

Cowdenbeath Community Council – Minutes for 16th November 2017

1. PRESENT

- Community Council Members** - A Haddow, C Gourlay, A Stott, A Lockhart, T Lockhart, T Crawford, L Rae, D McLean, A Gibson
(NINE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)
- Co-opted Members** - A Dunlop (Civic Week), W Aitchison (Street Pastors)
- Elected Members** - Cllrs A Campbell, D Watt, A Bain
- Police** -
- Members of the public** - A Bain

2. APOLOGIES

- Community Councillors** - A McGillivray, K Turner, I Burt, I Cuthbertson, A Munro
- Co-opted members** -
- Elected Councillors** - Cllr G Guichan
- Police** - PCs F Menzies & C McDougall

3. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES - Proposed : C Gourlay Seconded: T Lockhart

4. POLICE UPDATE – no update available

5. MATTERS ARISING ...

- **Funding applications** – Community Council has been awarded £749.95 from Mossmorran Wind Farm Community Fund to purchase a copy of the graphic design application required for the Beath Bulletin and organise appropriate training. A Gibson has volunteered to be trained on production of Beath Bulletin.

6. CORRESPONDENCE - Local Matters

- **Remembrance Day 2017** – Went well. Weather was dry. Good turnout on the day.
- **Young Citizen of the Year 2017** – Reception was held on 13th Nov. Recipients of award were delighted. Opportunity to view Town House was appreciated as well..
- **Sustrans/Nadfly** consultation. Since our October meeting, the NADFLY reps have been in the Town and spoken with a number of business people and residents (including community councillors) to discuss what options there were for creating artistic pathways as part of the SUSTRANS work. Community Councillors who were involved in discussions gave their update. Then the discussion went on to the recent issues with the vinyl coloured bollards. There has been a lot of social media and press articles on the subject. It was advised to the attendees of the meeting that it did not cost £5000 to put the vinyl on the bollards. The total cost of two nadfly reps coming to Cowdenbeath to consult with businesses, schools and residents between 19-26/10 and to produce a report, was the bulk of the cost of the £5000. The cost of the material for the bollards came to between £300-400. It was a condition of obtaining the funding from the charity SUSTRANS that it be spent on consultation in the town. The money could not have been spent by Fife Council on anything other than what was detailed in the application for the money.
- **Drop In Centre** – At our August meeting, F Crowe came along to talk to us about looking for volunteers to help create activities for the elderly in the Town. IB and LR were keen to be involved and as a result have been talking to FCrowe and Church volunteers to try to get a drop in centre for the older folks. Transport needs to be arranged and IB/LR asked if the CC could give a donation to help with transportation to get folks to the drop in centre. Proposal was that the CC donate £100. All community councillors in attendance at this meeting agreed to this proposal.
- **Lighting on the High Street** – Cllrs Bain and Guichan met with B Beveridge on 14th Nov at 6pm re the lighting on the High Street. Lengthy discussion held re update from meeting. There has been concern raised by a number of residents that they feel unsafe and that there is an accident waiting to happen on the High Street. At their meeting, BB confirmed that the lighting is within acceptable standards. In light of the issues raised Fife Council will look at other options on the issue:

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- **Christmas Market in the Green Square**.. Reminder to everyone that a Christmas Market has been organised for Saturday 18th November. We have promoted on Facebook but the hope is community councillors will 'spread the word'.
- **Fife GreenPower Goblin Event** – 3rd Nov in Central Park.
The above event was the 1st of its kind in Fife, approx 18 Primary schools from across Fife in attendance and it went extremely well.
- **WW1 memorial** – at Remembrance Day Services, AH had been speaking to local MP and MSP about funding available to upgrade war memorials. General discussion held that this was something that had been raised before and was in hands of Fife Council. **Action:** Ask for update.
- **Mossmorran** – Update given. Several residents in Smith Ave have been complaining about a smell at time of flaring. Any connection? Advised that N Sturgeon is calling for report on flaring.

7. **COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllrs Bain, Campbell and Watt**

- **High Street Lighting** – see correspondence
- **Greenmount** – 1 way system. Residents have 28days to appeal.
- **Beath High School** – received Gold award through Sports Council. Proud of BHS. The set up at BHS is a wonderful facility.

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

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 16th Nov 2017 is **£41,903.87**

C/Fwd from 20 th October	£47,774.76		
		EXPENDITURE 20/10/2017 – 16/11/2017	INCOME 20/10/2017 – 16/11/2017
Beath Bulletin		£ 625.00	£
Fife Environmental Trust Project		£3850.00	£
Remembrance Day Services		£1345.89	£ 100.00
Green goblin event /Christmas Market donations		£ 150.00	£
Totals		£5970.89	£ 100.00

Amount of £40,352.00 **ringfenced** for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
£ 0.00 **ringfenced** for community newsletter – Beath Bulletin

➤ Balance of £ 551.87 available to the Community Council . Awaiting payments for wreaths & advertising income from Beath Bulletin. Shd be received in the next month or so.

1. **Civic Week**.. Scottish Night and Halloween Party went well. Gearing up for Christmas Lights Switch On Friday 1st Dec and then Childrens Party on the following day (2nd Dec) at Beath High School. There will also be a Christmas Fair – over 40 stalls. Agreed CC reps will man the Tombola Stall and will share in the proceeds from the stall
Christmas Raffle – Hopefully Community Councillors will be able to help with the sale of the raffle tickets.
Christmas Concert will be on 17th December
2. **Street Pastors** – Ceilidh on 25th Nov to celebrate 3years in existence.They are using the 'whats your beath' hub as a base and it's working well.
3. **Foodbank** - Well utilised. Request made about stats available on Foodbank useage. General discussion on whether this is appropriate for Community Council. Trussel Trust will have details.
4. **Town Centre** - Christmas Market being held on green square on 18th November.

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8. OTHER REPORTS (continued)

5. **4 winds trust** – next meeting is 20th November. If you know of any groups, please encourage them to apply
6. **CACA** – not long started back.
7. **Mossmorran**– Pantomime Tickets will be distributed at Leisure Centre on 2nd December
8. **Environmental Group** – Nothing to report.
9. **Broad St Centre** – no update available

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

10. **NEXT MEETING Thursday 18th January 2018 @ 18.30.**