

# Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 20th September 2018

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## 1. PRESENT

### Community Council Members

A Haddow, , A Stott, D McLean, I Burt, I Cuthbertson, A McGillivray, C Gourlay, L Rae and A Dziennik  
(NINE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

**Co-opted Members** W Aitchison (Street Pastors)

**Elected Members** Cllrs A Campbell, D Watt, and G Guichan

**Police** PC C McDougall

**Members of the public** C Sneddon, B Paterson, Capt J Robertson, Mrs A Robertson

**Guests** n/a

## 2. APOLOGIES

**Community Councillors** A Lockhart

**Elected Members** Cllr A Bain

**Co-opted Members**

**Police** PC F Menzies

## 3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Proposed : D McLean      Seconded: I Cuthbertson

## 4. MATTERS ARISING ...

Bin Collections – general feeling of residents in the Town is that Fife Council has made a glorious mess of changing the bin collection calendar. Not only does the confusion surround the days of collection but also what goes in what bin. And the confusion about whether calendars on line are accurate. Cllrs advised that all bin collection calendars online are now correct and there will be a campaign in the coming months to promote recycling with a bit more clarity on what goes in what bin. Changes to bin collection has been an absolute nightmare. Communication of changes has been terrible

## 5. POLICE UPDATE – PC Calum McDougall

- Damage report for the windows at Trinity Church. Not much to go on but ongoing investigation. May be to do with Youth Disorder
- Seems to be a 'fad' in setting fire to bins especially at the Community Woodland. Being investigated.
- Incident at the Skatepark. Officers have met with Street Pastors about the incident
- Gentleman caught speeding at 141mph on A92
- Complaints about the signage at the A92...it has been spray painted. Community Safety Team have been made aware  
(nb: attendee at meeting confirmed that the sign had been cleaned up)
- Appears to be a hike in youth related incidents recently. High visibility of police over the weekend.
- Assaults at primary schools are increasing. Addressing via school visits.
- BHS new rector quite proactive in trying to curb bad behaviour.
- Police have been invited into St Brides primary to talk to the children about Stranger, Danger and Staying safe online
- Additional training being given to officers on sexual exploitation
- Road Safety ... increase high viz on Foulford Road and Perth Road.
- World Car Free Day – 21<sup>st</sup> Sept at HoB
- Quizative Crime Week – 8 – 12/10. (eg Scams) offering travel advice
- Report of a bike theft at HoB. Police went in and conducted bike marking at the school. Well received.
- Other initiatives underway for repeat youth offenders
- Reiteration that if anyone sees or hears about something that is wrong, then phone 101. If the police don't know about incidents, they cant do anything about it.
- Questions/Comments: Concern expressed about number of young children knocking at doors (without adults) selling tablet. Suggestion was that theres no harm in phoning 101 to advise the police. Any children should be accompanied by adult.
- Question asked about the collaboration between Detached Youthworkers, Community Safety Team and Police. This has been working well
- Question asked about cars parked in inappropriate areas. Who do you call?. If the car is causing an obstruction...phone the Police

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## 6. CORRESPONDENCE -

- **Town Centre Development** – General discussion on the proposals to relocate the Taxi Rank in the High Street. C.Sneddon (independent taxi driver) supplied his comments. They currently have 5 bays and to relocate to Poundstretchers means only 4 spaces. There are over 17 taxis in Cowdenbeath daily. Up to 22 at the weekend. Its really difficult at present to get a space in the rank. To reduce to 4 would be even worse. Approx 40% of Mr Sneddons business comes from the High St. The current location is ideal to pick up from the Train Station. Is it possible to stay where they are. Elected members and community councillors (having canvassed residents) were not happy with proposal which went to area committee. Outcome is that Transportation have to go away and review the proposal. Expectation is they will put another proposal to the elected councillors in November. Would be good if CCs canvassed opinion of residents and fed back at October meeting.
- **Update for Mining Heritage Event** – AH attended Benarty's event. It was a well attended event.. Very pleased to have been asked to attend
- **Horticultural Sponsors and Friends** – AD, AH & AS attended on behalf of CC. Thoroughly enjoyable event. Lots of exhibits. Well organised and a credit to the Horticultural Society and all those involved.
- **Funding event (organised by A Ewing)**. Very informative. And well attended.
- **Beautiful Fife Campaign** – Congratulations and Well done to the Environment Group volunteers, their friends and family and the guys at Parks & Open Spaces. Cowdenbeath achieved Silver Gilt award. A step up from last year. The report from the judges was issued to the community councillors and discussed.
- **Mossmorran Wind Farm Community Fund** – Community Council can apply to this fund. Is there any ideas for a project. 3 ideas suggested and discussed. It was agreed to ask for funding for a project to purchase wooden carvings and start a nature trail in Cowdenbeath.
- **Beath Bulletin** – work is underway to compile the next issue of the Beath Bulletin. IB is currently being trained up courtesy of funding from last years Mossmorran Wind Farm Community Fund.
- **Community Council Elections** – Confirmation received from Fife Council that we have 12 residents who are willing to form Cowdenbeath Community Council going forward. There will be no need for an election. The inaugural meeting of Cowdenbeath Community Council will be Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October.

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

- Issues re rats at the burn at the North End. Garage owner is in touch with a private contractor. Areas has been cleaned up. Delay in long term clean up. Caused by fact that half the area is owned privately, the other half is owned by Fife Council. AS suggested that a culvert be placed in the area. This was suggested years ago. Will be passed on.
- Issues at old Valley House building – demolition of the building is scheduled for Sept/Oct.
- WW1 memorial. Request has been made to clear the over grown areas. Will get in touch with Parks & Open Spaces to ensure it is done prior to 11<sup>th</sup> Nov.
- Lumphinnans Care Home – café opened on site and it is open to the public.
- Barriers at the Fountain (ie the old Bruce hotel area) Concern has been expressed that the work underway in developing the Town Centre will not extend up towards Morrissons entrance nor accommodate putting up barriers at this area or dealing with the fact that the pavement is regularly flooded when it rains. .
- Town House – feasibility study to be undertaken for utilisation of Town House.
- North End Development – going well. Adds to the Town Centre Improvements currently underway.
- Crossing at Beath High School. Rector is keen to progress the idea of a crossing with Transportation.

## 8. OTHER REPORTS...

**Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at **21<sup>st</sup> September** is **£51,715.88**  
(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
	£ 226.29	<b>ringfenced</b>	Beath Bulletin
SUB TOT	<b>£ 48,078.29</b>		
Balance	<b>£ 3,637.59</b>		available to the Community Council.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£51,715.88</b>		

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

### • **Civic Week..**

Civic Week Committee received an award from Horticultural Society for the work they do in the Town. It was an honour to receive the award recognising their efforts.

#### Key Dates

21<sup>st</sup> Sept Civic Week Races will take place at Beath High School. (Delayed as a result of bad weather at Gala)

24<sup>th</sup> Nov Scottish Night

30<sup>th</sup> Nov Christmas Lights Switch on (Santa will be here)

1<sup>st</sup> Dec Childrens Christmas Party and Christmas Fair at Beath High School

7<sup>th</sup> Dec Local business owner – Hazel from Precious Events & Lucie Sue gifts/coffee shop – is organising a Christmas party at HoB Club. Profits will go to Civic Week Committees 2019 programme of events.

16<sup>th</sup> Dec Community concert featuring the community choir.

Looking for Tombola and Raffle prizes for these events. If anyone has any, or knows of anyone who would be prepared to donate – let Civic Week Committee know.

- **Environmental Group** – Silver Gilt was awarded as a result of Beautiful Fife Campaign. Step up from last year. Congratulations to all involved.
- **Street Pastors** – 4 years old. Base now moving to the clearing in the High Street. Have organised extra patrol at the skatepark. Street Pastors are organising indoor car boot at the Clearing on one Thursday in four.
- **Foodbank** - Always looking for donations. Hoping to receive some donations as a result of harvest festival
- **Town Centre** - work underway. And on schedule.
- **4 winds trust** – meeting held 12<sup>th</sup> Sept. 4 Cowdenbeath groups successful. Curly Star, Kingdom Brass Band, Acorn Aid and Cowdenbeath Community Council. Well done to all groups. Total amount given out to all groups within the CC areas involved is £20762
- **CACA** – going from strength to strength. Always between 70-100 youngsters in attendance.
- **Mossmorran** – Report due out in coming months. Has been agreed that HoB will be represented at the meetings. Confirmation that the Christmas Panto will be sponsored this year. Also Cardenden and Cowdenbeath will be top of the list for the Burns Lunch in light of the fact, the events were cancelled last year owing to the bad weather.

## 9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **WW1 memorial concert** – AH is organising the concert on behalf of CC. He has been in touch with a number of people. Concert organised for 4<sup>th</sup> November at Carnegie Hall, Dunfermline. Kingdom Brass Band and Lochgelly High School Pipe Band will be playing along with a few local singers.
- **WW1 commemoration** – The Community Council were successful in their application for funding from the 4winds trust to purchase some commemorative items to be installed at the Town House. Part of the funding was to cover the extra pages in the Beath Bulletin to commemorate 100years since the end of WW1.  
Post meeting note: CG/IB/AS/Capt Robertson will meet with Parks & Open Spaces to discuss what items we want.
- AD advised that he has reported 9 blocked drains on the road from Cowdenbeath to Crossgates
- AMc/CG have been in touch with NetWork rail to try and get the area at the old loading bay at the Train Station cleared up. Network rail came out and did a basic tidy up of the area.

## 10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> October @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.

**This meeting will be the inaugural meeting of the ‘new’ community council**