

1. **PRESENT**

Community Council Members - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Munro, A Lockhart, A Dziennik,
(SIX COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

This was less than the quorum required so there could be no decisions taken tonight. There was just a general discussion on matters. A Lockhart had to leave at 7pm.

Co-opted Members

- A Dunlop (Civic Week),

Elected Members

- G Guichan

Police

- n/a

Members of the public

- D Watt

Special Guest

- K Hamilton (FVA)

2. **GUEST SPEAKER** – Kathy Hamilton (Fife Voluntary Action Group)

A programme called Mentors in Work is being launched in Cowdenbeath. Kathy is the Co-ordinator. The aim of the programme is to help sustain long term unemployed who have recently found work. Kathy gave progress update on the programme as well as asking the Community Councils help to promote the programme and/or identify potential mentors from the local community and give them Kathy's details.

3. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors - T Crawford, I Cuthbertson, C Kirk, E Kirk, J Allan

Co-opted members - W Aitchieson (CLOCK)

Elected Councillors – P Lockhart

Police – PCs C McDougall and F Menzies

4. **APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES** - Proposed : A Munro Seconded: A Dziennik

5. **MATTERS ARISING** -

Roads/pavements/lampposts – GG will arrange for plan of work to be passed to CG.

6. **POLICE UPDATE** – Apologies given.

7 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Oor Bit – Participatory Budgeting. Online Voting can be done until 27th November. Event for 'manual voting' is scheduled to be held at the Broad Street Centre on 27th November. If you can't vote online – come along and vote manually

Over 60 votes have been cast online

Over 300 votes have been cast manually for Ward 8 already as a result of the manual events being held in communities (ie Lumphinnans 203, Hill of Beath 83, Lochgelly 33, Crossgates 7)

Community Councillors were asked to remind people to vote

Town Centre Consultation. Event held at Leisure Centre on 16th November regarding the proposed developments at the 'green site' and brunton sq. Approx 70 people attended the event. Feedback indicates the proposals have gone down well. Issues raised by those in attendance were 'already on the list'. The placards from the event will be taken round various groups as well as being on show at the Leisure Centre at the end of November to try and get more people to see the proposals.

Beath Bulletin: Beath Bulletins 'hit the streets/shops' from 4th November. Approx 850 out of 1000 have been issued. Remaining bulletins were given out at the meeting for distribution to households.

General discussion on future bulletins. Hope is that we could produce a 'mini bulletin' around Feb/Mar – a one page which contains information with no adverts

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7 CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

Environmental Group – There are only 4 folks in the Environmental Group. What can be done to help support the group going forward. Since there was not a quorum, it was decided to leave discussion on the Environmental Group till January.

UK Honours. Message received asking that the UK Governments Honours nomination is promoted locally. Message sent to community councillors and put on our Facebook page. If anyone needs more information – get in touch with CG

Message received was: “The Lord-Lieutenant of Fife, Mr Robert Balfour, and his team of Deputy Lieutenants recently received a presentation from the Scottish Government Protocol and Honours Team. In this regard, it was agreed that there would be merit in trying to raise the profile of the Honours nomination process locally in order to encourage more nominations from Fife. Accordingly, I am enclosing a leaflet produced by the Cabinet Office entitled “Do the Honours!” together with a one page flyer which could be used to publicise details of the Honours nomination process within your community”.

Fife Voluntary Action - Latest news and events available. Emailed to Community Councillors

Fife Centre for Equality – Ebulletin available. Sent to those on email. Can be obtained from CG

Fife Forum – Autumn newsletter available. Can be obtained from CG

Fife Coast and Countryside – Autumn newsletter available. Can be obtained from CG

8. COUNCILLORS REPORT - G Guichan

Town Centre Development - see correspondence item for update.

Dog Fouling – concern expressed about the amount of dog fouling. It’s happening all over Cowdenbeath but there was an incident in the High St which caused distressed and concern. We all understand that budgets have been cut but what about introducing more bins in areas and ensuring they are emptied on a regular basis. Feedback from residents around the Park suggest that there are not enough bins and the ones which are there are not emptied very often – they are overflowing.

Questions asked about how many people were prosecuted because their dogs were caught fouling. The answer was 32. How many people were actually reported? Is it possible to publicise what the penalty was for the 32 – perhaps this news might act as a deterrent.

Pavements are in a terrible state. Can anything be done?

Street lights – quite a number of street lights out. There is an online form which can be completed for street lights which are out.

Food disposal bags. Question asked about the regularity of the distribution of the bags. They are being distributed less frequently

Trees at Rowan Terrace – causing problems. Same thing last year. Fife Council came out last year but more needs to be done. What’s the progress. GG will talk to Parks and Open Spaces

Dalbeath Crescent – Is there any way the small piece of land next to the takeaway can be converted into car parking space. Short answer is NO. Would be costly and not enough money in pot.

9. OTHER REPORTS

- **Treasurers Report** - Balance in CC's account as at 17th November is **£83,946.67***

C/Fwd from Oct meeting	£85,612.55	
	EXPENDITURE 21/10 – 17/11/2016	INCOME 21/10 – 17/11/2016
Car Boot	£	£ 42.50
Remembrance Day	£1033.00 **	£
Young Citizen of the Year	£ 221.38	£
Community Newsletter	£ 640.00	£ 230.00
Admin..	£ 44.00	£
Totals	£1938.38	£ 272.50

**We purchased and collected wreaths on behalf of other groups. £233.50 due to be paid back to CC

- Amount of £81,554.00 ringfenced for TCCCF – WiFi, Winter Lighting, Marquees (£79,554) & Outdoor cinema (£2000)
 - £ 187.59 ringfenced for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin
 - £ 200.00 ringfenced till 31/10/2017 for Community Theatre Event for D McArthur
- Balance of £ 2005.08 available
- **Civic Week Report** - Update on the activities which are being scheduled for Christmas.
 - ⇒ 19th November – Scottish Night.
 - ⇒ 3rd December – Santa comes to Town/Christmas Lights Switch On. (Christmas Party in Leisure Centre) Childrens party will be ALL TICKET. Hoping to have torchlight procession from Leisure Centre to Green Sq at about 4pm. Some of the local cafes may be open till 6pm that night. Band playing in green sq.
 - ⇒ 4th December – Craft Fair/Santas Grotto (Leisure Centre). Lots of stalls will be there.
 - ⇒ 19th December – Christmas Choir Event in Beath and Cowdenbeath North Church. Rehearsals going well. Will be tickets and tea/coffee...cake will be included in the price. Choir has been asked to sing at various events in the lead up to Christmas.

And remember the LOONY DOOK on 1st January 2017.
- **Environmental Group**
 - Pond restoration at Community Woodland completed.
 - Planters at Town House were tidied up in advance of the Remembrance Day Services
- **Four winds trust** - Next meeting is 24/11/2016
- **Mossmorran** - Panto tickets for Senior Citizens available. Will be distributed 2/12 at the Leisure Centre between 10-12
- **CACA** - They are a leader down. Using 2 halls instead of 3. Plenty helpers but not leaders.
- **Broad St Centre** - no update.
- **Foodbank** no update
- **Street Pastors** - celebrations for 2nd birthday went well. Looking for someone to help on their management committee. If anyone interested – speak to Wilma
- **TCCCF** - Public Access WiFi is still being tested. Due to launch at Civic Week events on 3rd December.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Kassy's Kitchen** – Congratulations to Kassy's Kitchen on beating off the competition to win their title.
- **Congratulations** to Tyler Moffat (nominee for our Young CoY) for winning Radio Forth Award

11. NEXT MEETING WILL BE – Thursday 19th January 2017 @ 18.30

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