



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 11th August 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Final Approved Minutes.

Present:

Christine Dewar, George McLauchlan, Alex MacDonald, Tim Hailey. Andy Smith, John Bruce, Lesley-Anne Cronan.

Attending:

Cllr, Langlands, Cllr. Leslie, Bill Kirkhope. (Burgh Buzz),
4 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed Councillor Leslie to her first Community Council meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies were received from Bruce Stuart, Carol-Ann Crossan, Cllr. Backhouse.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (9th June 2017)

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

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 No monthly report had been received.
- 3.2 The Chairman reprised the reply to his letter from Chief Inspector Annandale. It was generally felt that the reply did not address the concerns expressed. John Bruce said that there was general dissatisfaction with policing in Burntisland, that there was an urgent need for officers based in the town later in the evening and that there should be a more visible presence. Andy Smith felt that there was a disconnect between what senior officers think and what the public are experiencing. Tim Hailey thought that the previously proposed visit to the Bilston Glen call centre may help in understanding the process of policing. The Chairman said that he would respond to the letter from CI Annandale and enquire with regard to the possibility of arranging a visit to Bilston Glen.
- 3.3 Tim Hailey advised that additional security measures had been installed following a break-in at the Masterton Health Centre.

Action- Alex MacDonald to reply to CI Annandale and enquire about a visit to call centre.

4.0 Secretaries Report (George McLauchlan)

- 4.1 The Secretary has approached Fife Council with regard to the need to register under the Data Protection Act. A reply is awaited.
- 4.2 The Secretary announced that Burntisland had been voted "Fife's Favourite Conservation Town".
- 4.3 Temporary closure of Kinghorn Post Office (4th Aug. – 1st Sept.).
- 4.4 Temporary closure of Haugh Road (5th/6th. Oct. 10.00pm-6.00am).
- 4.5 Confirmation of wreath for Remembrance Day.

5.00 Treasurer's Report (George McLauchlan)

5.1 See Appendix 1

6.00 Environment Report (John Bruce)

6.1 Now that the flowering season is over, the weeds on the pathway along by the 'Nine-Lums' will be cleared. Action is ongoing with regard to overgrown vegetation and the damaged fence at Toll Burn. The possibility of having more colourful seating in the High Street was mentioned, however this was not thought practical. The Community Council offered thanks to the efforts of Floral Action Burntisland and their band of volunteers for the hard work put in with this year's display. Judging took place on 26th July and we look forward to hearing the result sometime in September.

6.2 Community Emergency Plan. John advised members that he and Andy Smith are continuing to develop a response plan in the event of an emergency. They have been trying to identify halls within the town that would be suitable for use in an emergency. It was advised that the plan is to compliment and assist the emergency services not to replace them. The Chairman thought that this was a process that would be beneficial for all.

6.3 A lively discussion was had with regard to the problem of aggressive gulls. It was felt that there was a problem and that it needed a lead from Fife Council. Andy Smith quoted a report from Southampton University into 'Urban' gulls and also possible remedies from Scottish Natural Heritage. Cllr Langlands said that he wanted to work with his colleagues to get a joint response by next spring. It was felt that the public could assist by not feeding the gulls and by disposing of waste food sensibly. Fife Council should also ensure that litter bins are emptied before they overflow.

7.00 Planning Applications (Tim Hailey)

7.1 Tim advised that there were no planning requests of any significance.

7.2 Two trees (Rowan) were to be planted at 147 Kinghorn Road.

8.00 Burgh Buzz (Bill Kirkhope)

8.1 Deadline for copy for November issue is Mid October.

9.00 Other Business

9.1 John Bruce advised members that an application had been lodged with the Common Good Fund by Burntisland Sailing Club for assistance in creating pontoons and ramps as part of improvements to their club facilities. John felt that this would benefit all the town and clean up a derelict piece of land. After general discussion, it was agreed that the plan was beneficial but that such a large application could not be justified especially with the reduced funds available. John Bruce felt that if the Community Council could not support the full amount, they should at least consider a lesser sum.

9.2 George McLauchlan commented on the lack of toilet facilities in the town especially on busy days. Cllr. Langlands commented that there are three toilet facilities within the links/beach area, but that they may not be sufficiently signposted. Andy Smith wondered how it was possible for other towns in Fife to have immaculate toilet facilities yet Burntisland has extremely poor ones. Cllr. Leslie advised members that she was discussing

toilet facilities in the town with her colleagues and would report back to members.

- 9.3 Bob Smith (Public benches), enquired if a progress report had been compiled with regard to the Development Plan. The Chairman assured Mr. Smith that he would attend to this.
- 9.4 Christine Dewar wondered when the windows of the Burgh Chambers had last been cleaned? Christine felt that it was embarrassing for the town. Cllr. Leslie said that she would take this up with the relevant department.

Action- Cllr. Leslie to report on toilet facilities in the town and also cleaning of Burgh Chamber's windows. Alex MacDonald to compile a progress report on the Community Action Plan.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Future Events Planning. George McLauchlan advised members on a meeting he attended on 27th July with Fife Council officials and members of the Highland Games Committee. Although it was agreed that this year's Games had gone smoothly future events would require greater input by the town, especially with regard to traffic management. It had been suggested by the Council that a Traffic Management company be employed; it was generally felt that this would not be affordable. Cllr Langlands said that he would speak with council officials to see where Burntisland Highland Games stands as far as 'Sustainable Events' are concerned. George McLauchlan advised that a meeting would be held in early January 18, to plan for events next year.
- 10.2 Kinghorn Loch Road. Cllr Langlands advised that no decision had yet been taken on road closure. Exploratory work was continuing with traffic lights in operation.

Action-Cllr. Langlands to make enquiries with regard to Fife Council support for events in Burntisland.

11.0 Updates

- 11.1 Burntisland Common Good Trust. Bob Smith (Public Benches), advised members that a meeting of interested members of the public had been held on 8th August. It was generally felt that little progress had been made on the possibility of the proposed trust taking over Common Good Assets, and that this was due to a lack of feedback from Fife Council.
- 11.2 East/ West Links Play Areas. Cllr Langlands advised members that all work was now complete and the play areas in operation. A plaque is being ordered and an official opening ceremony is planned.
- 11.3 Burgh Chambers Complex. George McLauchlan said that his planned application for funding to carry out a feasibility study on the Burgh Chambers would be put on hold in consideration of the Common Good Trust continuing with their application. George did however say that he would like to continue with fundraising to raise the Burgh Chambers steeple and clock. This was agreed.
- 11.4 Kirkton Church Project. George McLauchlan said that work on the fabric of the church was complete and that work was progressing on stabilising and re-erecting fallen stones. An educational pack and leaflet is being prepared.

11.5 Exiles Reception. It was felt that the reception was a success with £100

being raised from a raffle. George McLauchlan felt that some form of music could be provided next year, perhaps an accordionist or violinist.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: 8th September 2017

George D. McLauchlan
3rd.September 2017

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Treasurer's Report As at 7th August 2017

Balance @1st June 2017 **£48,028.00**

Income (Deposits)

Date	Description	Amount
03/07/2017	Donation	£100.00
18/07/2017	Raffle	£100.00
Total Income (Deposits)		£200.00

Expenses (Cheques Written) **£0.00**

Date	Cheque No.	Description	Amount
17/07/2017	36	Edles Reception Expenses	£74.10
17/07/2017	37	Burntisland Heritage Trust	£400.00
17/07/2017	38	Edles Catering	£102.00
Total Expenses		£576.10	

Closing Balance At 26th July **£47,652.90**

Monies Held For Specific Projects

Description	Amount
East Links	£40,009.51
West Links	£4,763.46
Clock Tower	£430.20
Community Futures	£684.20
Community Emergency Plan	£307.18
Total Held For Projects	£45,994.75

Total Available **£1,658.21**

George D. McLauchlan

Treasurer

7th August 2017

Public Works Planning	George McLauchlan
Energy Management	George McLauchlan
NADFLV ABC Refurb	Alan Macdonald
Kingdom Loch Road Closure (Update)	Andy Smith
Condition of Towns Roads	Andy Smith
Burntisland Creation Good Trust	Christine Dwyer
East/West Links Partnership	Clr. Langlands