

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 15th Sept 2016

1. **PRESENT**

Community Council Members - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, I Cuthbertson, T Crawford, A Lockhart, D McLean (SEVEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members

Elected Members

Police

Members of the public

- A Dunlop (Civic Week),
- G Guichan
- PCs C McDougall & F Menzies
- K Turner, D McArthur

2. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors - A Dziennik, K Hynd, A Munro

Co-opted members - W Aitchieson

Elected Councillors - P Lockhart

Police -

3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** -

Proposed : T Crawford

Seconded: A Stott

4. **MATTERS ARISING** - Error made with reporting of last months treasurers report. Repeated later on in meeting in formal report.

5. **POLICE UPDATE.**

- **Shutter Art project** – very positive responses from businesses in Cowdenbeath to have their shutters painted. This is a collaborative exercise between the Police, Beath High School (pupils), Kerry Gibson (Artist) and Fife Council. Community Police have spoken to a number of businesses and approx 19 have signed up. Silk Flowers have had their shutters done and it looks great.
- **Feel good Fridays** – 3rd week of this initiative will be tomorrow. Very good response about this initiative from those attending. At next session (Friday) the Community Safety Officer will be there. Would be good to get details of this initiative out there. CC will publish on Facebook and ask that all Community Councillors tell people about the initiative.
- **Kit Cars** – Working with Brag Enterprise recently to build KIT car. Came 4th and received award for best newcomer. Another positive result in working the young folks in the area.
- **Geo-caching** – involves downloading a free app to a smartphone or table device and using its GPS to find 'caches', typically a small waterproof container containing a logbook where people can log their Exploits and other knick knacks which can be traded. Local Community Police Teams have placed 4 caches in and around Lochore Meadows and these contain leaflets with Police Scotland 'Your View Counts' public survey information, community safety advice, details of members of the local policing team and other goodies. It's a fun way to promote safety messages in the local communities and it has received very good feedback.
- **Vandalism** Some areas being targeted just now are West Lane/Sinclair Drive. Property and back of Lumphinnans piggery, Broad Street Centre. Community Police will be out and about speaking to locals. Police are trying hard to engage with the young folks of the town. Also working with the Community Use Schools.
- **CCTV** – installed in Union Street. Number of residents have been asking why? Matter reported which merited the installation of the cctv. Anyone who has any concerns can speak to police.

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6. **GUEST SPEAKER – Donald McArthur** (local historian)

Nucleus of the idea is to start a Theatre Group in Cowdenbeath....and Donald is looking for support and funding. He has written a play about the Somme and has support from various groups/businesses to put the play on. He's looking for a venue in Cowdenbeath, he's looking for locals to support the venture and volunteers to help in the venture. Donald gave an update on his background and who he has currently on board with his venture. Aim is that the Theatre Group will be a long term project.

ACTION: CC to discuss at October meeting re funding and support

7. **CORRESPONDENCE**

Flaring at Mossmorran

The Community Council has received the following information:

"Shell U.K. Limited would like to advise our local communities that from Midday 16th September, there will be intermittent periods of planned flaring from the Fife Natural Gas Liquids Plant at Mossmorran. This will last for 3-4 days as we carry out planned routine maintenance in readiness for our annual turnaround. Flaring will be via the Ground Flare in the first instance to minimise disturbance.

At no time will there be any danger to the local communities or the personnel working at the plant.

All the relevant authorities have been informed.

We would also like to apologise for any inconvenience or concerns in advance that this may cause.

If you require any further information please contact Shell on Tel: 01224 884130"

It was also advised that Exxon will have planned flaring for up to 3 weeks.

16/02816/FULL23/08/2016 Change of use of public toilets (Class 10) to form office and storage space (Class 4) (Property to south of 170 High Street, Cowdenbeath) No representations to be made

MacMillan Cancer

Cancer patients and their carers are invited to a free Health and Wellbeing event to learn more about services available to them in Fife.

The event, at Lochgelly Centre in Lochgelly on September 16th, will highlight services funded by Macmillan Cancer Support to help people better manage their own cancer journey and keep active during and after treatment.

For more information about Move More Fife please visit: www.fifeleisure.org.uk

8. **COUNCILLORS REPORT - G Guichan**

Budget - Main discussion just now is about next years budget. Awaiting chancellors statement, then Scottish Governments statements before Fife Council's discussions are had.

Recycling Centre – Concern expressed about recent articles in the media about changes at the Recycling Centre. General consensus is that it will cause fly tipping and make life difficult for people recycling and the impact on local businesses. Advised that the decision which had been reported on was being delayed. The area responsible for the decision has been asked to rethink by councillors.

9. OTHER REPORTS

- **Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 15th September is **£85,312.55***

C/Fwd from June meeting	£76,798.05	
	EXPENDITURE 10/06 -15/09/2016	INCOME 10/06 – 15/09/2016
Town Centre Funding from Scottish Government	£	£ 4750.78
Newsletter	£	£ 130.00
Fife Council	£	£ 3633.72
Admin..	£	£
Totals	£	£

- Total of £81,809.09 ringfenced
IE (£79,554.00 for TCCCF to pay for Wifi ,Winter Lighting & Marquees)
(2000.00 to pay for outdoor cinema)
(255.09 in respect of the Beath Bulletin.)
- Balance of £3503.46 remaining - next events to be organised by Community Council will be Young Citizen of the Year reception in November (estimate agreed £250.00) and Remembrance Day Parade on 13th November (estimate agreed £1200)

Nb: As mentioned under Matters Arising – error made in not reporting details in the August minutes. Last details reported were in June and the above covers the period from June to Sept.

- **Civic Week Report** - Update on the activities which are being scheduled for Christmas. Lots going on. Civic Week Committee are working hard to get the events organised.

⇒ 29th October – Halloween Party at Trinity. Have organised for Tricky Dicky (Magician) to be there
 ⇒ 19th November – Scottish Night
 ⇒ 3rd December – Santa comes to Town/Christmas Lights Switch On. (Christmas Party in Leisure Centre)
 ⇒ 4th December – Craft Fair/Santas Grotto (Leisure Centre)
 ⇒ 15th December – Christmas Choir Event in Beath and North Church

Volunteers always required to help out with these events. See Alan/Alex if you can help in any way, shape or form. Or if you know anyone who is interested – point them in their direction.

- **Environmental Group**

Beautiful Fife campaign – Cowdenbeath was awarded the Silver Award this year. Downgraded from Silver Gilt. Was disappointing for the group. They have worked hard (there is only 4 of them). General discussion ensued as to what can be done by CC and others to help more. More helpers are certainly needed and we need to spread the word to get folks on board.

Action: Put on agenda for November meeting to discuss what we can do to help

- **Four winds trust** - Minutes of meeting of 27/6 passed out to community councillors. Details of successful groups detailed in the minutes. Total of £13,405 issued to groups. Next meeting is 26/9
- **Mossmorran** - AH not able to attend meeting/double booked
- **CACA** - Short on helpers. Budget may be cut.
- **Broad St Centre** - Next year the new community centre will be up and running. Any thoughts on what we could do to recognise the impact Broad Street Centre has had on the residents of the town.
- **Foodbank** Well used.

- **Street Pastors** 2nd Birthday party being organised for the Street Pastors – 22nd October. They are working on an afternoon 'Past Times' event to look at local history and Christian heritage. Initiative 'Train Pastor' is going well. The pastors will be patrolling the trains and stations along the Fife Circular route, helping and caring for anyone who needs a listening ear or who is lost or distressed. They have a Fife Wide team of about 20 pastors taking part in this initiative.
- **TCCCF** K Turner is working on Town Centre Development projects. The public access WiFi is currently being 'tested'. Hope is that it will be launched by end of the year. Lights have already being installed at the Leisure Centre and currently being placed in other locations – expect to be switched on in coming weeks. KT is also working on the Participatory Budgeting ideas and hopes to work closely with the community council going forward.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS - None

11. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday 20th October @ 18.30