

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 15th June 2017

1. PRESENT

Community Council Members

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

Co-opted Members

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Elected Members

- Cllrs A Campbell, G Guichan, D Watt & A Bain

Police

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Members of the public

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2. APOLOGIES

Community Councillors

- A McGillivray, T Crawford, A Dziennik

Co-opted members

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

Elected Councillors

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Police

- PCs C McDougall & F Menzies

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Proposed : A Stott Seconded: K Turner

4. MATTERS ARISING -

Maxwell Centre . In response to questions raised at a previous meeting that the hall at the new centre would not be suitable for using footballs or use by the majorettes.. Fife Council has replied “The ‘big hall’ has not been designed as a sports hall. Unfortunately the cost of the additional flooring requirements would have put the project over budget and we didn’t have the space to build a hall large enough. It was agreed that with such close proximity to the Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre and also having Beath High Community Use near to the facility, the need to have a sports hall was not a priority for the building design. This allowed us to allocate budget to other aspects of the design.

The design team have factored in the majorette troupe and the designer visited the group in Broad St. early in May to check out with them again the hall lighting design so that we can ensure the hall can accommodate the majorettes.

Barriers at the Fountain

Gary Guichan has spoken to Ian Jones and Ian is going to double check that those barriers are proposed for removal in the work to be paid for with the SUSTrans money.

General discussion held and it felt by the Community Councillors that the removal of the barriers would make that particular area unsafe. CG to try to speak to Fife Council as well.

5. POLICE UPDATE – no update available

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- **Central Fife Crime Prevention Panel** has become involved in the Central Fife Community Rail Partnership project. They will ‘spearhead’ the project which will see £50,000 being made available over a 3year period for improvements around the railway stations at Cowdenbeath, Lochgelly and Cardenden. At their AGM on 25th May more details were given about the project and a request was made for more volunteers to join the project. Community Councillors should ‘spread’ the word and hopefully, we can get volunteers from our group to participate.
- **Request for funding.** A request has been made for a contribution of £75.00 towards the cost of purchasing masonry paint, brushes, gloves, soil, plants, waterhose and general gardening tools to assist in the trialing of the EATs project at the community hub office. After a general discussion the donation was agreed by TEN community councillors. The Environmental Group agreed to ‘match’ the donation. (KTurner was not involved in the discussion)

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Suggested locations where a mobile bank unit could be established.** Community Councillors asked about and it was also put on Facebook for suggestions. Various suggestions have been made: Aldis car park, Leisure Centre car park, Car Park at Central Park, Car Park at Morrisson, New community Centre. After discussing the venues, the community councillors felt that the car park at Morrissons which is covered by CCTV would be a good shout. In future could the new community centre car park be considered. CG will send all details back to Fife Council and RBS.
- **Proposed mural at Brunton Square.** Over the last 3-4 weeks, the community councillors have been canvassing opinion on the proposed mural for the gable end at Brunton Square. Each community councillor relayed how many folks had been canvassed and what their thoughts were. After totalling the figures up, there were approx 400 people ranging from 8 upwards canvassed. Approx 80% of people were happy with the proposed mural. CG to relay details back to Fife Council
- **Citizen of the Year Criteria.** In light of the fact that the boundaries have changed recently (ie we are now Ward 7 along with Kelty...etc) Community Councillors were asked to consider if this affects the current criteria we apply to select the Citizen/Young Citizen of the Year. This item will be put on the August agenda.
- **Invite to Fife Access Drop In Forum Event** Outdoor access, what is happening in Fife? Paths, your local stories, positives, issues? Fife Access Forum meeting on Tuesday 13th June 2017, at 7pm is an open event to which all members of the public, community councils and other community groups with an interest in outdoor access are invited. The meeting is held in Fife House, North Street, Glenrothes. The evening offers an opportunity for you to hear from Fife Access Forum what they have been doing over the last year and to have an update from Fife Council about core paths and other access issues. Then there will be ample opportunity to discuss any access issues which you may have with members of Fife Access Forum. The event is free and no booking is required. So if you fancy going....feel free
- **Information received from Scottish Community Councils project** Plant a Tree Charter Legacy Tree . Environmental Group has 'signed up'
In celebration of the launch of the new Tree Charter on 6 November 2017, 800 Legacy Trees will be planted across the UK. Legacy Trees will be accompanied by a small plaque about the Tree Charter. Our hope is that these trees will ensure the principles of the Tree Charter are continued well beyond 2017. A portion of Legacy Trees have been reserved for community councils who contribute to the Tree Charter by becoming Charter Branches. Becoming a Charter Branch is completely free (as are Tree Charter Legacy Trees) and will in no way effect the autonomy of your council. Your level of involvement is up to you and may range from simply signing up to receive free copies of the Tree Charter's newspaper Leaf! to helping gather signatures of support, to more imaginative projects and activities around trees. If you're interested in planting a Legacy Tree in your community, please sign up your community council as a Charter Branch by following the links below. We plan to plant 800 trees across the UK. We will provide the trees (for free). We are currently sourcing the nursery (likely to be Alba, but this is to be confirmed). There will be multiple species of trees offered (more information is to follow at a later date). The planting of the trees is conditional on attaining permission from the land owner; Community Councils who would like to take up the opportunity would have to organise a suitable place. There are currently 19 Scottish community councils signed up as Charter branches.
- **Consultation on bill for reducing the default speed limit in the Scottish Parliament**
Consultation is underway for the 20mph members bill in the Scottish Parliament. The community council is being asked to consider submitting a response before the closing date on the 7th August. The bill proposes reducing the default speed limit on restricted roads from 30mph to 20mph, whilst giving local councils the power to retain specific streets as 30mph zones where suitable, e.g. as designated through routes. Whilst Fife Council has led the way in recent years by designating over 4,000 20mph streets across the county, the approach in Scotland to date has been piecemeal, resulting in some local councils having no permanent 20mph zones in place at all. The full consultation document can be downloaded [from](#) the Scottish Parliament website Responses can be submitted via the Scottish Parliament's Smart Survey system at: www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/20mphSpeedLimits/ If you want us to make a response, let me know your thoughts by end of July

6 CORRESPONDENCE

- **Zero Waste Scotland** Litter and flytipping costs Scotland at least £78 million every year. This includes costs to the taxpayer through education, enforcement and clean up, and the indirect cost of littering and flytipping – on areas like health, crime and wildlife. To address this problem, Zero Waste Scotland <<http://www.zerowastescotland.org.uk/>>, the Scottish Government's delivery partner for the National Litter Strategy, is encouraging the adoption of Litter Prevention Action Plans (LPAP) and Community LPAPs. These plans will help businesses and communities in Scotland to reduce costs and create a safer, cleaner environment for all and deliver long-term behaviour change to prevent litter and flytipping from arising. Participation can help businesses to boost brand recognition, demonstrate good corporate social responsibility and result in direct and indirect financial benefits, through the sharing of knowledge and expertise.

Benefits to organisations: Improve image / public perception. Demonstrate commitment to the community and the environment. Stimulate direct and indirect financial benefits via local networking. Good PR opportunity to highlight your business and its achievements.

The scheme is open to a wide range of organisations regardless of size and involvement can be tailored to specific needs, resources and reach. It would be great to work with you to spread the message and encourage your contacts / members to get involved in the initiative.

- **Fife Voluntary Group** – Latest email details sent out. Hard copies available from CG

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT -

- **Flaring at Mossmorran.** Concern has been expressed by local residents about the recent bout of flaring at the chemical plant
- **Anti social behaviour** – Police and Beath High School are working together to try to resolve the issues of antisocial behaviour. It's not just at lunch time, its in the evening as well.
- **Flooding on the pavement at the Bruce Hotel.** Concern expressed that everytime there is heavy rain that the pavement at the Bruce is flooded and it's difficult to pass on that side of the road. This is at the same point as the barriers which have been removed. General concern that this area is unsafe without the barriers and it's even worse when it's flooded.
- **Taxi rank on High Street** – a number of residents have complained about the taxi drivers using the pavement (beside the green site) as a turning point. Pedestrians have to move out the way of the taxis to allow them to turn. Community Councillors feel that it is potentially dangerous and someone could get hurt. A Campbell said he would take this matter up with the Police.

8. OTHER REPORTS

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 15th June 2017 is **£48,431.76**

C/Fwd from 18 th May	£47,340.68		
		EXPENDITURE 19/05 – 15/06/2017	INCOME 19/05 – 15/06/2017
Beath Bulletin		£ 613.00	£ 296.35
Admin expenses		£ 56.55	£
CoY reception		£ 162.72	£
Fife Council Annual Grant		£	£ 1627.00
Totals		£ 832.27	£ 1923.35

Amount of £45,000.00 **ringfenced** for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square

£ 102.44 **ringfenced** for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin

£ 200.00 **ringfenced** till 31/10/2017 for Community Theatre Event

➤ Balance of £ 3129.32 available to the Community Council .

3 cheques still to be presented for payment (ie Trinity Tots, Silk Flowers and Air Cadets)

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

- Events which started on Saturday going well. Royal Party/Citizen of Year have been in attendance at local homes
- The childrens disco at Leisure Centre yesterday went well. There were nearly 100 kids in attendance. The best attendance that anyone can remember. Tickets will need to be considered next year.
- Numbers have been up on all events.
- More volunteers are needed for Saturday. Help required in stopping traffic as well as up the park. If anyone knows anyone then let Alan/Alex know
- Looking like Parade day will be warm. Nearly 20 floats will be in Parade

Environmental Group

- Containers on high street planted up last week
- Aim is for hanging baskets to be up in next day or so
- Successful application to Little Raith for £1000 towards hanging baskets
- Beautiful Fife judges will be in the Town around 28th July

Four winds trust

- Meeting held 22nd May. A few groups from Cowdenbeath were successful with applications.
- 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

- Youth Club on holiday from tomorrow night.

Street Pastors

- No update - W Aitchison on CoY duties at the Bowling.

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 - next meeting is 29th June

Broad St Centre - AGM held. New centre opens this year. J Allan 'retired' from Committee

Foodbank - Still very busy. Always looking for new volunteers.

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- Community Councillors who joined within the last 18months were given hard copies of the constitution , guidelines associated with community council and email addresses for all community councillors.
- Reminder that we are scheduled to have a guest speaker at our August meeting.
- Mistake made on Agenda which resulted in confusion regarding start time of meetings. Confirmed that Community Council meetings always start at 18.30. If there are changes to start times in future, CG will either email or phone community councillors with details. It wont just be on the Agenda.

10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 17th August @ 18.30.

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