

# Cowdenbeath Community Council

## Minutes for 21st November 2019

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**1. PRESENT :** I Burt, A Stott, C Gourlay, A Haddow, P Millmore, D McLean, A Lockhart, A McGillivray, S McGillivray, I Cuthbertson, W Aitchison, A Dziennik (TWELVE COMMUNITY COUNCILLORS)

### **Co-opted Members**

<b>Elected Members</b>	Cllrs A Campbell,
<b>Police</b>	PCs L Wallace, G Gardiner
<b>Members of the public</b>	J Robertson, A Robertson
<b>Guests</b>	T Warburton – Link Living

### **2. APOLOGIES**

<b>Community Councillors</b>	L Rae
<b>Elected Members</b>	Cllrs G Guichan & D Watt
<b>Co-opted Members</b>	J Young
<b>Police</b>	L Wallace, G Gardiner

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES** - Proposed: D McLean Seconded: A Dziennik

**4. MATTERS ARISING** - License for Green Square – Disappointment that this matter is still ongoing. Various emails been sent back and forward. Cllr A Campbell will raise matter at Ward Meeting – he thought it had been resolved.

**Post meeting note:** Issues affecting Civic Week Committee for next month (ie Dec) are being discussed between Civic Week Committee and Fife Council with a view to resolving. In addition, it has been agreed that in the New Year a meeting will be organised with various parties to try and ensure there is an open, transparent and fair approach to licensing for events which groups put on. Not just in the green square.

### **5. POLICE UPDATE** - PCs L Wallace & G Gardiner

- 433 crimes – detection rate of 44%. Ongoing issue with youths re bins but it seems to have died down slightly. Issue was at Leuchatsbeath but seems to have moved on to Dalbeath Marsh. AD agreed with this statement. Police confirmed that not many calls about Dalbeath Marsh
- Local Police Consultation Survey underway just now. CG confirmed that community councillors had been passed the details and the information was also posted on Cowdenbeath Community Council Facebook page. TW from Link Living also agreed to take some literature to promote the consultation
- Share Twitter information about being safe. Keep doors locked.
- PC Gardiner is moving to Alloa. PC Wallace will remain in Cowdenbeath
- WA shared that Children climbing on the roofs of the shops at corner of Stenhouse Street. Putting chairs on the roof. Steps will be taken to educate the youths.
- Question asked – How many people actually fined for littering the streets. Answer was about 70 per year. Please encourage residents to report to Safer Communities Team

### **6. GUEST SPEAKER** – T Warburton (Link Living)

Link Living – Older persons service. Trying to reduce isolation for over 65s. . Café At the Maxwell Centre : 12.15 – 14.15. Various things can be done at the centre – cake decorating, arts and crafts...etc. About 10 people attending the café. Discussions surrounding how the transport for this works. Link Living currently working on a business plan for getting funding for a mini bus. Lots of different funding sources...Big Lottery Fund, Fife Council....etc, Would be good if Community Council 'spread the word'. Also a volunteering opportunity for someone

### **7. CORRESPONDENCE**

- **Dementia Training** – Cowdenbeath CC and Cowdenbeath Civic Week Committee are now dementia friendly trained.
- **Mossmorran Windfarm Community Fund** – Applications discussed at Panel meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Successful Groups from Cowdenbeath were – Cowdenbeath Army Cadets, Cowdenbeath Community Council, The Clearing, Clock Street Pastors, 46<sup>th</sup> Fife Scout Group, Cowdenbeath Trinity, FABA, Beath Boxing Club, Cowdenbeath Civic Week Committee.

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### 7. **CORRESPONDENCE (continued)**

- **Remembrance Day update** Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November. IB advised she was proud to have been involved in the Remembrance Day Activities. The weather kept dry and there was a good turn out. It was a new group of community councillors and the local cadet group organising the day and on the whole it went well. Naturally there were lessons to be learned and these will be discussed in the lead up to next years services. Thanks to everyone involved in making the day go well.  
A Stott advised that he paid for the plants in the tubs. Proposal made that payment (£27) is refunded to him. All cc's agreed to this. Spreadsheet detailing costs of Remembrance Day (as well as other costs) were presented to Community Councillors. It was also mentioned that with the newly formed relationships with those groups involved in Remembrance Day activities, there has been an indication that they would be willing to assist should there be any VE day activities.
- **Traffic Lights at North End**  
Lots of concern expressed about the new traffic signals installed at the North End. Councillors have asked that transportation look at the matter. However, at present the lights are still under the remit of the developer  
**Post meeting note:** Cllr A Campbell took an action to contact Transportation and as a result a site meeting will be held on 20<sup>th</sup> December.
- **Civic Week Update**  
Christmas Lights Switch on – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. Entertainment in Green Square. Santa comes of the Train at 17.40. Switch on is 18.00. Entertainment on til 18.30  
Childrens Xmas Party (2-4) and Fair (1-4) is on Saturday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at Beath High School.  
Christmas Community Choir Concert at BHS on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December.  
Excellent news for Civic Week – they have been selected by local coop as chosen local initiative. Anyone buying from the coop and using their card could help put money in the funds. Hopefully CCs will go out and purchase the £1 registration card and encourage others.
- **Great British High Street Awards** - Awards ceremony announcing winner of Rising Star award was to have been November 21<sup>st</sup> but has been postponed till Jan 2020. This is due to rules surrounding Government campaigns in the pre-election period. **Post meeting note:** Ceremony will be on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2020
- **4 Winds Trust** – Meeting held Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> November. Four Cowdenbeath groups had successful applications. Cowdenbeath Primary PTA, Cowdenbeath Civic Week Committee, CACA and Crime Prevention Panel. Five Groups from Lochgelly had successful applications and Two groups from Auchtertool. Just over £17,000 was paid out.
- **BHS ECO TEAM** – Request was made for a donation towards the purchase of a recycle bin. All information associated with their request was emailed to CCs prior to November meeting. Community Councillors agreed at this meeting that a donation of £200 be made. CG will organise to hand over to teacher/team
- **Notice of Application for Variation (MAJOR) Premises Licensee** – LIDL Store. This was the subject of email discussions earlier on in the year. Whilst there is a general feeling amongst some of the Community Councillors that steps need to be taken by those in authority to review the amount of licenses that are distributed within the Town, there was felt that there was not a strong enough case to object to this license. It was hoped that locally elected councillors could take this comment on board when issuing these types of applications. It was felt that something needs to be done but it needs local authority and perhaps the police/nhs to move this forward.

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### 8. COUNCILLORS REPORT - Cllr A Campbell

- Cllr Campbell will be laying wreath at Cowdenbeath Remembrance Day Service
- Town House feasibility study – Cllr Campbell keen for CC to be involved in discussion about future use of Town House. Study to be conducted by end of January. £400k allocated towards the Town House and it must be spent by end of June. Feasibility will include what can the Town House be used for?
- Post Meeting note:** CG has asked that community councillors be involved. Waiting to hear
- Crown Hotel–Cllr Campbell has been in touch with the owner. Still awaiting what's to happen with building
- Has been dealing with various people regarding the issues surrounding Grahams at Glenfield
- Mental Health – Cllr Campbell working with C McDougall to organise a mental health night. Could be filmed. Could Community Councils be involved in the initiative.
- Virgin Media – some residents have advised that they didn't get any notification of work being undertaken. Or the communication was received on the day. Cllr Campbell suggested inviting the Virgin Reps along to next CC meeting. **Post Meeting Note:** Cllr Campbell approached Virgin media and has organised for rep to attend our January meeting.
- Concern expressed by CC about the level of hardship experienced by Shopkeepers. Is there anything that can be done to help. This is quite a difficult task. High Streets are taking a hit in lots of towns. The Love Cowdenbeath initiative is hopefully a start.

### 9. OTHER REPORTS

**Treasurers Report** (spreadsheet distributed before meeting). Update on monies paid out/into account advised and discussed. Balance in CC's account as at **21st November 2019 : £18,162.01**

Amount	£ 1,952.37	ringfenced for CRT underpass project (£3000recd Mar 2019/£1047.63 pd out Aug)
	£ 2,200.00	ringfenced for CRT sculptures project (£3000recd Mar 2019/£800 pd out Aug)
	£ 3,270.00	ringfenced for CRT mens shed
	£ 5,665.00	ringfenced for CRT communications
	£ 29.50	ringfenced for Mural at Grn Sq (£3000 recd from 4 winds trust. Chq £2970.50 pd 8/11)
	£ 2,000.00	ringfenced for Micro Grant Scheme
	<b>£ 15,116.87</b>	
Balance	<b>£ 3,045.14</b>	Part of this amount will be ringfenced for BB once advert costs...etc... paid in.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£ 18,162.01</b>	

### 9. AOB

- Accessibility to Train Station – Is there anything that can be done to get Network Rail to adapt the loading bay at Union Street to allow better accessibility to train station. CG to write to Network Rail.
- How long are the contractors going to be in Morrisons car park – CG to write to AW at Fife Council to ask.
- Brunton Square – one of the CCs advised that 7 council vans were parked in the public parking bays. Can they not use the staff car park? Cllr Campbell said he would pick this up.
- VE Day activities – Need to know if any CC is interested in setting up a group to do something in May 2020 to commemorate VE day
- Please note that it's National Tree Planting day on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019

10. Next meeting is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 18.30 in the Maxwell Centre.