



# BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 8th August 2014  
7.00 P.M.  
Burgh Chambers.

## Draft Minutes.

### PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), Bob Smith (Vice Chair), John Russell (Treasurer), John Bruce, Tim Hailey, George McLauchlan, Ian McKenzie, John Bradshaw, Damian Purcell.  
Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), Cllr Peter George, Cllr George Kay and Cllr Susan Leslie (part-time).

ATTENDING: 5 members of the public.

### **1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members that apologies had been received from Bruce Stuart, Gordon Langlands (Secretary), and PS Neil Ewing, Morag Douglas. The Chair thanked Christine and John (Russell) for their efforts on Games Day, and also John Russell, John Bruce and John Bradshaw for their work in the low-key commemoration at the War Memorial of the start of the First World War

### **2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (13<sup>th</sup> June 2014)**

The minutes were agreed, proposed by John Bradshaw and seconded by John Bruce.

### **3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8): See items 8.1 to 8.4.**

### **4. Police Report.**

Please refer to the report in Appendix 1.

### **5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports**

#### 5.1. Secretary Report.

None.

#### 5.2. Treasurer Report.

The income from the Links Showmen has not arrived yet - this is usually £250

Money spent on Exiles £214

£1,123.96 to spend this year

Bob Smith asked how we compare historically - in 2013/14 expenditure was £1,405.86 while income was £1,420

So far this year the BCC has had an income of £1,260 but as mentioned are still awaiting the Links Showmen income.

Savings suggested include getting the original Burntisland Arms from the bank - currently there is a copy in the Chambers. This will save £65p.a.

Since the Arms were granted there has been a strong recommendation from the Museums Service that originals should be bolted onto the wall in the Chambers rather than hung.

**Action: John Russell is to follow up with the bank and Alex will arrange to have it mounted.**



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### 6. Environment.

#### 6.1. Environment issues report by John Bruce.

- a) No contact from Fife Council. regarding the path from Lammerlaws to Scott Timber
- b) High St. shop fronts - more discussions - Cllr Kay has not heard back yet.
- c) The gate at Collinwell Rd has now been fixed.
- d) At the archways - there is a stone missing - this has been reported to Transportation
- e) Old Picture House - no progress - plans are there for another 2 years.
- f) Burntisland Cemetery - Disappointment on the slow progress.
- g) Kirkton Church - it was noted that the Church is badly covered by ivy - Cllr Kay confirmed that there is work ongoing and that the ivy requires very delicate work.
- h) The water feature from the Links - spare part has been ordered from Germany - work was meant to be completed on 4th August.

**Action: Cllr Kay to speak to Stuart Tait about it.**

- i) Cllr Kay arranged for the beach prom to be cleaned.
- j) Lammerlaws - still untidy - should be cleared as there is great potential - currently with Fife Council who own some of the land - Alison Irvine and Chick McFie will confirm who owns what for the whole area - there is an issue as to who owns the paths down to the breakwater- it's possible that Forth Ports own this area.
- k) Fife Coastal Path - Derek Abbott & Bett Homes have sorted the path.
- l) On the road to Kinghorn - broken seats are to be looked at by Fife Council.
- m) Floral Action Burntisland (FAB) - they are currently waiting for results.
- n) New bins - starts on 24th of August - there are some issues re time of collection
- o) Still issue with sand in the tunnel - steps are slippery and no access for wheel chairs - Robbie Blyth is to be made aware of the issue.
- p) There is concern regarding the car wash at the Grange - some panels are missing and there is concern that children may get soaked as a result when cars are being cleaned - Cllr Kay said that at the time when operations began there was no issues with the car wash

**Action: Cllr George to look into.**

#### 6.2. Local Councillors reported:

- a) Peter George - The Lammerlaws has been partially cut back by a resident - not sure what the position is in future.
- b) Broomhill - Viewpoint - it appears highly likely that the wall will fall soon - it was mentioned that Stuart Marshall owns the land and shares responsibility with Fife Council. Comment was made that there is an issue with teenagers and other young people damaging the area
- c) Cllr Kay acknowledged that there was a ten year maintenance agreement for the steps and viewpoint that is up or almost up for Fife Council.  
**Action: Cllr Kay to look into what is the best way forward - overall consensus is that it should be maintained.**
- d) Pat Henderson won first prize in the Burntisland floral display - she will continue in the competition on a regional basis.
- e) Toll Centre has a new path from it to the path around the new school.
- f) Action: Cllr Kay is to get the doors of the Chambers painted.**
- g) The steps at James Park need weeded.
- h) High praise from Cllr Kay and Cllr Leslie for Chick McFie and his team for keeping the town so clean.
- i) Members of the BCC are to get an invite to the new school - invites will be sent shortly.
- j) Refuse bin in the south east corner to be replaced.
- k) Cllr Leslie confirmed that engineers are investigating the Archway to Rossend.



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### 7. Burgh Buzz – Bill Kirkhope.

There were distribution problems at the time of the meeting but plans are afoot to get it sorted  
The Buzz is also looking for more volunteers to get involved.

### 8. Any Other Business.

#### 8.1 Community Services.

Liassing with the travellers - a court injunction is being served Tuesday the 12th or Monday 11th

#### 8.2 Fife Council local office / Library.

Move local office to library: no date yet known but opening hours will be extended accordingly.  
Staff facilities upstairs only.

#### 8.3 Recycling in the Links Car Park.

Member of the public brought to the BCC's attention of the stink from the recycling area in the Links Car Park - Cllr Kay to look into.

### 9. New Business Items

#### 9.1. Shipyard Steps.

Alex MacDonald, the Fife Council Estates Team and Jim Harvey have been in touch with each other.  
Proposal from Hurd Rolland (HR) to buy area west of the Rossend Castle at market value.

Option for HR to close the path to the community is not negotiable.

Members of BCC asked what will HR do with the land - HR do not currently know - although there were suggestions that it would be made into a car park, but if the land was to have 4 houses on it this would vastly increase the price at which the land sought to be sold - members questioned an architect that was buying land but did not know what they were going to do with it.

Members of BCC highlighted that this is yet another piece of open, green space that is being sold off and there is less and less in the town.

Fife Council will seek the consent of the Sheriff if appropriate.

The general preference from the BCC was to retain the green space

#### 9.2. World War I Commemoration.

BCC to consider what will take place and who will be involved on 25<sup>th</sup> September

It was suggested that the Scouts and Air Cadets be involved

Full support from the BCC.

**Action: John Bruce to speak to the respective leaders of these groups to get buy in.**

#### 9.3. New School Safety

John Bruce suggestion was to promote walking to the new school.

There is no drop off or pick up area. Active discouragement of irresponsible parking although there is a view that it will probably happen anyway.

Walking buses were discussed - the Parent Council have this in hand however.

Possibility of a meeting between the BCC and the Parent Council to actively promote the idea and prevent any cross-communication.

#### 9.4. Request regarding a location for a sycamore tree or similar.

Mr Wilkie e-mailed BCC Secretary to ask if there was a place the BCC would like a replacement tree to be located.

Mr Wilkie reported that Fife Council guidelines are that a new tree must not be closer than 10 metres to a building.

**Action: After much debate it was agreed that the BCC would go back to Fife Council and insist on a new tree in the site - if this was not possible then Fife Council should come back to the BCC.**



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- 9.5. Proposed social housing on Common Good land at Shepherd Crescent  
BCC had reported by e-mail a preference for smaller units.  
Both Cllr Kay and Leslie acknowledged the desperate need for social housing.  
There is a long list of families who need a larger number of rooms.  
The old school will also offer smaller units.

### 10. Ongoing Business Items.

#### 10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications.

Two flats in Kinghorn Rd.

Deveron Homes development will commence soon.

Red Pond - 100 homes - debated as to whether this can go through or not as it is a greenfield site - yet there has previously been an application for a Care Home on this site.

If a developer were to try and put a housing estate in here they would need to clear lots of hurdles.

Proposal for Bendeemer Rd - end July or early August.

#### 10.2. Deveron Homes - Road names.

Landsdale Rise - too close to current names.

Developer agrees that the Landsdale is probably not appropriate.

Members of BCC concerned at Fife Council's policy of not naming streets after people who are alive or recently-deceased.

D.Purcell suggested it be named after the first Burntisland person killed in WWI

**Action: Alex MacDonald to go back with the centenarians' names but if Fife Council won't budge then name it after the first Burntisland person killed in WWI.**

#### 10.3. Signage on the beach / promenade

Blue flag status has apparently been lost - this is more likely to be as a result of the standard of hygiene increasing rather than the beach failing to maintain its previous standard.

**Action: Cllr Kay to find out the reason.**

Public largely adhering to signage regarding dogs on the beach.

Robbie Blyth to put extra signage on the beach next year.

#### 10.4. Parking on the Links

Parking on the Links is becoming an issue - people are not parking on the overflow area up by the Beacon. It was suggested that the Showmen are leading a poor example by driving on it first.

It is becoming a bigger issue as once the football pitch goes in at the Beacon there will be no relief car park.

**Action: Scott Cleland, Cllr Kay and Damian Woods are to discuss further.**

#### 10.5. The Kirkton Churchyard

Cllr Kay said that the work is being done by Fife Council in conjunction with Burntisland Heritage Trust. The ivy work must be done by a specialist as it is very delicate work.

It is not possible to do any excavation work as this is illegal. Further funding has been applied for but it will not be known until October if this has been successful or not. If successful work will begin in the Spring of 2015.

There was an enquiry by a BCC member as to why more work is not being done in order to see the Church in its original state.

Cllr Kay reaffirmed that Douglas Speers (Fife Council archaeologist) had confirmed that there is very little that can be done to reinstate it in its original condition. If something is to be done there may be a parallel with St Bridget's in Dalgety Bay.



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### 11. Awaiting Update

- 11.1. Common Good Fund Property Review Report.  
Stil no progress. This should stay as a separate item from 11.4.
- 11.2. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub.  
Funding is in place. Now under the control of Fife Council.  
Work starts in September but is to be finished early in 2015  
The programme of work has been laid out by Fife Council.
- 11.3. War Memorial.  
The building costs have come in under budget and the Chair confirmed that the issue is coming to a close.  
A rededication ceremony is to be arranged for 25 September.  
There will be a parade from the Harbour to the War Memorial.  
**Action: Bob Smith & John MacKenzie (QS) are to look at the net effect of any outstanding issues.**
- 11.4. Strategic Projects Group.  
Nothing of note has yet happened.  
A short life working group needs to be created to sort out objectives and process.
- 11.5. Royal Burgh Branding  
John Bradshaw has sent off cheque to the Lord Lyon.  
Notification of receipt has been made to Alex MacDonald.  
The Burntisland Community Council is to be known as the Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

### 12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> September 2014 at 7 p.m. Venue: Burgh Chambers.



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**UPDATE FOR BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL 8<sup>TH</sup> August 2014**

**PS946 Neil Ewing**

### **CRIME FIGURES – FIGURES SINCE LAST MEETING IN JUNE - 7<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST**

19 undetected crimes reported since last meeting in June.

30 Detected

63% detection rate

Due to staffing restrictions with the Commonwealth Games detail enquiry is now being carried out by local officers with regards several of the 19 undetected crimes to identify a suspect or further evidence.

### **LOCAL ACTION**

Continued monitoring of the public houses within the town, ensuring compliance with licence.  
Stop search for known offenders will continue.

### **INCIDENTS OF NOTE**

All Burntisland staff was involved in some capacity at the Commonwealth Games. This has now finished and staffing is back to normal strength.

Burntisland Highland Games was also policed during this period and went off with virtually no issues.

### **UPCOMING ACTION/EVENTS**