



# Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council

## Final Approved Minutes

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> May 2015  
7 p.m. Burgh Chambers

### Present:

Ben Barron, John Bruce, Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Tim Hailey, Gordon Langlands, Alex MacDonald, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Bill Symington. Lesley-Anne Cronin.

### Attending:

Cllr. Leslie, Bill Kirkhope, Alistair Robertson (NHS Fife), 4 members of the public.

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

- 1.1 Apologies from Colin Fraser, Bruce Stuart, Cllr. Kay, Cllr. George, Police Representative.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed new member, Lesley-Anne Cronin.

### 2.0 Minutes of previous Meeting (12<sup>th</sup> April. 2015.)

- 2.1 John Bruce drew attention to an error in the previous month's minutes, 5.3, should read Aberdour Road and not Kirkton Road.
- 2.2 The minutes were proposed by John Bradshaw and seconded by Christine Dewar

### 3.0 Police Report

- 1.0 See Appendix 1
- 2.0 The Chairman read out the report from PS Adamson, who apologised for being unable to attend. He advised of a change in the shift patterns for the local officers (6 days on and 3 days off); he hoped that this would provide better local cover.
- 3.0 Christine Dewar commented on most of the trouble in the town coming from a small number of known youths. The Chairman advised that he would contact PS Adamson and ask if these people had been spoken to.
- 4.0 Cllr. Leslie felt that both Community Officers were taking a more active interest in the town and were building a rapport with local youngsters.

**Action-**  
*Chairman to contact Officer in Kirkcaldy with regard to known offenders in Burntisland.*

### 4.0 Secretary and Treasurer's Report

- 4.1 For Treasurer's report see Appendix 2.
- 4.2 The Secretary advised of a Community Council Information Pack, which he had received from Fife Council. He advised members that this would be available in the Library, and members should take the time to read this.

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**5.0 Environment Report- John Bruce**

- 5.1 A Rave was reported as having been held at the picnic area on the Low Binn, although no trouble had been reported a large amount of litter had been left. It was hoped that the organisers of this event could be contacted and advised to clear up the mess following any further event.
- 5.2 A number of complaints have been received with regard to dog fouling on The Links. John Bruce brought up the idea of a segregated area for dog fouling. It was also thought that the council could spray the area with disinfectant.
- 5.3 Fife Council has agreed that there is a need for a barrier at the entrance to Collinswell Park from Aberdour Road. This is in progress.
- 5.4 The embankment on Aberdour Road is in need of attention; John Bruce will contact the relevant department.
- 5.5 Cllr. Leslie reported that there are still ongoing problems with both football pitches at the Toll Park. The school pitch remains closed and the large public pitch, although open, no bookings are being taken for it. The Council are in discussions to resolve the problem. The temporary pitches on the Red Pond are in progress. Booking for these pitches will be possible in due course.

**Action-**

*John Bruce to attempt to identify the organizers of the Rave at the low Binn and also to pursue the issue of a separate area for a 'dog toilet' on the Links. And also contact Fife Council with regard to cleaning-up the embankment on Aberdour Road.*

*Cllr Leslie to pursue the issue of the Toll Park pitches.*

**6.0 Local Planning Applications (Tim Hailey)**

- 6.1. Little to report with no major applications.

**7.0 Burgh Buzz (Bill Kirkhope)**

- 7.1 The latest issue is now being distributed. The new website is up and running.

**8.0 Any Other Business**

- 8.1 Morag Douglas brought to the attention of members that there was no procedure or time date for disposing of the wreaths laid at the War Memorial in November. Cllr. Leslie thought that this was not something that Fife Council would become involved in, and that the Community Council should arrange this. John Bradshaw was of the opinion that those who laid the wreaths should be informed before they are removed. It was agreed that the end of January would be a suitable time to remove the tributes. Alec MacDonald would write to the Burgh Buzz, to inform the public when they were to be removed.
- 8.2 Alistair Robertson a representative from NHS Fife addressed members. Allan Burns, the new chairman of NHS Fife, thought that the organization did not understand the needs of communities in Fife, that

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often, when changes were made communities did not understand the rationale behind these changes. Alistair wanted a response from members if they thought that it would be a good idea for a member of NHS Fife to attend Community Council meetings. In general it was agreed that this would be a good idea, although, John Bradshaw was of the opinion that any representative could become involved in someone's personal problem rather than NHS Fife in general. Community Council members were in general supportive of more cooperation with NHS Fife. Bill Kirkhope thought that more use could be made of The Burgh Buzz to impart information. Alistair Robertson thanked members and said that he would report back to his chairman on how cooperation could be carried forward.

*Action-*

*Alex MacDonald to write to the Burgh Buzz to advise that the wreaths on the War Memorial will be removed at the end of January each year.*

**9.0 New Business**

- 9.1 Rossend Neighbourhood Action Plan. Gordon Langlands advised that he had attended the recent meeting held at St Josephs. Ben Barron told members of several upcoming events being held for the Rossend area. The 'Revolution Bus', which has games consoles and computers on board will be visiting the area for 1 month. This is aimed at children, although Social Workers will be on board. A further public meeting is being held on the 17<sup>th</sup> June in the Jubilee Tavern, this will be open to anyone who is interested. Ben has advised that interest so far has been minimal. Ben also pointed out that an intensive survey carried out several years ago had not been acted upon. Cllr Leslie agreed, saying that it was an extremely good survey and that the problems pointed out then were still relevant today.
- 9.2 Common Good Training. Both John Russell and Colin Fraser have shown interest in attending this seminar. Alec MacDonald will contact Fife Council to see if both can attend.
- 9.3 Common Good application by Burntisland Shipyard. A member of the public asked if the club were not now semi-professional, and would they be eligible for a grant. Ben Barron also questioned if the pitch was still available to the public. Gordon Langlands and Morag Douglas were both in agreement that the club had raised the majority of the monies themselves and that it was only a relatively small amount (4%) of the total that was required. It was generally agreed that the club did a lot of good in the community and their request should be backed.
- 9.3 Street Parades. Gordon Langlands advised of two parades applications having been made, one by St Patrick's Picnic Group on 21<sup>st</sup> June and the other by Burntisland Pipe Band on 18<sup>th</sup> July. George McLauchlan pointed out that the St Patrick application as in a previous year would take the group from the station and along East Leven Street. He thought that the parade should go down Kirkgate and along High

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Street. This was thought reasonable and the Chairman advised that he would contact Fife Council to say our preferred route for parades would be along High Street whenever possible.

*Actions-*

*Ben to keep us up to date with his work with Rossend Neighbourhood Action Plan.*

*Alex MacDonald to contact Fife Council with regard to Common Good Training seminar.*

*Alex to advise Fife Council that we approve the application from Burntisland Shipyard.*

*Alex to also advise Fife Council on our preferred route for parades.*

**10.0 Ongoing Business**

- 10.1 Kirkton Motors. Alex MacDonald advised that he had contacted the police with regard to cars being parked in the vicinity of the garage. He was advised that as long as they are road taxed and no attempt at selling them is being attempted on the road, there is little that they can do. Christine Dewar remarked that new people appeared to be operating the car wash, and that the previous problems have been addressed.
- 10.2 Ben Barron told the members that only he and his family had attended the litter pick at Rossend point and The Monks Walk. They had managed to collect six bags of rubbish. There were problems at the point with regard to land ownership, but it was hoped that this could be resolved.
- 10.3 Railway Station Parking. Alex MacDonald is pursuing.
- 10.4 Parking on Links. Alex MacDonald is pursuing.
- 10.5 Lack of industrial premises. Alex MacDonald pursuing.
- 10.6 Notice board at Burgh Chambers. Nothing further to report.
- 10.7 Letter to Post Office Counters. An acknowledgement has been received but no further response.
- 10.8 War Memorial. Cllr. Leslie advised members that she is working with Council Officials to come up with a plan, which is suitable for the area. The plan will be simple and make the best use of the materials available.
- 10.9 Badge/Medal. Alex MacDonald past around several examples of badges and medals and also a print of some possibilities. It was thought that we should not rush into ordering something that proves unsuitable. Members were asked to consider what they would like to see in a badge. Meanwhile Alex will continue to look into costing.
- 10.10 Strategic Projects Group. Cllr. Leslie advised members that the CARAT initiative was now going through Council setting out the criteria for accessing the funds. The application will be made on behalf of Burntisland Community Council and Burntisland Heritage Trust. The initial funding of just over £10,000, will be approved by the

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executive; after this any applications will be made through the Kirkcaldy Area Committee. Cllr Leslie advised that in most cases when local members agreed the committee would follow their recommendations. It was hoped that the initial funding would be released fairly soon.

*Actions-*

*Alex MacDonald to follow up on Parking at railway station, parking on the Links, Lack of Industrial Units in the town and also costing for a suitable badge/ medal.*

*Elected Cllrs to keep us informed with regard to progress with landscaping at the War Memorial.*

*Cllr Leslie to also keep us informed with regard to release of funds from CARAT initiative.*

**11.0 Awaiting Update**

- 11.1 Exxon Mobil Visit. 5 members have given their names to attend. They will make their own way to the main gate at Mossmorran for 19.30 on 21<sup>st</sup> May.
- 11.2 Disposal of Common Good Land at Rossend. This is ongoing.
- 11.3 Kirkton Cemetery Funding. This is ongoing and a further meeting of the group will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> May.
- 11.4 West Links Play Area. Ben Barron reported that three public consultations had been carried out to assess what the public would like to see as far as equipment went. Response had been fairly good and around 70 questionnaires had been filled in. The questionnaire had also included questions about a 'Green Gym', although funding is not being sought for this, it was thought that this could be added in the future. It was explained that it is likely to take 2 years before this can be completed. A member of the public asked if this meant that there would be no play equipment at the west end of The Links for two years. Ben agreed that this was the case. The member of the public felt that it was ridiculous if this was the case and questioned why Local Councillors can do nothing about this. Ben and Morag Douglas advised that applying for funding was a long and tedious process. The gentleman still felt that it was up to Local Councillors to ensure that the town had adequate play equipment.
- 11.5 Live on The Links. Nothing further to report on this.

*Action-*

*George McLauchlan to report on funding for Kirkton Church and Graveyard project, Ben / Morag to report on progress of West Links play area.*

**12.0 Date of Next Meeting.** 12<sup>th</sup> June 2015. Burgh Chambers.

George D. McLauchlan Minute Secretary. 10<sup>th</sup> May 2015.

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**Appendix 1**

Police Report - Community Council Meeting 08/05/2015

**CRIMES**

16 reported since last month's meeting. 10 crimes have been detected  
6 are undetected crimes with 2 assaults (with named Suspects to be traced) There has  
been a spike in minor vandalisms - we currently have 3 (undetected).

**TRENDS/ISSUES**

The volume of calls to the High Street in relation to youths has declined slightly. In  
relation to the youths running about on the roofs a number of kids were spoken to in  
front of their parents and advised about this. This has appeared to have worked and  
has stopped the youths from doing this.

There have been three thefts in the area as well. 2 thefts are detected, but the theft of a  
purple Raleigh mountain bike from Kinghorn Road is still undetected.

**PARKING ISSUES**

Parking issues on High Street Burntisland still appears to be ongoing. The parking  
attendants and us will continue to monitor however the '5 minute grace' period is  
hampering a crackdown on this issue.

**POLICE ATTENDANCE AT COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETINGS**

It is with regret that police attendance at these meetings cannot be not guaranteed as  
the meetings themselves are not compatible with the shift pattern that PC Murray and  
I follow. PC Murray has liaised with PS Adamson who is going to see if other Police  
officers or himself from Community Policing at Kirkcaldy can attend on our behalf  
but this cannot be guaranteed, due to staffing levels and any incidents or commitments  
at the time of the meetings. There will however always be a police report supplied for  
the meeting.

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**Appendix 2**

Burntisland Community Council					
Treasurer's Report					
8th May 2015					
Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance		
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/14	£1,815.87				
BCC Accounts to 08/05/15 (See Notes)			£1,032.00		£783.87
Notes:					
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.					
Burgh Chambers Furniture	£330.00		£8,052.00		-£7,722.00
Burgh Chambers Furniture balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£7,722.00				
Total Burgh Chambers Furniture Balance @ 08/05/15					£0.00
Exiles Reception	£260.00		£187.14		£72.86
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	-£55.19				
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 08/05/15					£17.67
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 @ 08/05/15					-£69.98
Total held on Account for Projects					£382.51
Total held on Account					£382.51
Balance available to Community Council @ 08/05/15 (See Notes)					£401.36