group) and she was going to try to raise some more interest. In the meantime, the CC should consider other alternative ideas. Indication is that funding for Christmas lights may not be available after 2019.
- **Notice of Application for Variation (Major) Premises License Premises – Premier Bingo**. No objections or recommendations made.
- **Lochore Meadows – Advisory Panel**. Update from T Lockhart. General discussion at the Lochore meeting since it was the first one. Quite a few differences of opinion on how matters should progress. Interest from local people to be involved in the running of the Meedies. And consensus was that it is underused. It's a fantastic resource and so much could be done to bring in Revenue. At the next meeting, there will be a rep from Craigtoun Park in attendance to give update..
- **Mossmorran Liason Meeting**– Organised meeting by Lesley Laird on (20/4) T Lockhart attended on behalf of CC.TL will send more details of meeting in email. Mossmorran has received final warning – questions asked about what that means. Credit to LL for organising the meeting. V Good cross representation. A Bain said that the Companies were actually doing what they were asked to do (ie communicate better with the local communities)
- **Coalfields Regeneration Meeting** Tuesday 24th April at 11am – Poor turnout at the meeting. CRT have £20k to distribute for projects in Cowdenbeath. More will happen in June/July
- **Take Away in Stenhouse Street** – 3 members of the public in attendance. Members of the public were concerned about the impact a take away will have on the surrounding residents. The parking issues, the environmental issues, anti social behaviour, late hours....etc Suggestions were made that residents complain individually to Fife Council. Understanding was a petition would be lodged but that would only be counted as 'one' objection. Apparently there is no 'threshold' on the number of takeaways in the Town.
- **NHS Fife** is looking to recruit a new Non Executive member to join its Board. In particular, NHS Fife is looking for candidates that should be able to demonstrate:
 - an understanding of the issues that can affect the quality of the health and social care experience of young people; and
 - the ability to contribute effectively to the Board.To find out more, visit the public appointments website at: www.appointed-for-scotland.org or call (freephone)03002441898.
- **Changes to Bus Services** - On Monday 14th May Stagecoach will be making changes to their bus network. The Stagecoach website has details of any changes they have made since the consultation have been updated. The new timetables are also available on this page and will shortly be available at Stagecoach travel shops.
- **Equalities Monthly Newsletter** emailed to Community Councillors. Hard copy available from CG

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6. CORRESPONDENCE -

- **Community Resilience** e-bulletin for Spring 2018. . Emailed to Community Councillors. Hard Copy available from CG
The edition looks at how communities across Fife drew together in response to the recent period of severe weather and shares information about how 4x4 drivers could offer support across Fife during disruptions. Also included is information as to how you can stay informed and ready to respond to a disruption. If you have any questions, or would like any more information about anything included in this newsletter, then just get in touch using the contact details below.
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7. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllrs Bain, Campbell, and Watt

- **Cowdenbeath Brass Band** - They are taking over Keltie Library. Decision has been taken. Discussions with Asset Mgmt.
- **Mossmorran (next meeting with L Laird)** - A Bain unable to attend but will attend Liason meeting.
- **WW1 Memorial** – Request has been made to cut back the trees to make the memorial more visible. This work is scheduled for the autumn.
- **Flytipping at Morrisons** – As a result of the investigation by Safer Communities Team, 4 individual culprits were found.
- **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.
- **Partners Traffic Lights** – the issue with these lights have now been resolved.
- **Lochore Meadows** – attended the official opening of the new building. Was a fantastic event.
- **Rascals Nursery** – celebrated their 25th birthday. Looking forward to their next 25years.
- **High Street works** – no update available.
- **New skateboard park** – LR advised that it look like it had been vandalised. Suggestion to raise with Safer Communities Team. AC was going to pick this up.
- **Recycling Centre** – the mess outside the gates when the centre is closed is an absolute mess. General discussion held on the changes to the recycling centre times and how people could be stopped from leaving their rubbish outside the gates. Could CCTV be installed.

8. OTHER REPORTS...

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at **17th May 2018** is **£65,597.71**
(Spreadsheet issued to all CC's prior to the meeting)

Amount of	£38,352.00	ringfenced for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 120.78	ringfenced for microgrants
	£ 1,161.34	ringfenced for training/purchase of publishing tool re Beath Bulletin (£749.95)and production (£411.39)
	£22,000.00	ringfenced for project at Town House.
SUB TOT	£61,634.12	

Balance **£ 3,963.59** available to the Community Council.
TOTAL £65,597.71

• **Civic Week..**

Tea Dance tickets will be on sale shortly. Quite a few information stalls will be at the Tea Dance eg: Fife Computing Services, Alzheimers...etc. Bay Travel has offered their services for transport.

- **Maxwell Centre** – Official opening will be later on in the year. It is already well used. Looking at bringing more groups/facilities in...eg: Purple Café, Adult Ed Classes...etc. Looking at Youth Workers going out to talk to young folks. Hoping to put some herb/vegetable plots outside the centre. Hoping Env Group may assist. Asked if there was intention to put notice board at the Centre. Short answer is NO. If CC want noticeboard and they had funding, it could be done. Need to investigate this.
- **Street Pastors** – Will operate out of the old 'whats your beath' office on High Street. Will be known as 'The Clearing'. Official opening will be in next few weeks.

8. OTHER REPORTS

- **Foodbank** - Looking for donations. Still well used.
- **Town Centre** - no update available
- **4 winds trust** – Next meeting is 21st May 2018.
- **CACA** – New management committee formed. Regularly getting 100+ juniors. Going well.
- **Environmental Group** – Tubs/planters will be weeded/plants planted in advance of Civic Week. Would be good to consider community clean ups in future. CC need to check out insurance aspect with Fife Council. Then work with Safer Communities Team on clean up. Burn at back of Iceland area would be good start.
Annual Accounts have been independently examined in advance of the AGM on 29th May. Will be held in Maxwell Centre.
- **Mossmorran** – No update available.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Future Community Council Meetings** – A few CCs still to have tour of Maxwell Centre before we make decision on future venue for meetings. Cost would be less than £50 per year to move.
- **Drop In Centre** – IB and LR advised that North Church has agreed to take on board ensuring the existing ladies continue to attend the drop in centre. Well done to IB and LR in progressing this matter
- **Congratulations to Cowdenbeath FC** in their efforts to secure their place in the SFLeague 2

10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 21st June 2018 @ 18.30.