

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 9th June 2016

1. **PRESENT**

Community Council Members - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, D McLean, A Lockhart,
(FIVE community councillors)

Co-opted Members

Elected Members

Police

Members of the public

- A Dunlop (Civic Week),
- Cllr G Guichan
- Not in attendance
- J Clark +3 residents from Johnston Park

At the beginning of the meeting there was a lengthy discussion with the residents from Johnston Park area who had come to the meeting with the aim of speaking to our local community police. Unfortunately, the police were unable to attend the meeting but the residents concerns/issues were discussed. The issues were about antisocial behaviour at the Park. Cllr G Guichan took action to contact Fife Council to see what could be done to help and C Gourlay agreed to send email to the police with the details.

The community councillors had sympathy with the residents and would try to support them in their aims. The residents decided not to stay for the remainder of the meeting and left about 7.20pm

2. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors - A Dziennik, A Munro, I Cuthbertson, C Kirk, J Allan

Elected Councillors – P Lockhart

Police – F Menzies/C McDougall

3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Proposed : D McLean Seconded: A Stott

4. **MATTERS ARISING** -

Gary Guichan has contacted Fife Council re the issue concerning road closures affecting Civic Week Gala Parade. This matter has been resolved to the satisfaction of civic week committee..

5. **POLICE UPDATE.** No police in attendance

- D McLean and C Gourlay had attended a presentation by BHS art students regarding the work they did on the underpass. It was very informative and showed the hard work and effort they all put in to it.
- **Post meeting note** – the car at Station Road has been removed.

6 **CORRESPONDENCE** –

Air Volution: PANEL MEMBERS required. The Mossmorran Wind Farm Ltd Community Fund will provide grants to local organisations with decisions made by a Panel of local people from Cowdenbeath, Hill of Beath and Crossgates & Mossgreen. The panel will comprise a mix of people from across the area including six community councillors (2 from Cowdenbeath) and three other residents (1 from Cowdenbeath). We need to agree who will represent the CC on the Panel. Panel Members will

- advise Foundation Scotland about making awards to community projects
- advise Foundation Scotland about the management of the Fund such as how it can be promoted in the Community
- 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: There were only 5 community councillors in attendance. No decision agreed this month as to who the rep will be.

Post Meeting Note: Email sent to majority of Community Councillors ie 9) . Agreement reached with the majority of community councillors (ie 7)that Diane McLean and Christine Gourlay will be panel members as well as local resident Irene Burt.

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6. **CORRESPONDENCE** – *continued*

Air Volution – Mossmorran WindFarm Ltd Community Fund. This fund is a new charitable fund to benefit those living in the Cowdenbeath, Hill of Beath, Crossgates & Mossgreen communities. It is provided by Mossmorran Wind Farm Ltd and is managed by Foundation Scotland – an independent grant making charity. Constituted groups working to benefit people in the area can apply for grants from the fund for projects that benefit the local community.

Action: Do we (community council) want to apply for funding ? A suggestion has been made that we apply for funding

- to help with the Beath Bulletin
- to help with Remembrance Day activities

What do you think? Are there any other suggestions for things we would like to do. There are no guarantees in terms of whether we'd be successful. There's approx £12,000 available across the 3 communities so I would reckon there might be a few requests.

Deadline for applications is 15th July – CG will apply for money for Beath Bulletin as details are available but we need more information to consider applying for remembrance day activities.

New Street Name – After discussion. Name which will be proposed is Kirkford View. The cut off date to supply a proposal was end June. Note sent to the majority of community councillors on email – no objections received to the proposed name and details sent to Fife Council

Participatory Budgeting – Fife Council have been engaging with local communities with regard to a Participatory Budgeting Exercise. There are 9 local communities (Benarty, Cardenden, Cowdenbeath, Crossgates & Mossgreen, Hill of Beath, Kelty, Kingseat, Lochgelly and Lumphinnans) involved in the exercise as well as Fife Council and Coalfields Regeneration. On 1st June a meeting was held and it was confirmed that FC want to engage more in PB/community engagement. Kevin Sayers has had meeting with Chief Exec of FC and other senior officials and there is support in principle for this exercise. Consequently he will work to secure the approp funds. In summary, it is hoped to secure funding of approx £250K and then ask residents in the 9 communities what they want the money spent on.

It was agreed with reps who attended the PB meetings that the theme would be around 'the environment'. This is rather a broad label and after discussion it was agreed that we should ask for suggestions from the local communities to improve 'Places and Spaces' (eg improve Oor Bit) Publicity material was discussed and it is hoped that material will be available to distribute at local community galas. More information will be given at our next meeting. **Action:** If any community councillor is interested in attending PB meetings and representing Cowdenbeath, please see CG for more details

Kingdom FM/Kingdom Kids Family Friendly Cycle (Fife Section) on Sunday, 12th June 2016 at 10.00 Lochore Meadows Country Park through Kelty, Townhill, Kingseat, Cowdenbeath, Hill of Beath, Crossgates, Inverkeithing, North Queensferry ending Fife Section at Forth Road Bridge

Shell U.K. Limited would like to apologise to our local communities for any inconvenience or concern they may have caused today as a result of yesterday's (31st May) flaring from the Shell Fife Natural Gas Liquids Plant at Mossmorran. At no time has there been any danger to the local communities or the personnel working at the plant. We can confirm that a process upset initiated our safety systems and this has unfortunately resulted in a minimal amount of elevated flaring. There may be a small amount of flaring over the coming few days as we return the plant to normal operations. This will be routed preferentially via our ground flares. If you require any further information please contact Shell on Tel: 01224 884130

Fife Elderly Forum newsletter available from CG

Fife Voluntary Action - latest update available from CG

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7. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllr G Guichan

- Short general discussion again on Johnston Park.
- Questions asked - Who's responsible for ensuring bus timetables at bus stops? Thought is that its bus company
- Any update on purchase of public toilets?. As yet, NO.

8. OTHER REPORTS

- **Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 9th June 2016 is **£76,798.05**

C/Fwd from April meeting	£76,835.62		
		EXPENDITURE 22/04 – 09/06/2016	INCOME 22/04 – 09/06/2016
Newsletter		£10.00	£346.15
Citizen of the Year reception		£235.72	£0.00
Admin..		£138.00	£0.00
Town Centre Funding from Scottish Government		£0.00	£0.00
Totals		£383.72	£346.15

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

(£ 125.09 ring fenced for the Beath Bulletin.)

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

- **Civic Week Report** -

1. 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

8. OTHER REPORTS *(continued)*

• **Environmental Group**

Gearing up for Beautiful Fife campaign – hanging baskets going up next week.

AGM held – existing office bearers re elected and accounts independently examined

Question asked about the planter at Woodend – who's responsible for it. It's overgrown. Think it's Fife Council.

- **Four winds trust** Next meeting is 27th June.
- **Mossmorran** - No update available
- **CACA** Numbers going up at CACA. Vary from 78 - 115
- **Broad St Centre** Next meeting will be AGM will be on 21st June.
- **Foodbank** Going well
- **Street Pastors** No update available
- **TCCCF** Marquee/Pop up stalls purchased. Should be here in time for Gala.

9 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The receptions for the Royal Party/Ambassador for Civic Week and the Citizen of the Year went well.

10. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday 19th August @ 18.30