



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council  
Draft Minutes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present:

Christine Dewar, John Bradshaw, John Bruce, Ben Barron, Gordon Langlands, Alex MacDonald, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Bruce Stuart, Lesley Backhouse. Tim Hailey, Colin Fraser.

Attending:

Cllr. George, Cllr. Leslie, Cllr. Kay. Paul Briscoe (Burgh Buzz), 1 member of the public.

**1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.**

1.1 The Chairman wished everyone a happy New Year.

1.2 Apologies for absence from Morag Douglas, Lesley-Anne Cronin and Bill Kirkhope.

**2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (11<sup>th</sup> December 2015)**

2.1 The minutes were proposed by Christine Dewar and seconded by Lesley Backhouse.

**3.0 Police Report**

3.1 The Chairman expressed his disappointment that no Police Report had been received.

**4.0 Secretaries Report**

4.1 Community Policing Questionnaire. The secretary advised that he had received replies to the questionnaire from John Bruce and Bill Kirkhope. These were combined into a response and forwarded. A copy of the response has been uploaded to the BCC web page.

4.2 Scottish Civic Trust Award. Due to the complexity of this document Lesley Backhouse asked for additional time to read it through. Alex MacDonald suggested that as time was short on nominations, perhaps it should be kept in mind for next year when more consideration could be given to it. This was agreed.

**5.0 Treasurers Report**

5.1 See Appendix 1

5.2 The Treasurer advised that £300 had been received from the Links Showmen toward the cost of the exiles reception. It was noted that this was an increase of £50 on previous years.

5.3 Application to Common Good for funding. John Russell felt that it would be inappropriate for the Community Council to apply for funding through the Common Good to support events which had previously been directly funded from Fife Council. George McLauchlan felt that if funding was available we should apply for it as donations from outside organisations could not always be depended on. John Russell asked what good the events we sponsor do for the community. Cllr Leslie pointed out that Civic Pride played a big part in granting applications for funding. Alex MacDonald voiced many peoples opinion that all the events the Community Council support are warmly welcomed by the community in general. The Chairman asked for a show of hand on for those in favour of applying to the Common Good for funding, this was carried unanimously.

*Action- John Russell, Lesley Backhouse, George McLauchlan to meet to agree on application to Common Good Fund.*

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council  
Draft Minutes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

**6.0 Environment Report (John Bruce)**

- 6.1** Pick-n-Fix. It is generally thought that the idea is good and goes some way to alleviating the problem of dog mess on the prom. However, all of the 'pickers' that were put out have been stolen. We still have 6 left. It has been decided that these will not be renewed until nearer the summer. It is hoped that people using the pickers will replace them as these are community assets and are donated by local businesses.
- 6.2** Bins for Discarded Fishing Tackle. Two bins have been located at the breakwater near to the sailing club. It is hoped that these will encourage fishers to use them thus protecting the local wildlife.
- 6.3** Flooding On Cowdenbeath Road. Fife Council has been working here for several weeks. A diesel leak from the generator at the traffic lights was being washed into the Kirkton Burn but this has now been rectified. A problem with regard to an electrical cable was encountered which had stopped the repair. Cllr Kay advised that he had just been informed that the Cowdenbeath Road will be closed from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January for at least a week to allow repairs to the drainage.
- 6.4** Lammerlaws and Half Moon. Cllr. George reported that he is still pursuing ownership of the area at the Half Moon / Sugarhouse. So far he has been able to ascertain who does not own it, but will continue his enquiries. Work to clear the pathway at the Lammerlaws has been held up due to the weather. However, plans are in place to widen the access pathway and also to broaden the pathway giving greater access to more of the site. George McLauchlan referred to previous plans drawn up by Hurd Rolland in 2008, for regeneration of this area. Alex Macdonald stated that this was a Burntisland Development Trust Project. Ben Barron has since highlighted a feasibility study commissioned by Fife Coast and Countryside on behalf of and funded by FCCT, The Burntisland Development Trust and Fife Council - Kirkcaldy North Locality in 2008. These plans should perhaps be looked at afresh.
- 6.5** Kirkton Burn. Gordon Langlands reported that the water level of the burn at the Kirkton appears to be getting higher and water was overflowing at the old Alcan Car Park, missing the waterfall and running down Geds Mill Close. He wondered if there was a blockage under the road. Cllr. Kay and others have drawn Fife Councils' attention to this.

**Actions-**

*Cllr Kay to report on blockage at Kirkton Burn.*

*Cllr George to report on progress with Half Moon / Sugarhouse.*

**7.0 Planning Report (Tim Hailey)**

- 7.1** Tim advised that there was nothing of concern from the previous month. He did point out that the application for a bio boiler at Scott Timber had been approved.

**8.0 Burgh Buzz (Paul Briscoe)**

- 8.1** Paul advised that copy for the next issue needs to be in by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council  
Draft Minutes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

**9.0 New Business**

- 9.1** Royal Burgh Signs. John Bradshaw reported that he had been in contact with the Transportation Department and they were willing to erect new signs. John was unsure with regard to funding for these, and he will pursue this with the appropriate officials. It was generally felt that if new signs were being erected they should incorporate the Royal Burgh crest, of which the Community Council has ownership.
- 9.2** Wrong Graves Mix-up. This problem arose when 2 people with the same name were due to be interred. Cllr. Kay was at pains to point out that no one was interred in the wrong grave. It was purely an administrative error and systems had been put in place to ensure that a similar error could not happen in the future.
- 9.3** Dalgety Bay Pantomime. Christine Dewar advised that 20 tickets had been allocated for the pantomime on the 26<sup>th</sup> Jan. Private transport was being arranged.
- Action- John Bradshaw to pursue issue of signage.*

**10.0 Awaiting Update**

- 10.1** Integrated Social Care Questionnaire. Lesley Backhouse explained that the questionnaire was part of the New Partnership initiative between NHS and Fife Council to employ a more co-ordinated approach to health care. Lesley advised that she had contributed to the questionnaire with regard to elderly care and submitted the report on behalf of the Community Council.
- 10.2** East/West Links. Carried forward
- 10.3** Town Twinning. Carried Forward
- 10.4** Harbour/ Castle Area NDP. Alex MacDonald advised that he had written to Izzy Whyte of Fife Council with an open invitation to attend a Community Council meeting to brief members on the development plan for the area. Alex also asked that she keep us informed of any future initiatives.
- 10.5** Burntisland Futures. Carried forward.
- 10.6** Citizen of the Year. It was generally felt that Carole-Anne Paterson had been a popular choice. The presentation will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February at 7.0pm in the Burgh Chambers.
- Action- John Russell to invite previous winners.*
- 10.7** Post Office. George McLauchlan reported that all complaints with regard to postal or phone services are dealt with by OFCOM, which has a Glasgow Office. However as was pointed out by Cllr. Leslie, OFCOM will only deal with complaints after all other avenues have been exhausted. Cllr Leslie suggested that individuals should go onto the Post Office website and complain; the more complaints they receive the more likely hood they are of taking notice.
- Action- Cllr Leslie to provide the link.*
- 10.8** Kirkton Cemetery Project. George McLauchlan reported that a new website had been opened which is full of information about the old church giving history, architecture and a full list of interments. This can be viewed at [www.kirktonoldchurch.org.uk](http://www.kirktonoldchurch.org.uk)

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council  
Draft Minutes.

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016  
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

**11.0 Date of Next Meeting 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016, 7.00pm**

**George D. McLauchlan 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**Appendix 1:**

Burntisland Community Council			
Treasurer's Report			
8th January 2016			
Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/15	£824.07		
BCC Accounts to 08/01/16 (See Notes)	£13,068.32	£12,212.24	£1,680.15
<b>Notes:</b>			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burntisland Community Futures	£10,900.00	£10,992.00	-£92.00
Burntisland Community Futures balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£0.00		
Total Burntisland Community Futures Balance @ 08/01/16			-£92.00
Exiles Reception	£300.00 ✓	£149.04	£150.96
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£17.67		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 08/01/16			£168.63 ✓
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£330.20		£330.20
War Memorial Project	£46,390.66	£47,960.64	-£1,569.98
War Memorial balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£1,500.00		
Total War Memorial Balance @ 08/01/16			-£69.98
East Links Playpark Project	£430.00	£0.00	£430.00
Total East Links Playpark Balance @ 8/01/16			£430.00
Total held on Account for Projects			£1,090.81
Balance available to Community Council @ 08/01/16 (See Notes)			£589.34 ✓