

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 19th October 2017

1. PRESENT

- Community Council Members** - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Lockhart, T Lockhart, T Crawford, I Burt, I Cuthbertson, L Rae, D McLean, A Dziennik (ELEVEN COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)
- Co-opted Members** - A Dunlop (Civic Week), W Aitchison (Street Pastors)
- Elected Members** - Cllrs A Campbell, G Guichan,
- Police** -
- Members of the public** -
- Guest** - M Payne (Fife Council Community Learning)

2. APOLOGIES

- Community Councillors** - A McGillivray, A Gibson, K Turner
- Co-opted members** -
- Elected Councillors** - Cllr D Watt
- Police** - PCs F Menzies & C McDougall

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Proposed : A Dziennik Seconded: I Burt

4. POLICE UPDATE – no update available

5. MATTERS ARISING

- **Bin Calendars.** Community councillors sharing the message about being able to get a copy of the bin calendar from Library. General feeling from residents is that it is a bit 'hardnecked' asking folks to go to Library and pay for copy.
- **Funding applications** – As agreed at last months meeting, CG submitted 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. Panel will decide on 31st October.

6. GUEST SPEAKER – Mike Payne (CLD)

- Mike has taken over responsibility for the new community centre (ie the Maxwell Centre) The Elected Councillors and Chair had been at site visit last month. Mike gave update on the progress of the development of the Maxwell Centre. Ongoing issues have had impact on development which has meant delays. Mike is now having weekly meetings to discuss plans .
The Centre will have a dedicated Youth Hub, Learning Kitchen, disabled access..etc
Questions asked about the management of the new centre. Community Council had been advised at the beginning of the project that there would be no management committee for the new centre. It would be a completely different structure to Broad St Centre Management Board and that discussions would take place with community council and other interested parties to form a new structure.. Some community councillors would be interested in being involved in any group set up to manage the Centre and are awaiting notification of how the new board will be set up. Questions raised by CCs and answers given can be found at the end of these minutes .

Mike advised the he will send in the constitution of the proposed new board.

Mike is keen to build relationship with Community Council. He may not be able to attend all meetings but it was agreed to put him on the distribution list and invite him to our meetings. He can let us know if he intends to attend.

7. CORRESPONDENCE - Local Matters

- **Young Citizen of the Year 2017** – Was agreed that all nominations are very worthy of title of Young CoY. However they are so different it was a very difficult decision. After much deliberation, the successful nomination was Lee Crawford and Isla Cattanach. AH will contact the successful candidates and their parents.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE - Local Matters**

- **LOCHORE MEADOWS COUNTRY PARK DEVELOPMENT BOARD** – General discussion held on the Terms of Reference about LMCPDB. There has been a lot on Social Media about Lochore Meadows. If the people of Benarty are happy to join forces with other communities to go forward with the Meadows, Cowdenbeath Community Council are happy to be part of it. T Lockhart would be happy to be our representative on the Board and this was agreed with all the community councillors.

In general it was felt that the ToR was a good starting point to understand what is expected of the proposed board. A point was made re 2 school reps from LHS and BHS. However, what about pupils from the area who attend St Columbas High.

- **Polling consultation and review -**

A six-week consultation to review the Kingdom's polling districts and places is underway.

Fife Council is looking to hear from interested people and groups as part of the statutory review.

This review makes sure that everyone has access to reasonable facilities for voting, including those who are disabled and, when a new polling place is considered, that it meets the accessibility needs of disabled people. The constituency boundaries are not covered by this review, only the polling district boundaries and polling places which lie within the constituencies.

"The Council has always aimed to locate polling places within a convenient distance from the majority of electors' homes, with the premises being easy to find and accessible to all. This review will help to ensure that we continue in this way and gives us the opportunity to hear the views of the voting public. However, it does not always prove easy to find suitable premises in every area, so any suggestions for alternative premises are welcomed."

"Accessibility is another important issue for us and we would welcome anyone with expertise in access for disabled people to comment on the proposals." You can find information and maps of the current polling districts and places online at www.fifedirect.org.uk/elections . Printed copies are available on request. You can send your comments to the Review of Polling Districts and Polling Stations consultation by post or email (see below) or online via <http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/elections> .

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

8. **COUNCILLORS REPORT -**

- **Area Committee – The committee meets every 6 weeks. Next meeting is 1st November.**
- **Crossgates & Mossgreen Community Council** have been pressing for bus service through Mossgreen. Discussions have been had with Bay Travel and the proposed changes will affect bus services in the Church St/Watson St area in Cowdenbeath.

Questions/concerns raised.

There have been cones in the middle of the road outside the Town House for the last 3 weeks. What's going on when will it be repaired. Scottish Water are doing a range of repair work in the High Street (including this one)

Lighting in the High Street. CG has contacted Fife Council – B Paterson. Waiting for progress update.

What about the flooding at the Bruce. Doesn't even have to be raining and it's flooded. Cllrs will pick up

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

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 19th Oct 2017 is £47,774.76

C/Fwd from 22 nd Sept	£48,572.76	
	EXPENDITURE 22/09 – 19/10/2017	INCOME 22/09 – 19/10/2017
Fife Environment Trust Project (Heritage Garden)	£ 798.00	£
	£	£
Totals	£	£

Amount of £44,202.00 **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 .
Decision taken to remain with RBS, Cowdenbeath. To change would incur bank charges owing to the amount in our accounts.

Civic Week.. Gearing up for the Scottish Night (21/10) and Halloween Party (28/10)
Christmas Lights Switch On will be Friday 1st Dec/Childrens Party will be the following day
(2nd Dec) at Beath High School. There will also be a Christmas Fair – over 40 stalls

Agreed CC will man the Tombola Stall and will share in the proceeds.

Also asked about the storage bags for the marquee. CC agreed to pay half the cost. Can we get a cost for the bags?

There will also be a Christmas Raffle run by Civic Week Committee. 1st prize will be two nights at Carnoustie Golf Course. General discussion held on the subject of the CC donating a prize. After deliberation a proposal made that CC donated £100 of Cowdenbeath High St Vouchers. That way as well as supporting Civic Week Events, we are supporting local shops. Proposal agreed by all community councillors in attendance. It was also discussed that if CC members help to sell the raffle tickets, we could participate in the profits from this venture to help our secure funds for CC activities (eg: the Beath Bulletin)

Environmental Group – Nothing to report.

Street Pastors – AGM will be on 9th November at Salvation Army. Ceilidh on 25th Nov to celebrate 3years in existence.

Town Centre - At the back of the Green Square, dig investigations and soil sampling being done. Required for the planning & site preparation if new buildings are to go on the site. In future, contaminated soil will be removed before building can take place. The green square will also need some soil removal in future to comply with changes and the upgrade to the square.

Winter Lighting at the entrance to Morrisons Car Park will be switched on in the next week.

4 winds trust – next meeting is 20th November. If you know of any groups, please encourage them to apply

CACA – off just now.

Foodbank – still very busy.

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

9. OTHER REPORTS

Mossmorran – Christmas Pantomime tickets will be available soon. Date for Cowdenbeath Pensioners is Thursday 7th Dec. Pantomime is Hansel and Gretel

Agreed that CCs should bring any questions they have or receive residents about Mossmorran to the CC meeting and ask Ali (Bain) and Alex (Haddow) to take to their meetings with Mossmorran Representatives. All questions should be documented

Questions for next meeting

Q. The plant was originally meant to have a life span of 25years but in the last few years, its life has been extended. Do we know for how long? And is there another review of the plants expectancy due in the future?

Q. It was mentioned that neither Benarty or Kelty are represented on the meetings you attend. Can you obtain clarity for us on how it was agreed which communities would be included in meetings (eg was it within a certain radius of the plant)

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Beath Bulletin will be due for distribution next week. Can CC's let CG know who can volunteer to distribute and in which area.

11. NEXT MEETING Thursday 16th November 2017 @ 18.30.

APPENDIX

ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE

Whats new in Adult Support & Protection - email issued and hard copy available from CG
Fife Equalities update - email issued and hard copy available from CG

Fife Plan For the first time in Fife there's one Plan for the future of public services. Fife Council and its partners have signed up to a new Plan for Fife that provides a vision for Fife for the next ten years. It's an exciting development and we want you to be involved.

They are now looking for view and comments on the Plan before it's finally approved in November. A Fife-wide consultation is underway and we hope you will help by telling us what you think.

You can take part in the consultation here www.fifedirect.org.uk/letstalk . They are encouraging people to have their say on the overall approach, as well as on specific priorities within the plan. The consultation period ends on October 31.

Edinburgh Airport - The Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) has temporarily halted its review of Edinburgh Airport's airspace change proposal which will cause a pause in the process we are following. The CAA has sought clarification relating to technicalities in the proposed design and the co-ordination of air traffic control on a local and national level. This co-ordination, which sees NATS dealing with airspace changes from Glasgow and Prestwick Airports as well as ourselves has meant that the initial timescales we asked for from them are now no longer achievable. In terms of the design, we have worked hard to put forward proposals that responded to our consultations and minimised our impact on surrounding communities. It is robust and tested, however, in trying to minimise the impact on Cramond we have asked for a new design. It is clear we have more work to do to convince the CAA that this is the right design and that it works for the airport and Cramond. This is a hugely important decision for the CAA and we welcome its challenge. It is incumbent on all agencies involved to make sure the right decision is made for Scotland and we believe that if it takes longer than first anticipated, then it is worth it. We are working hard with the regulator and NATS to answer the further questions asked, provide further clarity and ensure that the analysis and assessment of our proposals restarts as soon as possible. We are confident that we can keep to our overall project plan and have our changes in place by Spring 2019. We'll continue to work to that goal. In the meantime, we will issue the document explaining what we proposed and why, and hold the range of stakeholder meetings planned to accompany it.

Fife Plan - Fife Council is adopting FIFEplan, Fife's Local Development Plan, after Scottish Ministers confirmed the Council could do so. The adopted FIFEplan, now forms part of Fife's Development Plan, replacing previous local plans for West Fife, Mid Fife and East Fife.

We would like to thank all those who took part in its preparation, particularly the communities and individuals who got involved. The plan sets out the planning policies and proposals for the development and use of land across the Kingdom. Our focus now moves to working with the development sector, communities and other stakeholders to deliver the plan's proposals for strategic development, supporting new housing development and the infrastructure for growth.