

# Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 21st September 2017

## 1. **PRESENT**

### Community Council Members

- A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Gibson, I Burt, J Allan, A Dziennik, K Turner, L Rae (NINE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

### Co-opted Members

- A Dunlop (Civic Week), W Aitchison

### Elected Members

- Cllrs A Campbell, G Guichan, D Watt

### Police

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### Members of the public

- 2 members of the public

## 2. **APOLOGIES**

### Community Councillors

- A McGillivray, A Lockhart, P Lockhart, I Cuthbertson, T Crawford, D McLean

### Co-opted members

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### Elected Councillors

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### Police

- PCs F Menzies & C McDougall

## 3. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Proposed : I Burt      Seconded: A Gibson

## 4. **POLICE UPDATE** – no update available

## 5. **MATTERS ARISING**

Mossmorran – in previous discussions, the general consensus of the community councillors is that residents need to be given better communication on what's happening at the plant and any other relevant information. Our webpage ([www.cowdenbeathcc.org](http://www.cowdenbeathcc.org)) has been updated with links to minutes of the Liason meetings as well as other material. There is also a contact number should there be a need to refer anyone to Mossmorran.

## 6. **CORRESPONDENCE - Local Matters**

- **Bin Calendars** Rather than delivering a paper copy of bin calendars to households across Fife, Fife Council are keeping costs down and reducing the impact on the environment by hosting them online - visit [www.fifedirect.org.uk/bincalendar](http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/bincalendar). Find out more at <https://goo.gl/KUiquE>. If you know of anyone who doesn't have a calendar or access to the internet, they can obtain copies via the library...(or you can print one off for them if you want)
- **Remembrance Day Service** – This years services will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The service at the WW1 memorial will be 1.30. The service at the WW2 memorial will be 14.30. AH due to order wreaths next week and confirmed that he had booked the Town House for use. Details of person taking the services to be advised.
- **Remembrance 2018** – General concensus of opinion was that it would be good to find something to recognise that next year is the 100years anniversary of the end of WW1. IBurt, LRae, CGourlay to get together to discuss suggestions and put proposal to Community Council
- **Funding applications** – There is money available from Awards For All to improve Towns. Agreement from community councillors that application can be made by CC working in conjunction with Fife Council. Also agreed that CG can submit application to Mossmorran Windfarm Community Fund on behalf of the CC for money to help purchase publishing application and train another person on compiling the Beath Bulletin
- **NADFLY** – As part of the work to improve our Town, there is a company which uses art and design to create artistic routes within an area to try to get the public to rediscover their neighbour hoods. IBurt, LRae and CGourlay volunteered to meet the NADFLY reps when they come to the Town at the end of Oct. The reps will also be talking to the schools

Other correspondence not discussed but highlighted to community councillors for information is detailed on the appendix to these minutes.

## 7. COUNCILLORS REPORT -

- **Additional Parking on the High Street** - Petition had been received and discussed by the Area Committee members asking for the installation of more parking spaces at the South End of the High Street to help local businesses. The Committee noted the concerns raised within the petition but agreed that the work due to be undertaken in the High Street (eg development of green site....etc.) would look at all the transportation and parking issues
- **Greenmount, Cowdenbeath** - . Transportation have proposed a one way order for Greenmount. An informal consultation is to take place with local residents and then a report should be submitted to the area committee with recommendations for the direction of the route of the one way system
- **Seagull nuisance** Quite a lot of complaints received from Craigbeath Court residents. There is a problem Fife wide. Environment, Protective Services and Community Safety Committee will be investigating the matter and make proposals/recommendations. Any action should be carried out in time for next years breeding season.
- **Lumphinnans Care Village** – due to open in January 2018
- **HoB** – new houses being built which means that the right of way currently there will be diverted
- **Facebook** – Councillors advised that the local police will be holding a 'live' Facebook page discussion for people to share their views. It will be between 6 – 7 next Wednesday.

Concern was expressed that the expectation was that Cowdenbeath should have got a new community centre, the development of the green square, a new skatepark and the development of Brunton Square during 2017....but we're nearly at the end of the year and we have nothing. Is it all going to happen in 2018? General discussion on the subject. New Skatepark has had 'sod' cutting event – work due to begin next year. Green Site – Knotweed caused problems but all now part of the Sustrans work, CG understood work on Brunton Sq (ie Mural) due to start soon/AH heard that work due to start next year.

**Post Meeting Note:** Work on the mural due to begin October.

New Community Centre - elected councillors were due to visit the community centre on Wednesday coming. AH asked if he could attend as well and so did KT. AH said that he had heard various rumours about the community centre and that it would be good to get answers. Suggestion was that we send in our questions and they can be asked on the night. **Post Meeting note:** set of questions issued

Questions asked about the signs on the High Street. When are they going to be cleaned and when are the pavements going to be sorted.

Also what about the lights on the High Street. A resident has been asking about the lighting. They feel that the High Street is now darker. Post Meeting note: CG Contacted Fife Council. They are going to investigate and will advise

What's happening with the development at Steins Park. 3 years have gone by and the area is a bit of an eyesore. Not sure what can be done. The developers are responsible for the land.

Crown Hotel. There is a push on for officers to do something about the hotel.

At this point, a member of the public raised a topic about a product she was trying to show would suit schools. The lady talked us through the pros and cons of the product. Cllr Campbell said he would chat to her about the matter after the meeting.

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## 8. OTHER REPORTS...Spreadsheet issued to all CC's prior to the meeting

**Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 21<sup>st</sup> Sept 2017 is £48,572.76

C/Fwd from 17 <sup>th</sup> Aug	£48,532.76	
	EXPENDITURE 18/08 – 21/09/2017	INCOME 18/08 – 21/09/2017
Beath Bulletin	£	£ 40.00
	£	£
Totals	£	£ 40.00

Amount of £45,000.00 **ringfenced** for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square  
 £ 318.44 **ringfenced** for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin  
 £ 200.00 **ringfenced** till 31/10/2017 for Community Theatre Event

➤ Balance of £ 3054.32 available to the Community Council .

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. Still to clarify a few points but general indication was that the community councillors would support the move.

**Civic Week..** Meetings restarted. 4 new members joined the Committee at the AGM in September . The rest of the years' programme of events underway. Next up is the Scottish Night on 21<sup>st</sup> October, then the Childrens Halloween Party on 28<sup>th</sup> October, 1<sup>st</sup> December will be Christmas Lights Switch on, 2<sup>nd</sup> December will be Childrens Christmas Party and Christmas Fair. Different format this year because unable to book Leisure Centre. Party and Fair will be in Beath High School. And finally on 17<sup>th</sup> December will be the community choir.

**Environmental Group** – Cowdenbeath won the Silver Award in Beautiful Fife Campaign. The group were disappointed, they thought enough had been done to win Silver Gilt. Community Councillors said that the Silver was a great achievement considering there were only 4 group members and the level of vandalism that had been occurring at various sites in Cowdenbeath

**Street Pastors** – they have been going for 3 years. They now have 2 patrols at the school , 2 in the What's your Beath office and 2 on the High Street. And they have become part of the Civil Contingency Plan.

**Town Centre** – see under Councillors report.

**4 winds trust** – next meeting is in November. If you know of any groups, please encourage them to apply

**CACA** – still going strong. On a good night there are 100+ kids, on a bad night there are 80+ kids. Going down to 3 Fife Council staff. As a result having to assess how many kids can get in. A Haddow has taken over from D Stevenson as chairman of CACA

**Foodbank** – no update available

**Mossmorran** – AH will email CG with details as soon as panto tickets are available.

## 10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Does Fife Council have any Hedgehog Awareness Signs?

Invitation received to the opening of the Lochgelly Heritage Trail. CG will attend on community council's behalf

## 11. NEXT MEETING Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 @ 18.30.

**Chairperson** – A Haddow, 16 Arthur Place, Cowdenbeath . (Email address:cowdenbeath.comm.council@googlemail.com)  
**Secretary** – C Gourlay, 1 Elgin Road, Cowdenbeath (Email address: cowdenbeathcc@gmail.com)  
**Facebook Page** – Cowdenbeath Community Council  
**Website** – www.cowdenbeathcc.org.uk

## APPENDIX

### ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

- **Fife Coast and Countryside Trust (FCCT).** September newsletter distributed by Email to community councillors. Hard copies available from CG
- **Whats new in Adult Support and Protection.** Latest update emailed to community councillors. Hard copies available from CG if required.
- **Fife Council** is seeking parent representatives to serve on Appeal Committees acting under the Education (Scotland) Act 1980, as amended. The main business will be consideration of appeals by parents/carers against decisions of the Education Authority to refuse requests by parents/carers to have their children placed in schools of their choice, and consideration of appeals by parents/carers or young persons in respect of exclusion from school.