



BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 11 January 2013
7 P.M.
Upper Library Hall

Draft Minutes

PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), Bob Smith (Vice Chair),
John Russell (Treasurer), Gordon Langlands (Minutes Secretary),
John Bruce, Gary Cummins, Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Ian McKenzie, Bruce Stuart,
Zoe Williamson, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), PS Rachael Burns (Part-Time).
Cllr Peter George, Cllr Susan Leslie (Part-Time).

Absent: Tim Hailey.

ATTENDING: 8 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the meeting that apologies had been received from John Bruce, Isabel Smith and Ed Pybus.

Ed Pybus has indicated that he is moving out of the area and hence will no longer be able to be a member of the BCC. There will therefore be 2 vacancies on the BCC.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (14th December 2012)

There were no corrections to the Minutes.

Minutes agreed, proposed by Bob Smith and seconded by Christine Dewar.

3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8)

4 extra items.

4. Police Report – PS Rachael Burns.

PS Burns apologised for not managing to attend the last meeting but promised that a representative from the police will be attending future meetings. See the report in Appendix 1 which is also available at <http://www.fife.police.uk/default.aspx?page=4233>

PS Burns indicated that each of the 3 community police officers had been allocated to a primary school. PC Andy Pearson had been allocated to Burntisland Primary.

It was very reassuring to see that the police van was now back in the town. Bicycles are now available for the police officers to supplement the police van and all that is missing are the helmets.

4 Parking tickets have been issued.

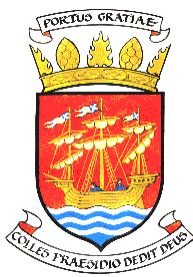
A "Women Safety Course" is being organised which includes self defence on the 6th March. See Burgh Buzz for details.

Next Community Engagement Meeting, Wednesday 6th March, Pettycur Bay Hotel. 7 pm.

5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

5.1. The Secretary was not present and there was nothing to report.

5.2. The Treasurer indicated a free balance of £2,123.32. See Appendix 2.



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6. Environment.

6.1. Environmental Report J.Bruce. See Appendix 3.

Action: Cllrs George and Leslie to pursue issues at Fife Council Ward 10 meeting.

Issues discussed at some length:

6.1.1. Broomhill Viewpoint:

Fife Council have agreed to take responsibility going forward.
Refer to the article in the Fife Free Press.

6.1.2. Shipyard Steps:

Bill Davidson's walking group would like access to the stairs.
Cllr George is trying to get access to the keys to arrange an inspection of the stairs, wall and arch with Fife Council and Bill Davidson to determine what needs to be done to make this area safe and re-open it to members of the public.

Action: Cllr Peter George.

6.1.3. The hedges obscuring the speed sign on Kirkcaldy Road have been trimmed.

6.1.4. Someone has painted graffiti on the pavement outside the Co-op.

Action: Cllr Peter George to contact the appropriate department of Fife Council to have this graffiti removed.

7. Burgh Buzz – Bill Kirkhope.

The 15th January is the deadline for the next issue.

A space is being left to report the meeting on the 18th regarding the Clock Tower.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub.

Nothing to report from Gillian Lowe. There will be a meeting on the 17th January with Mike Kavanagh of Fife Council to discuss the formation of a Steering Group.

8.2. Royal Bank of Scotland:

A letter has been sent but there has been no reply yet.

There was a suggestion that a letter should be sent to the Fife Free Press.

8.3. Scottish Water consultation.

Action: Gordon Langlands to draft a letter regarding Surface Water Flooding.

8.4. Burger van on the Links:

It was questioned why the van was still there as it was not in operation.

Normally it is only there Easter to September.

A member of the public suggested that the owner may be under the false impression that he is allowed to have it there all year and is just using the site for parking in the off season.

Action: Alex MacDonald to raise with Ken Hailey of Fife Council.

8.5. New Crossing at Alcan:

A new crossing has been built.

The Cllrs and BCC had no knowledge that this was going to happen.

Action: Cllr Leslie to find out how and why this has happened.

8.6. Burgh Chamber Notice Board:

This is falling to bits and needs replaced.

Action: Cllr Leslie to check if this could be the responsibility of the Local Office.



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9. New Business Items

9.1. Common Good Fund Application – Burntisland Bowling Club.

Alex MacDonald has sent letter and is awaiting a reply.

9.2. Community Award Presentation - Provisional date Friday 8th March at 6.30pm.

Cllr Leslie has volunteered to use the Library for her Surgery.

Action: Alex MacDonald to get the numbers for food.

9.3. BBC Membership Vacancies.

Action: Alex MacDonald to arrange for advertisement in the Burgh Buzz and Fife Free Press.

10. Ongoing Business Items

10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications.

In the absence of Tim Hailey there was nothing to report.

10.2. Strategic Projects Group: War Memorial – Awaiting a response from the Funding Organisations that their Grant can be used for the reduced scope Project.

10.3. Improving Communications.

The Survey is under review prior to it going on line and in the Burgh Buzz.

Locations for collecting paper copies of the Survey have been identified.

Food For Thought - Have agreed.

Action: Morag Douglas to check the Library and Bob Smith to check the Toll Centre.

10.4. BCC Draft Code of Conduct and Complaints Procedure. - No progress.

Action: Alex MacDonald / Ian McKenzie to pursue.

10.5. Outline Planning Application Approval for New School on Toll Park.

A letter raising concerns has been sent to Fife Council but no acknowledgement or reply has been received. There was a suggestion to contact the new MSP (Jayne Baxter).

Action: Send same letter raising concerns over valuation and replacement land with Jayne Baxter - Alex MacDonald.

Detail planning approval has now been applied for with a huge number of technical documents requiring review. The current plan has extensive traffic calming but concerns at the meeting were raised about the potential knock on effects of pollution and traffic using other roads as they try to avoid this area. It was also noted that instead of increasing the width of the adjoining pavements to 3 metres a combined walking/cycling path now winds its way through the park from the Toll Centre, between the football pitches to the Cowdenbeath road.

10.6. Burgh Chambers Clock Tower Repair/ Common Good Fund Property Review.

Fife Council meeting on Wednesday to find out how this can be financed, followed by a Ward 10 meeting on Friday.

Action: Cllr Peter George to forward any news to BCC.

11. Awaiting Update

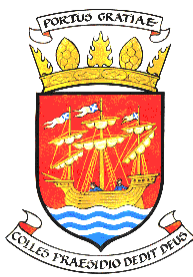
11.1. Links Community Trust/Links Accounts - No news.

11.2. Burgh Chambers Furniture.

Havelock Europe will possibly restore the furniture for free but access is required to inspect the furniture – possibly in February.

12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 8th February 2013 at 7 p.m. Venue to be confirmed.



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APPENDIX: 1.

1 Policing Priorities in your area

Priority 1 - Speeding on Kinghorn Loch Road, Kirkcaldy Road

Progress update:

- November 2012 - Arrangements have been made for the Fife Police trailer/ billboard to be positioned at the junction of Kilcruik Road and B923 Road in Kinghorn to heighten driver awareness with regards to driving safely and responsibly.
- December 2012 - PC Graves received complaint from resident of Abden Avenue in Kinghorn in relation to noisy vehicle in the street which has been driven in an anti-social manner. The vehicle was traced and the driver spoken with, advised of the complaint and warned of the consequences should complaints continue.
- PC's Graves, Kinsell and Paterson conducted a speed monitoring site on Kinghorn Road. Four motor vehicles were stopped and checked in relation to the manner of their driving and three verbal warnings were issued to drivers.
- PC's Graves, Pearson and Stevens carried out speed monitoring site at several points on Kinghorn Road in both Burntisland and Kinghorn. Also site carried out at Kinghorn Loch Road upon entering Kinghorn. Numerous drivers stopped and warned and one fixed penalty ticket issued.
- PC's Graves and Pearson carried out speed monitoring site on Kinghorn Road, Burntisland at junction with Linwell Court. Highest speed recorded 38mph; verbal warnings given.
- PC's Graves and Pearson carried out speed monitoring site at various locations on Kinghorn Road, Burntisland and on Kirkcaldy Road, Burntisland. Highest speed recorded 39mph and verbal warnings given.
- January 2013 - Local action plan has been carried out. Community Officers and Community Traffic Wardens carried out joint operations at various locations in Kinghorn/Burntisland. Fixed penalty tickets were issued to 4 speeding motorists and a further 6 drivers were warned.

Priority 2 - Underage drinking in licensed premises and open spaces

Progress update:

- November 2012 - PC's Kinsell and Graves made checks of The Crown Public House, The Golf Tavern, Burntisland, The Crown, Kinghorn and The Old Port, Burntisland. In respect of underage drinking offences, there were no obvious violations in respect of underage persons within the two premises.
- PC's Graves and Kinsell have identified a number of areas frequented by youths and have been carrying out random patrol in an attempt to detect offences and to deter anti-social behaviour.
- December 2012 - PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted Licensed premises checks of The Golf, The Crown and the Jubilee Burntisland - In respect of underage drinking offences, there were no obvious violations in respect of underage persons within the two premises
- PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted checks of local shop premises along Burntisland High Street advising of current issues with the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers - PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted premises checks of local shop premises along Kinghorn High Street advising of current issues with the sale of alcohol to underage drinkers
- PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted plain clothed patrols in Burntisland High Street in respect of issues with underage drinking there were no obvious violations in respect of underage persons within the area - PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted plain clothed patrols Kinghorn in respect of issues with underage drinking there were no obvious violations in respect of underage persons within the area
- December 2012 - PC's Graves, Kinsell and Pearson have identified a number of areas frequented by youths and have been carrying out random patrol in an attempt to detect offences and to deter anti-social behaviour.
- PC's Graves and Pearson traced youths aged under 16 consuming alcohol on Kirkton Road. The alcohol was confiscated and parents notified.
- Complaints received regarding youths congregating at Allen Court, Burntisland which is a sheltered housing complex. Foot patrols in this area to disperse youths.
- PC's Pearson and Kinsell carried out licenced premises checks at all of the pubs and off licence shops within Burntisland Town Centre. There were no offences detected and all premises appeared to well run.
- After complaints from residents, PC's Pearson, Kinsell, Graves and Sey attended at Allan Court residential housing complex in Burntisland and carried out door to door enquiry to give them reassurance regarding youths congregating in the close which leads from the complex to High Street. Regular checks have been carried out in the area and youths have been moved on from the close.



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Priority 3 - Break-ins to residential premises in the run up to Christmas

Progress update:

- November 2012 - PC's Kinsell and Graves have undertaken patrol in Longcraigs Terrace, Myre Crescent, Abden Avenue, Croft an Righ, Orchard Road, Orchard Terrace, Eastgate, Glovers Court, Overgate, Abden Court, Boswell Drive and Ladyburn Place, Kinghorn – 43 vulnerable properties identified and leaflets delivered.
- Community Officers have arranged a 'drop in' session at the Beacon Leisure Centre, Burntisland at 1700 hours on 7 December 2012 where they will be providing basic home security advice and offering security products for sale.
- PCs Kinsell and Graves conducted a foot patrol of the upper end of Kinghorn in respect of Operation Night light and delivered 43 leaflets to identified vulnerable properties
- December 2012 - PC's Graves and Kinsell conducted a drop in session at the Beacon leisure centre offering free advice in respect of home security -There were 8 leaflets distributed and 3 automatic timer switches were issued.
- Throughout December PC's Graves, Kinsell and Pearson have carried out foot patrol in the Burntisland and Kinghorn areas.
- January 2013 - PC's Graves, Kinsell and Paterson have conducted a high level of high visibility foot patrols in both the Kinghorn and Burntisland areas, this has shown a decline in youth issues within the Rossend Terrace, Cotburn Place, Dollar Road and High Street areas of Burntisland, and Croft an Righ, Strathmore Street, and Kinghorn High Street and surrounding streets. There had been issues with youth knocking doors and running away, egging houses and generally hanging around within the areas causing noise nuisance

2 Previously completed priorities

- Dog fouling
- Youth disorder and anti-social behaviour
- Road traffic issues

If you wish to discuss any of the previously completed priorities, please contact your local community constable.

3 Next community meetings

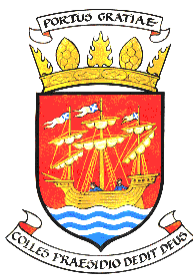
6 March 2013 - Wednesday @ 7.00 pm - Pettycur Bay Hotel, Kinghorn Road,

8 May 2013 - Wednesday @ 7.00 pm - Pettycur Bay Hotel, Kinghorn Road

3 July 2013 - Wednesday @ 7.00 pm - Pettycur Bay Hotel, Kinghorn Road

4 September 2013 - Wednesday @ 7.00 pm - Pettycur Bay Hotel, Kinghorn Road

6 November 2013 - Wednesday @ 7.00 pm - Pettycur Bay Hotel, Kinghorn Road



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Treasurer's Report			
11th January 2013			
Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/12	£3,898.17		
BCC Accounts to 11/01/13 (See Notes)	£6,692.92	£6,237.12	£4,353.97
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below,			
Floral Enhancement	£714.00	£1,200.17	-£486.17
FP balance held in BCC Account 31/03/12	£486.17		
Total Floral Project Balance @ 11/01/13			£0.00
Burgh Buzz	£4,375.00	£4,017.00	£358.00
BB balance held in BCC Account 31/03/12	£1,042.45		
Total Burgh Buzz Balance @ 11/01/13			£1,400.45
Exiles Reception	£250.00	£302.86	-£52.86
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/12	£21.99		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 11/01/13			-£30.87
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/12	£330.20		£330.20
Total held on Account for Projects			£1,730.65
Burgh Buzz contingency			£500.00
Total held on Account			£2,230.65
Balance available to Community Council @ 11/01/13			£2,123.32
Outstanding Income/Invoices			



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Issue	When Reported	Description	Current Status	When Resolved	Who Responsible
1		Tunnel and area leading from links to Beacon Centre	Has been cleaned up.	January 2013	Peter George
2		Hut at Crazy Golf has fallen into repair and needs demolished as it has become dangerous.	Now with Scott Cleland of FC.		Peter George
3		Area outside of Jubilee Tavern leading to Kirkton Burn needs a new, higher fence.	Ken Halley of FC has taken photos and is pursuing who owns this.		Peter George
4		Palais Stairs and surrounding area.	Has been cleaned up.	January 2013	Peter George
5		Stairs from James Park to Dallas Avenue needs cleaned and weeded.	No progress.		Peter George
6		Rubbish lying at Dock area near the Beacon.	Still there.		Peter George
7	December 2012	Gritting of pavements and car parks	Priority routes for buses have no grit boxes and gritting of pavements on these routes is the responsibility of the Park department who have not been gritting these pavements. Cllr Leslie has put this back on their work list and is having discussions with traders about installing discrete grit boxes.	January 2013	Susan Leslie
8		Dog Fouling	Dog Wardens were on duty recently taking photographs. Cllr George to check what happened.		Peter George
9	December 2012	Middle Tunnel on Links. This appears to be rusting. It belongs to Rail Track.	Cllr Leslie to provide most recent report.		Susan Leslie
10	December 2012	Coastal Path near Colinswell Alcan estate has deteriorated.	John Bruce has contacted Fife Coast & Countryside Trust and is waiting for a response.		John Bruce