

Cowdenbeath Community Council

Minutes for 16th May 2019

As per our AGM, A Haddow has decided to stand down as Chair of Cowdenbeath CC. Our new chair – I Burt – took over the running of our normal monthly meeting. IB's first task as Chair was to thank and congratulate AH on all his hard work and effort over the years as a community councillor and in particular as chair of Cowdenbeath Community Council. He has worked tirelessly for his community and his efforts have been appreciated within the Community. AH will continue on as a community councillor and it is hoped that he will still be willing to offer guidance to IB in her role as chair.

1. PRESENT : I Burt, L Rae, A Stott, C Gourlay, A Haddow, A Dziennik, I Cuthbertson,, A McGillivray, , A Lockhart D McLean, S McGillivray, P Millmore (TWELVE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members	J Young
Elected Members	Cllrs A Campbell & Watt
Police	PCs F Menzies/G Gardiner
Members of the public	Mr& Mrs J Robertson, B Kay, H Anderson, L Galbraith
Guests	

2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors	W Aitchison
Elected Members	G Guichan
Co-opted Members	
Police	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - Proposed: D McLean Seconded: L Rae

4. MATTERS ARISING -

The commemoration stone for the No7 pit (along from the Leisure Centre) was cleaned up by CG & LR. Looking good.

We are down to 13 Community Councillors. C Hoffman advised he was unable to continue as a community councillor. .

5. POLICE UPDATE

Stats: 459 calls of which 49 crimes were recorded. 23 Public Nuisance Calls.

Parking at Central Park. The Inspector (Cameron) has a meeting with the stock car people in the next few days (ahead of the international meeting) Looking to agree and put restrictions in place. Perhaps more enforcement re parking. Suggestion was - could the Ash Park at Central Park, Maxwell Centre Car Park and Brunton House employees car park all be considered to allow parking for those folks attending Stock Cars.

Woodland (at Leuchatsbeath) – Have been issues in this area but no major problems. Trying to keep on top of the issues. Residents should continue to phone 101 if they see/hear about any issues.

Leisure Centre – There are concerns about youths hanging about the Leisure Centre at the weekend. Can anything be done. Agreed to include on their route

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **School Colours Awards** – LR/CH worked with the teachers at BHS to agree those pupils who would receive their colour awards. They spent the afternoon of the 30th April going through all the documentation. LR will attend the awards ceremony of 7th June.
- **Cluster Tournament Awards** – IB attended the awards along with JB from Civic Week. The Community Council and Civic Week Committee jointly sponsored awards. Lots of schools involved. Very enjoyable. Good to be part of it. And the kids were delighted with their awards.
- **Junior and Senior Citizenship Awards.** Last year we jointly supported/sponsored the junior and senior citizenship awards at BHS. Agreed to support/sponsor the awards again this year. The CCs agreed to purchase the prizes for the students. (Agreed price £40). Civic Week Committee will obtain the appropriate certificates. Also agreed that LR will be our representative at the awards ceremonies which will be on the 11th and 27th June respectively.
- **Notice of application for variation premises license – The Clansman.** No objections/representations made

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6. CORRESPONDENCE (Continued)

- **Coalfield Regeneration Trust.** Community Action Plan nearing completion. Lots of good information obtained from various events. The plan will be launched at an event in the Maxwell Centre on 30th May. Would be good for as many community councillors to be in attendance. Need to keep the momentum going forward for the CAP.
- **Mossmorran** – Update from PM in relation to his attendance at the Mossmorran & BraeFoot Bay Independent Air Quality Review Group (MMBBIAQRG) on 30th April. Surprised at the lack of debate at the meeting and the lack of information available.

Also held General discussion on the impact of flaring at Mossmorran at the Easter Weekend. Community Councillors spoke to approx 200 people between them and there are a number of concerns within the town. Of the people spoken to, the majority had experienced problems with their health and well being (eg stress levels, breathing difficulties, lack of sleep), There was also problems with the noise levels, problems with the light from the flaring, a general feeling of mis trust with regard to communications coming from Shell/Exxon and even SEPA. And even concern about the safety of the plant.

As a result of canvassing opinion, The Community Council support the proposal of Fife Council in calling for an Independent Review. All politicians should be working harder to ensure this independent review is done. And they should be working together for the people of local communities and go forward in a progressive manner.

In regards to the companies involved (Shell/Exxon), the feeling is that they have failed miserably in attempting to build trust within the Communities. Residents also had mis trust in SEPA.

All in all the views of the majority of residents spoken to was that they are very unhappy with the continued unplanned flaring which has been happening and something needs to be done.

- **Meeting for reopening of Alloa to Dunfermline Rail Link.** – In order to establish the level of public interest from the communities of Alloa, Clackmannan, Kincardine and the West fife villages for the reopening of the Alloa to Dunfermline rail link, two initial Public meetings have been organised.

The first public meeting will take place on Monday 13th May at 7pm in the Kincardine Community Centre and a second meeting will take place in Alloa Town Hall on Monday 20th May at 7pm. The format for both meetings will be the same, firstly information on the history of the rail line since closure and potential ways it can be re-opened for passenger use, secondly a listening exercise to the views, concerns & transport needs of the local communities with inputs from key stakeholders.

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Councillors took the opportunity to also praise AH in relation to the work he has done within the Cowdenbeath Community. He has been a great help to the councillors but it is good that he is still remaining on the community council.

Trinity Church celebrated 50years – good turn out at the celebratory event.

Traffic Lights on the High Street – concern expressed that the lights have not been activated yet. Cllr Watt will be pushing to ensure they are switched on soon. Very disappointed with the lack of communication.

Meeting on Monday 20th May in Maxwell Centre about High School. Organised by DW. Meeting is to raise and discuss the concerns raised about current league table placing, the recent inspection and the lack of subject choice for exams (LR & IB will attend)

Railway Bridge at Broad Street – work being undertaken

Town House – Feasibility Study being conducted to assess how it could be used going forward.

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8. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report (spreadsheet distributed before meeting). Balance in CC's account as at 16th May 2019 : **£18,398.84**

Amount	£ 14,635.00	ringfenced for Community Futures Projects/CRT communications
	£ 1,000.00	ringfenced for art sculptures (mossmorran funding)
	£ 598.79	ringfenced for Beath Bulletin
	£ 250.00	ringfenced for Remembrance Day Services (<i>money recd from WW1 memorial sponsors</i>)
SUB TOT	£ 16,483.79	
Balance	£ 1,915.05	available to the Community Council.
TOTAL	£ 18,398.84	

NB. Payment made to FC in respect of FET (£85,371)

Environment Group – 25 birdboxes installed. Bug Hotel installed at Community Woodland. New Bench installed at Millenium Garden. Numerous Litter picks including the back of Iceland. Local Charity Group working with Fife Council to ensure Community Woodland maintained

Civic Week –

5th June – crowing of queen and princesses at Cross Guns

08th – 15th June. Civic Week events culminating in Parade on 15th. Theme is Mardi Gras. Foulford Road will be open for Gala Day. Indebted to Emma at Williamsons for the use of their lorries during the Parade.

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.

AH is stepping down as chair of Civic Week also. M Ayres from Anim8ts attending next Civic Week Committee meeting.

Foodbank – Looking for funding to purchase new tables..

Street Pastors – no update available

Mossmorran - see under correspondence

CACA – funding in place to purchase Bouncy Castle. Losing a volunteer. Trying to get new volunteers. Looking to get 3 new leaders.

4 winds trust – Next meeting will be July.

Town Centre Development – no update available

9.AOB

- Maxwell Centre – Approx 570 meals were catered for during Easter.

10. Next meeting will be Thursday 20th June @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.