



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council

Friday, 8th September 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Final Approved Minutes.

Present:

Lesley-Anne Cronan, Tim Hailey, Alex MacDonald, George McLauchlan, Andy Smith, Bruce Stuart.

Attending:

Cllr. Backhouse, Cllr. Langlands, Cllr. Leslie, Paul Briscoe (Burgh Buzz). 4 members of public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed members to a smaller than usual meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Christine Dewar, John Bruce, Carole-Anne Patterson.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (11th August 2017)

- 2.1 The Minutes were proposed by Tim Hailey and approved by Andy Smith.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 No Police Report was received.
- 3.2 Community Engagement Meeting 28th August. George McLauchlan reported that those in attendance expressed concern with regard to speeding traffic in the town. It was felt that some of this was due to workers from Bifab. Concern was also expressed about youth disorder, especially in the Castle Area. Sergeant----- assured members of the public that they were engaging with the youth in the town. They would also contact Bifab to advise their workforce to abide by traffic regulations.

4.0 Secretaries Report (George McLauchlan)

- 4.1 The Secretary attended the Castle Community Family Day on the 2nd Sept. He spoke to people about the role of the Community Council and encouraged people to become involved.

5.0 Treasurer's Report (George McLauchlan)

- 5.1 See Appendix 1

6.0 Environment Report

In the absence of John Bruce, the Chairman delivered the report.

- 6.1 Broomhill Viewpoint. This area has become overgrown and is in need of attention. The boundary wall is also damaged and in need of repair.
- 6.2 Palace Stairs. Most of the overhanging shrubs have been removed by the 'Payback' team. The householder on the other side has agreed to do the same. Ownership of the stairs is still uncertain with Fife Council denying responsibility.
- 6.3 Lammerlaws. This area has become extremely overgrown and subject to coastal erosion. Discussion has taken place with 'Paths For All', for advice on the best way forward.
- 6.4 FAB. It was announced that Burntisland had won a Gold Award plus a

Special Commendation, in the Beautiful Fife competition 2017. The Chairman expressed his congratulations to Floral Action Burntisland on behalf of the Community Council.

Action- John Bruce to continue talks with Paths for All, Cllr Langlands to pursue who is responsible for Palace stairs.

7.0 Planning Applications (Tim Hailey)

7.1 Tim advised members that there was nothing of significance.

8.0 Burgh Buzz (Paul Briscoe)

8.1 Paul advised members that the deadline for the next issue would be mid-October. Paul also said that The Buzz was looking for new-blood and would particularly welcome younger members of the community to join the team.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 Peter George requested the support of the Community Council in his application to the Common Good Fund for assistance in placing a commemorative plaque at the Half-moon Crescent. The plaque would commemorate 3 Frigates built at the Shipyard between 1941-45. Mr. George was given the unanimous support of members.

9.2 N.H.S. Urgent Care changes. Alex MacDonald advised members of ongoing discussions with regard to out of hours and minor injuries services in Fife. Alex stressed that this was for non-emergency care and was part of a three-stage consultation which was likely to take some time. Alex expressed his disappointment at the low public representation in the consultations.

9.3 Burgh Chambers Clock Tower. George McLauchlan advised members that he and Cllr. Langlands had been speaking with Bruce Collins of Fife Council to visit the dismantled parts of the tower and the clock. These are stored in Cupar and Glenrothes and it is hoped to inspect them on Thursday 14th September.

9.4 Vacant Land at entrance to Scott Timber. George McLauchlan drew members' attention to this land which is used by Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. The ground is in a derelict state and is used to park several skips. George felt that this would be an ideal area to provide much needed additional parking and would clean up what is an eyesore.

9.5 Parking in Fleming Way. Andy Smith advised members that he had been approached by residents of Fleming Way complaining of cars blocking driveways. This is due to parents parking here while visiting the school; this is also causing problems in other areas of Cowdenbeath Road. Andy also drew attention to parking on the pavement at the East-end of the High Street; attention was also drawn to horses being tied to benches in the middle of the High Street and fouling the pavement.

9.6 Tree Felling at Binn House. Andy Smith expressed concern with regard to tree felling at the proposed development at the top of Flemming Way. Andy felt that too much tree removal would lead to destabilisation of the land. It was agreed to find out if tree preservation orders were being ignored.

Action- Alex to report back on NHS Urgent Care review, George to report on visit to Cupar re clock tower, All of councillors to pursue proposal for vacant land at entrance to Scott Timber. Cllr. Langlands regarding parking in school area ie Fleming way and flats on Cowdenbeath Road, Cllr Backhouse to report on

possible equine disturbance in High Street area.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Proposed projects for 2017/18. An open discussion was held with regard to what could be tackled by the Community Council in the coming year. Due to reduced membership, it was agreed to keep to one or two proposals. Four areas for further discussion were proposed-
- 1/ Playparks within the town.
 - 2/ The Lammerlaws a feasibility study.
 - 3/ Ross Point
 - 4/ Toll Burn

Action- Members to continue discussion with regard to proposed projects for coming year.

11.0 Awaiting Update

- 11.1 Toilet Facilities. Cllr. Leslie advised members that there was an ongoing review with regard to toilet facilities throughout Fife. Cllr Langlands said that he was pursuing the issue of opening times with the appropriate department.
- 11.2 Burgh Chambers Windows. Cllr Leslie advised members that the windows were due to be cleaned by the 15th September.
- 11.3 Fife Council Support for Events. Cllr Langlands is pursuing this issue.
- 11.4 New Play areas unveiling. Cllr Langlands advised members that an unveiling ceremony for the new sign would take place on Friday 22nd September (Date and time to be confirmed). It is hoped to have the Summer Queen and King in attendance.
- 11.5 Kinghorn Loch Road Closure. Members were advised that discussions on this proposal were “fluid” at the moment. It had been proposed that a temporary relief road be constructed to avoid closure, a further proposal by the developers for an 8-week closure with further rolling closures had also been rejected. Andy Smith suggested that the developers should be charged for the length of time the road is closed. New proposals from the developers are awaited.

Action- Cllr. Langlands to continue discussions on toilet facility opening hours and signage and update on council support for future events. Bruce Stuart to keep members informed with regard to proposals for Kinghorn Loch Road.

1.0 Date of Next Meeting: 13th October 2017

***George McLauchlan
Saturday 10th September 2017***

Appendix 1:

Sheet1			
Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council			
Treasurer's Report As at 3rd September 2017			
Balance @ 1st August 2017			£47,652.96
Income (Deposits)			
Date	Description	Amount	
Total Income (Deposits)			£0.00
Expenses (Cheques)			
Date	Cheq. No.	Description	Amount
10/08/17	39	Stationary	£41.98
11/08/2017	40	Gift Voucher	£30.00
Total Expenses (Cheques Written)			£71.98
Closing Balance At 07/09/17			£47,580.96
Monies Held For Specific Projects			Amount
East Links Play Area			£40,009.51
West Links Play Area			£4,763.46
Chimes/Clock			£430.20
Community Futures			£584.20
Community Emergency Plan			£107.38
Total Held For Projects			£45,994.75
Total Available			£1,586.23
<i>George D. McLauchlan</i>			
<i>Treasurer</i>			
<i>7th September 2017</i>			
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