

# Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 16th August 2018

## 1. PRESENT

### Community Council Members

A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, D McLean, I Burt, A Lockhart, A Gibson, I Cuthbertson, A McGillivray  
(NINE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

### Co-opted Members

n/a

### Elected Members

Cllrs A Campbell, D Watt, A Bain and G Guichan

### Police

n/a

### Members of the public

n/a

### Guests

Homestart representatives – S Capaldi and T McCann

## 2. APOLOGIES

### Community Councillors

T Lockhart, A Dziennik, L Rae

### Elected Members

### Co-opted Members

W Aitchison (Street Pastors)

### Police

PC F Menzies and C McDougall

## 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed : I Burt      Seconded: D McLean

## 4. MATTERS ARISING ... no matters arising.

## 5. POLICE UPDATE – no update available.

## 6. CORRESPONDENCE -

**Mossmorran** – planned use of the elevated flare intermittently for 48 hours from the morning of Tuesday 14th August, and then again when we re-start the module from Friday 14th September for 24 hours. This planned use of our flares is to fully remove hydrocarbons from one of our three modules to enable us to do thorough inspections and refurbishment. During this Turnaround, we will empty the pipes and vessels of Module 3

Last planned flaring was 27/6 – 3.7...programme to replace the tip of a flare stack, and a small chance of a smoky flare. This work will improve steam injection efficiency in the longer term.

Shell U.K. Limited has paid a civil penalty of approx £40,000 for a past technical error at the Shell Fife NGL plant at Mossmorran. A metering error resulted in an inaccuracy in our annual reportable emissions under the EU Emissions Trading Scheme (ETS) for the years 2013 to 2015.

**Senior Citizenship Award.** This award is jointly sponsored by the Community Council and Civic Week Committee. LR attended the award ceremony at BHS on behalf of CC. Decision was taken by the school and the first person to receive the award was Josh Logan. Well done to Josh

**Town Centre Development.** Update from A Walker (Fife Council). Work has begun on updating the street furniture, signage, replacing pavements and the green square. Brunton Square will also be part of this project. Two groups of workers on the project. Those working on the pavements and those working at the green square. The hope was to keep disruption to a minimum. Has been issues surrounding the closure of the bus stop at Dominos. This was a decision taken by Stagecoach for the 'blanket' closure. Discussions have been held and hope the issues resolved now. Fife Council are liaising with the local businesses (asking them to complete a questionnaire). Fife Council has no enforcement powers to tell businesses to make upgrade to their shops. It is hoped that the High Street will be greatly improved, residents/visitors will feel safe and footfall in high street will increase.

Cowdenbeath are being entered into the Great British High Street competition – Rising Star entry. Hope is that some more people may be interested in bringing their shops to Cowdenbeath.

There was a general discussion about the railings at the Bruce. Are they going to be replaced as part of the Town Centre Development. There seems to be differences of opinion as to whether railings are the right thing. All four elected councillors would like the railings replaced. The community councillors (having canvassed opinion in previous months) were all in agreement with their thoughts.

**Orange Walk** – General discussion on issues surrounding Orange Walk. There were a few complaints received by Fife Council about the community council. The matter was dealt with by Fife Council.

**Skateboard Park.** Various issues surrounding skateboard park. Police are aware as are Community Safety Teams. The issues have been incorporated into the Community Policing anti social behaviour patrol matrix plan. The safer community officers also incorporate the area into their patrol and the detached youth workers provide a presence. Suggestion made about using Skate Scotland to promote the skatepark.

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## 6. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

**WW1 memorial** – Report issued about proposed remedial work to be undertaken on WW1 memorial. Additional comments received were about a) somewhere to attach wreaths to, b) some letters are missing on the soldiers names c) could lights be installed (may help with vandalism), d) what about CCTV

Will advise FC about wreaths, letters and lights (majority of folks accepting that lights are good idea, Not everyone because It may actually encourage folks to congregate. CCTV not able to be put on lamp posts – not tall enough. (inspector advised us)

### **Accounts Commission – Reporting on Fife Council**

A new report on Fife Council has been published by the Accounts Commission. This is the only report that provides an independent view across all aspects of your local council.

### **Fife Licensing Board**

Reminder that consultation underway till 31<sup>st</sup> August

**Bus Service Changes**. There will be bus service changes on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> August. These changes are mainly due to the award of our North Fife Tender, where Moffat & Williamson won some of the routes currently operated by Stagecoach. Stagecoach are also taking the opportunity to amend timetables throughout Fife, due to passenger feedback received from previous consultations. Bay Travel are also amending service 13 and service 18. A summary of the changes for each of the operators is attached.

Timetables should be available at the beginning of August. The timetables will soon be available online via the Stagecoach, Moffat & Williamson and Bay Travel website.

### **Fife Health and Social Care Partnership:**

‘Joining Up Care’ Consultation (2 July – 8 October 2018)

Fife Health and Social Care Partnership has launched the ‘Joining Up Care’ Consultation and we would like you to take part. We are open to hearing ideas and suggestions as to how sustainable services can be developed at a local and Fife wide level.

Running from 2 July to 8 October 2018, the aim is to join up care across communities and hospital services. This will allow the Partnership to continue to respond to people’s health and social care needs. We want to support people to stay well, independent and at home for as long as they can.

**Awards for All** – Letters received from Lesley Laird (MP) and Annabelle Ewing (MSP) congratulating CC on their successful application to awards for all for £7500 towards ongoing shutter art project

## 7. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllrs Bain, Campbell, Guichan and Watt

- **Stenhouse Street Takeaway**. At a previous meeting the proposed plans for a takeaway in Stenhouse Street were discussed. In fact, there were a few residents that came along to the meeting to state their case. Was confirmed that the application was rejected –
- **Barclay Street/Greenbank Drive** – Development work will begin in these areas over the coming weeks.
- **Overgrown Hedges** – Issues raised but these have been dealt with and referred to Housing (Cllr Watt)
- **Bin Collection change** – general discussion on this subject. Communication could have been better. Confusing has been caused to some residents regarding the change to what goes in the bins. Question asked about the possibility of charging for emptying the brown bin which is done in Edinburgh and Kinross. No such plans to date.
- **Town Centre Development** – discussions have been held about creating additional disabled bays at the back of Brunton Square. Also taxi rank will be relocated to Poundstretchers
- **Broad Street Centre/Valley House** – what is happening to these buildings. Due for demolition at the end of the year.
- **Lochore Meadows/Fife Cycle Path/Cowdenbeath Skatepark** – is there anything on the horizon to link up these locations. Possibly not in the short term but could be long term. Just now theres not enough money

## 8. OTHER REPORTS...

**Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC’s account as at **16<sup>th</sup> August 2018** is **£51,836.66**

*(Spreadsheet issued to all CC’s prior to the meeting)*

Amount of	£40,352.00	<b>ringfenced</b> for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 7,500.00	<b>ringfenced</b> for Shutter Art project
	£ 120.78	<b>ringfenced</b> for microgrants (to be paid back to Foundation Scotland)
	£ 226.29	<b>ringfenced</b> Beath Bulletin
SUB TOT	<b>£ 48,199.07</b>	

Balance **£ 3,637.59** available to the Community Council.

**TOTAL £51,836.66**

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### 8. OTHER REPORTS...(continued)

- **Civic Week..**

Civic Week committee are taking long earned rest before they begin their Christmas Programme. Their first meeting will be in September. However, it has already been decided that the Christmas Lights switch on will be 30<sup>th</sup> November and Santa Comes to Town (Christmas Party) will be 1<sup>st</sup> December. Next years gala date is 15<sup>th</sup> June.

- **Environmental Group** – Judging for Beautiful Fife Campaign went well. Will have to wait till Sept for results. Hoping for Silver Gilt award. Community Woodland looking good.
- **Street Pastors** – no update available.
- **Foodbank** - Very busy. Any donations are gratefully received.
- **Town Centre** - Work on Town Centre should be starting in the few weeks. Expect it to last approx 6 months.
- **4 winds trust** – next meeting is September..
- **CACA** – starts back next Friday.
- **Mossmorran** – see correspondence item.

### 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Home Start** – update given by SC/TM from home start. Home start began approx 29years ago. Core of work is about recruiting volunteers to go out into the community. About teaching young mums and working with parents to help them. Volunteers work with mums/parents to let them know what's in the area and support them. Up to 50 families are currently being supported. Have recently moved to premises in the High Street (used to be the cake fairys shop) Very interesting and informative update and if there's anything we (community council) can do to help, they should let us know.
- **Future community council meetings** – Majority of community councillors agreed that future cc meetings will be held in the Maxwell Centre. There is a small cost but the feeling is that as a CC we should support the local community centre. It may also encourage more members of the public to attend and they can check out the facilities and the front door is always accessible whereas that the case at Brunton House
- **Benarty Environment Group** – AH advised he would attend Commemoration Service in the Miners Memorial Garden in Ballngry to recognise and pay tribute to everyone who was involved in the mining industry. Event is on 26<sup>th</sup> August.
- **Funding Event** – A McGillivray will attend the event on 17/9 organised by Annabelle Ewing.
- **Community Council Elections** – If anyone is interested in re joining the CC after 4/10, please ensure you complete the appropriate nomination form and return it to Fife Council by 6<sup>th</sup> September.

### 10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Sept @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.