

Cowdenbeath Community Council

Minutes for 15th November 2018

1. **PRESENT** : Community Councillors introduced – A Haddow, A Stott, D McLean, I Burt, C Gourlay, P Millmore, W Aitchison
A Dziennik (EIGHT COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

Co-opted Members	n/a
Elected Members	Cllrs A Campbell, A Bain, D Watt, G Guichan
Police	PCs F Menzies & C McDougall
Members of the public	L Rae, B Paterson, G Cairns
Guests	n/a

2. **APOLOGIES**

Community Councillors	A Lockhart, A McGillivray, S McGillivray, I Cuthbertson
Elected Members	
Co-opted Members	
Police	

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Proposed: W Aitchison Seconded: I Burt

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

Update on issues at Cullaloe View. Police and Area Committee have been advised of issues. Not classed as a Hot Spot. AD advised that over the year he has found approx 50 bins in various states over at this area/community woodland. Safer Communities are going to visit the area over the weekend. According to information received... approx. 43 bins have been replaced in the area. Only 10 were damaged.

5. **POLICE UPDATE**

- Engagement with local schools. Lots of community engagement
- Halloween/Bonfire nights have kept the police busy
- Foulford Primary – looking at their road travel plans
- Issues at Sinclair Drive – one person charged. Anti Social behaviour appears to be calming down in that area
- Skatepark – Community Safety Officers have been patrolling the area.
- Kids responsible for graffiti at WW1 during the year wrote letters of apology. These letters were passed round at meeting to let CCs read over.
- Child Sexual exploitation – Police Scotland and various other agencies were at training in Maxwell Centre to talk about the signs and risk factors. Was well received. Hope is to safeguard childrens safety. BHS teachers in attendance.

6. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- Fife Licensing Board** – Notice of application for variation (major) premises license - Iceland Foods & MossSide Store. No objections or representations made
- Barriers at the Fountain.** G Guichan has confirmed that the missing barriers (at the old Bruce Hotel) will be replaced. Barriers have been ordered but no timescale yet for delivery installation
- Homestart** AGM on 29th November – WA & IB will attend on behalf of the community council
- ExxonMobil Senior Citizen Treat.** Panto on 6th December. Tickets will be distributed on 22nd November at Cowdenbeath Leisure Centre between 10-12.
- WW1 Memorial concert** on 4th November at Carnegie Hall. Went well on the night. Few hiccups prior to concert. Ticket Sales weren't going well and AH made decision that event would be free. Refunds would be made on request. AH will deal with this aspect along with Carnegie Hall. Feedback on how people enjoyed concert has been sent to us. Very complimentary about the concert. Thanks given to all those involved in the organisation and participation of the concert. From those who donated their financial help to those who gave their time to perform on the night. Special thanks to Fife Council and to Kingdom Brass Band. Thanks also to AH who was a key player in making the concert happen.
- Remembrance Day Services.** It was a fantastic turnout to commemorate 100 years since the end of WW1. Approx 100 at the WW1 service and 300 at WW2 Service. Again many thanks to everyone involved who made the day a success. The WW1 commemoration bench is in situ. We are still awaiting our other items. AH advised that it may be worth the CC purchasing a mike..etc for the PA system. AH reiterated that this was his last time organising the remembrance day services. Again it was suggested that AH approach the local cadets with a view to organising future services (with support from community council)

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6. CORRESPONDENCE (continued)

- **Recruitment campaign for future community councillors.** Agreement that we will launch a campaign between now and our January meeting to look for additional community councillors. We can recruit up to 19 ccs. We currently have 12 ccs, if we receive more than 7 from people willing to join the CC, we will need a vote.
- **Train Station Accessibility.** General discussion held at meeting and the consensus was that if you are elderly and not mobile, have a disability (eg breathing problems)....etc then you will not use the train station because you cannot get to it. CG had written to Fife Council to give our response....which was similar to what had been discussed today. Fortunately the subject of the train station has been discussed a numerous meetings in the past so there was an awareness of the difficulties people have. Locally elected councillors have responded to Fife Council. CG also responded on behalf of CC
- **Beath Bulletin** – Thank you to all those who helped distributed the bulletin. Approx 90% of the 1000 bulletins were distributed to householders in the town. The funding we received from the 4 winds trust and the businesses who advertised covered the cost of the production (including extra pages to commemorate WW1)
- **Maxwell Centre** – the official opening of the Maxwell Centre was 19th October. IB and DMcL represented the Community Council at the opening. All went well. Speeches made by Judy Hamilton and Linda Erskine (locally elected councillors) and ribbon cut by Mary and Alex's family members.
- **Coalfields Regeneration Trust** – AH and AMcG are on the steering group for CRT. Trying to establish a 5 year action plan for Cowdenbeath. Questionnaire produced for completion by residents in Cowdenbeath. Approx 800 distributed with Beath Bulletin. There's a childrens questionnaire. Hoping to get them distributed at the schools. There is also an online questionnaire. Groups/individuals are encouraged to apply for the funding of £20,000 which could help with small scale improvements. There was a funding session on 12th November and approx 7 groups/individuals turned up to discuss possible initiatives. Suggested ideas from the CC were creation of a nature trail within the area (follow on from our bid to Mossmorran Community Fund) and a feasibility study of whether there is an appetite in the town for a mens shed. There is also an information event on 9th December in Maxwell Centre.
- **Mossmorran** – Exxon Mobil advised that there was a planned 'live play' emergency exercise to be held on 13th November. The exercise was to all them to test what to do in the event of any emergency and is an important part of being prepared. Next meeting to discuss Mossmorran is 13th December.
- **Changes to Bus Timetables** – Stagecoach are making amendments to their commercial bus network wef 26th Novembe. Information on the changes can be found on the Stagecoach Website
- **Netball/Basketball tournaments** – Civic Week Committee has approached us with a view to joining forces with them and possibly sponsoring/supporting network/basketball tournaments at BHS. General discussion held. Could be opportunity to get the CC more known within the schools on what we are involved in and what CCs can achieve.

7. COUNCILLORS REPORT

Case work just now is fairly standard. Housing repairs/potholes/grit bins being removed (at this point it was mentioned that the bin at the bottom of Primrose Lane has been removed and relocated to the middle of the area

Update on the meeting held with Fife Council and some of the businesses within the Town. Questions asked about where the Taxi rank would be going....confirmed that the taxi rank will remain where it is currently located (at the bus lay by at Dominos Pizza). Cllr Campbell advised that it will be revisited in 1 year

No more information of the 'rat problem' highlighted near the garage at the North End. No recent sitings though. Decision still to be made on longterm solution.

Cllr Watt assisting with the quest to make the area more dementia friendly. Looking to make some quick and easy solutions.

With effect from 5th November, food waste bags available at more locations.

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8. TREASURERS REPORT

Report distributed by treasurer before meeting

Treasurers Report - Balance in CC's account as at 16th November is £44,258.94

Amount of	£40,351.86	ringfenced for FET – Heritage Garden at Brunton Square
	£ 1,650.00	ringfenced for WW1 memorial items at Town House
	£	
SUB TOT	£ 42,001.86	
Balance	£ 2,257.08	available to the Community Council.
TOTAL	£44,258.94	

NB: payments still to be received for some wreaths for Remembrance Day and adverts for Beath Bulletin

Civic Week

Key Dates

24th Nov Scottish Night. Broad St Bowling Club. Tickets £5.00

30th Nov Christmas Lights Switch on 5-7pm (Santa will be here). Little Fix to switch on lights. Issues being addressed re Road Closures, Licences...etc... Would be good if there was one area at Fife Council to direct these types of enquiries to and one form to fill in.

1st Dec Childrens Christmas Party (2-4pm) and Christmas Fair (1-4pm) at Beath High School

7th 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.

16th Dec Community concert featuring the community choir at Cowdenbeath and North Church. 100 tickets sold. Starts at 1900.

Street Pastors Pastors have been going for 4 years. Their AGM will be on 29th November. Building up good relationships within the Town

Foodbank. Very busy. Always looking for donations which can be dropped off on a Tuesday or Thursday

Town Centre Development – indications are that work will begin on the development of the heritage garden at Brunton Square in the next couple of weeks.

4 Winds Trust - Is there any impact of the 4 winds trust with Lochgelly no longer having a community council. How many trustees are now on the 4 winds. Where can a copy of the current constitution be found. AH will check and advise at next CC meeting.

CACA – no update available

Environment Group – no update available

10. NEXT MEETING Thursday 17th January 2019 @ 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR