



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 10th February 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

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Present Alex MacDonald (AM) Bruce Stuart (BS) George McLauchlan (GM) John Bruce (JB) Christine Dewar (CD) Tim Hailey (TH) Lesley Backhouse(LB) Lesley-Ann Cronin (LAC) Ariadne Cass-Maran (ACM) Cllr George Kay, Cllr Susan Leslie, Cllr Peter George, Bill Kirkhope and 12 members of the public (MoP)

1. **Apologies** from Gordon Langlands, Ben Barron, Carole-Anne Crossan.
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (13th January 2017).** As Amended Proposed by TH Seconded JB
3. **Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 10).**
Train Station raised by Cllr GK, Use of Toll Park.
4. **Police Report. (see Appendix 1).**
 - 4.1 Crimes in January down by 40% Dishonesty is the main offence theft and Shoplifting all but one detected.
 - 4.2 Speeding on Haugh Rd, traffic calming measures to be introduced next year. Be aware that Scam charity workers have been reported in Burntisland. Police Community engagement meeting is every three months at the Burntisland Primary School.
5. **Secretary:**
 - 5.1. Charity Status. New Para 12 of constitution drafted sent to FC OSCAR asking that all assets held are for Charitable purpose. Every community councillor needs to sign up as Trustee.
 - 5.2. East/West Play areas opening ceremony. West hoping to be finished end of April/beginning of May.£41,000 available for Spider Park
6. **Treasurer:**
 - 6.1. Report. See Appendix 2.
 - 6.2. Community Award Winner Reception around 35 people attended and enjoyed the celebration for Mary. Thank you to Janice Bruce and Grace Langlands for helping make the event run smoothly and for tidying up afterwards.
7. **Environment:**
 - 7.1. Report J B raised the issue of dog fouling (df) and put forward the suggestion of fluorescent spray on any df to highlight the issue. It has been done in other parts of Scotland. The CC was 3 in favour and 3 against. 2 Mops who are dog owners were also in favour. 28 photos of df were shown to the Safer communities' team who came out to Burntisland the previous week by one MoP. Cllr Kay suggested that JB had not replied to Scot Cleland's email regarding this suggestion JB intimated that he had. Fife council has 30 wardens. They have obtained 5 convictions. They have had 97 telephone complaints about df. Folk need to phone in with the location of df to get it cleaned up. Telephone 03451 555555 ex 473423 or 472711 or email Charles.Macphee@fife.gov.uk to get df cleaned up. See Appendix 3.
 - 7.2. Community emergency Plan every town has one JB to send updated one to local councillors
 - 7.3. Newton St Boswell initiative. **Carried forward to next meeting. BB**
8. **Planning Applications:**
 - 8.1. Report. Edinburgh Airport have published their proposed outcomes and there will be no overflights of Kinghorn Burntisland and Aberdour. They have issued another consultation and every household should have received a letter through the post regarding this.
 - 8.2. Old School building conversion should be completed by Sept 2017
9. **Burgh Buzz.** Latest issue has been delivered. CC to let Bill know of events in order that he can cover them. Missed the Community Award presentation. Apologises from GM and AM



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10. Any Other Business

- 10.1. Train station raised by Cllr Kay. Parking and access not in the remit of the Community energy and action Plan therefore he has written direct to the transport Minister and has contributed to the 2019-2024 spending consultation.
Consultation on Transport Scotland's Rail Infrastructure Strategy from 2019.
Find the consultation at: <https://consult.scotland.gov.uk/transport-scotland/rail-infrastructurestrategy-from-2019>
For further details, contact: Rail. Infrastructure. Strategy@transport.gov.scot TRANSPORT SCOTLAND
- 10.2. Use of Toll Park there was a debate around the use of the Toll Park by the School Cllr Kay intimated it was a bookable space through Parks Dept and if it is going to be a regular occurrence then it needs to be booked in advance and the fee paid.

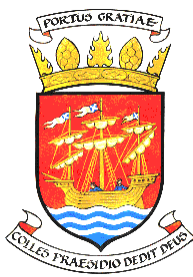
11. New Business Items:

- 11.1. See 10.1 above
- 11.2. Everyone to respond to Edinburgh Airports consult.
- 11.3. Post Office Cllr Leslie has been in communication with PO. Post mistress is signed off due to the robbery. PO is looking at several options
- 11.4. 215 High St meeting concluded.
- 11.5. Catering concessions on the links advert in the FFF last week.

12. Awaiting Update:

- 12.1. Name badges for BCC members. In hand. (Ariadne).
- 12.2. Burntisland Common Good Trust. Next meeting 20th Feb JB and CD attending on behalf of CC
- 12.3. Burntisland Development Trust. A 30-minute presentation was given by Carolyn on the Travel and Energy Action Plan which is funded by the Scottish Government. There have been several meetings around the town over the last 3 months and the project has been based in the old Local office between the library and the Burgh Chambers all are welcome to come in ask questions and give their views. There will be three final workshops on the 14th March (Funding) and 18th March Next Steps and a Presentation of the Travel and EMP on the 25th March at the Toll Centre to see what can be taken forward. Project ends on the 31st March 2017. Attached is a summary of the presentation at Appendix 4.
- 12.4. Castle NDP cfwd
- 12.5. Cap AM taking forward
- 12.6. Speed limits AM taking forward
- 12.7. Kirkton Cemetery project 27th March will take 13 weeks of repointing then will take on the boundary wall and do the worst bits the south wall. Groundworks will then be completed and two Benches will be installed planned opening date Aug/sept 2017. GL Cllr Kay reported that Mary Somerville's house will be painted on the 27th February 2017

13. **Date of Next Meeting:** 10th March 2017 @7pm in the Burgh Chambers. Cllr Leslie gave her apologies for this meeting. Meeting Closed 9pm.



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Appendix 1:

January 2017		January 2016	
Number of Crimes	Number of Detections	Number of Crimes	Number of Detections
22	13	36	26
Includes: 12 Dishonesty 4 Vandalisms 4 Anti-social Offences 1 Assaults 1 Communications Act 1 named suspect. 8 live enquiries.		Includes: 10 Assaults 6 Dishonesty 6 Anti- Social Offences 5 Vandalisms 3 Road Traffic Act 2 Sexual Offences 2 Misuse of Drugs 1 Communications Act 1 Obstruction Offence	

Analysis:

- Overall reduction in crime of 40%.
- Main Issues:
- Dishonesty crimes are currently the main issue in Burntisland making up 55% of all crime in January 2017. The majority being theft by shoplifting, which account for 58% of dishonesty crimes. However all but one have been detected.
- Robbery – as many will already be aware there was a robbery at the Post Office involving a male with a knife. This male was not from Burntisland and has now been identified and reported for a number of incidents across Fife.



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Appendix 2:

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Treasurer's Report As at 9th February 2017

Balance @ 26th Jan 17 **£46,454.70**

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
Feb. 2 nd	West Links Playpark	£53.00

Total Income (Deposits) **£53.00**

Expenses (Cheques)

Date	Cheq. No.	Description	Amount
Feb. 3 rd	32	Community Award Buffet	£68.00
Feb. 3 rd	33	Community Award Scroll	£190.00

**Total Expenses (Cheques
Written)** **£258.00**

Closing Balance At 9/02/17 **£46,249.70**

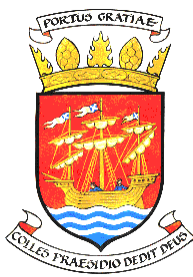
Monies Held For Specific Projects

	Amount
East Links Play Area	£40,009.51
West Links Play Area	£3,763.46
Chimes/Clock	£430.20
Community Futures	£684.20
Community Emergency Plan	£500.00

Total Held For Projects **£44,887.37**

Total Available **£1,362.33**

George D. McLauchlan
Treasurer
9th February 2017



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ENVIRONMENT REPORT FRIDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2017

DOG FOULING CONCERNS

This issue is a real concern and we receive regular complaints from members of the public who come to our community council meetings also through Facebook asking us what action can be taken to deter irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul and just leave it lying are they not aware this is a health hazard and against the law.

In view of these complaints and in particular by a member of the public complaining about the amount of DOG MESS left lying in the Toll Park this park is used regularly by school children also is a recreational park used for football etc, something needs to be done to bring to the attention of those individuals that Burntisland community are fed up with their irresponsible actions we are watching and if caught you will certainly be reported to the Safer Communities Team.

Safer Community Officers do patrol duties in our parks to survey the situation but find it extremely difficult to catch individuals who allow their dogs to foul and just leave lying.

I arranged a meeting at the TOLL PARK on Wednesday 25th January with the member of the public who has real concerns about this matter along with the Safer Community Officers to fully examine this problem and to see the proof for ourselves, I found that the amount of DOG POO left in this park is a real disgrace and must be stopped before anyone attracts a disease. I was shown photographic evidence of at least (22) DOG POO lying in the park and was really disgusted.

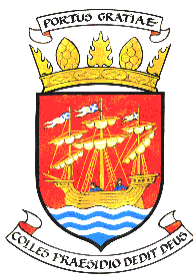
We understand from the Safety Officers that it is extremely difficult to catch these individuals but should anyone see them acting irresponsibly simply take a note of the TIME, DATE, AREA, DISCRPTION OF DOG, DISCRPTION OF OWNER, you can either phone 01592 583642 or email

SaferCommunities.Officers@fife.gov.uk.

There will be a major campaign on DOG FOULING AND LITTER to be rolled out in Burntisland which has already happened in Dunfermline and Rosyth this should be during Feb/March and it will be well advertised this is organized by the Safer Communities Team.

We are also considering our own community campaign by regularly monitoring areas such as the TOLL PARK and THE LINKS we intend to use Fluorescent Biodegradable Luminous Paint to highlight this problem to the general public the survey will be carried out under strict control and will be on a trial basis over one month carried out by volunteers this hopefully may help deter irresponsible dog owners and make them observe for themselves the kind of mess they are leaving in our parks and other recreational areas within the town.

I have consulted with Fife Council and the local elected councillors requesting permission to use the Biodegradable spray paint but to date I have not received their authority. It is hoped that we can receive the support from the community council to enable us to carry out this project as soon as possible. As spokesman on the community council on the Environment I have some responsibility to show the residents of Burntisland that we are trying to eradicate this horrible and dangerous habit and try to keep our parks and play areas safe for all the community to use in the future.



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Appendix 4:

Report on the Presentation of the Travel and Energy Action Plan

Funded by the Scottish Government Present in the Town until 31st March 2017

Part of the Community Energy Strategy 2017, can be viewed in the local Office.

Next presentation 1st March energy Presentation

Funding workshop 14th March Next steps 18th March

Presentation of Travel and EMP Toll Centre 25th March Saturday

Looking to provide Energy charging points in Burntisland. deliver 6 sustainable hubs and 53 km of active travel paths.

Train accessibility North bound platform community can put together a dossier from info collected over the years.

Bus – highlighted the difficulty in catching connections to Edinburgh.

School- Highlighted the issue of parents dropping off from cars in unsafe areas.

Electric Cars, Lack of signage

22 Sections all numbered for action funding options to meet Sustrans deadline of the 24th February 2107

Potential 5 parts of the route that could be a fit for the current funding available. Community can apply for matched funding from the Climate challenge fund

Junction High St Lothian St £27,810

Gravel Path Haugh Rd to Railway underpass £39,253

Aberdour Road to Milton Pub widen for dual use £??

Cowdenbeath Road New crossing £64,000 Cllrs put this as priority 1

Car park located next to Kerr Court £63,000 Cllrs put this as priority 2

Electric Charging Point Burntisland is on the list

Decision made by the CC to support Priority 1& 2 and for the project lead to see if these could be actioned in the short timescale.

Compiled by L Backhouse from notes taken at the community council meeting 10th Feb 2017.