



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council
Draft Minutes.

Friday, 11th September 2015
7 p.m. Burgh Chambers.

Present:

Christine Dewar, Gordon Langlands, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Tim Hailey, Alex MacDonald, Leslie Backhouse, Bruce Stuart, Ben Barron.

Attending:

Cllr. Leslie, Cllr. Kay, Cllr. George. Paul Briscoe (Burgh Buzz), 5 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed those present and offered apologies from John Bradshaw, Colin Fraser, Morag Douglas, Lesley-Anne Cronin and John Bruce.

2.0 Minutes from previous meeting (14th August 2015)

- 2.1 The minutes were proposed by Tim Hailey and seconded by Ben Barron.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 See appendix 1
- 3.2 Alex MacDonald expressed the view that the police do seem to be under some strain with regard to manpower. He had emailed police Scotland with the Community Council's view from the last meeting, but he was not hopeful of receiving a reply.
- 3.3 Councillor Leslie said that we should accept the fact that we were unlikely to get a police representation at Community Council meetings, and that we should encourage Community Councillors and members of the public to attend the Community Engagement meetings. Christine Dewar agreed, stating that the meetings were very poorly attended, but added that, there was little in the way of publicly advertising them.
- 3.4 Councillor Kay advised that he would be meeting the new police chiefs in the near future. He re-iterated that crime was at a forty year low, that we should not expect a police representation at the Community Council meetings and those officers were better off out on the streets than sitting in on a meeting.

Action: General note to all members to attend the police Community Engagement meetings whenever possible.

4.0 Secretary Report.

- 4.1 The Secretary reminded members that there was an open invitation to MUGA (Multi Use Games Area), at the Beacon Leisure Centre, 12th September.
- 4.2 A vacancy exists for anyone wishing to attend the fairer Scotland Event on 16th September in Glasgow.
- 4.3 Fife Access Forum is looking for volunteers. Cllr. Kay advised members that we should nominate someone to attend, as there were a few issues within the town, with regard to access.

Action: Anyone interested please contact the Secretary.

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5.0 Treasurers Report

5.1 See appendix 2.

6.0 Environment Report

6.1 John Bruce was absent; his report was read by the Chairman.

6.2 Dog Fouling & Litter Project. This is progressing and thanks were expressed to all who sponsored this project. It is hoped that an official launch will be held on Saturday 10th October, at the Beacon car park.

6.3 Barrier at Collinswell road. This is now in place.

6.4 Cllr George is working with Fife Council to tidy up the area around the “Half-Moon”, below Rossend Castle. This is in progress and it is hoped that some form of plaque/ information board could be put in place to inform walkers of the history attached to this area of the town.

6.5 Cllr George advised that he had been in contact with Liz Murphy of Bereavement Services, with regard to overgrown foliage at the cemetery; this is being attended to.

6.6 Christine Dewar commented on the stunning floral displays at the entrance to the Links. Members agreed and felt that a note of thanks should be sent to Scott Clelland and his team.

Action: Chairman to send letter of thanks to Scott Clelland and his team for their efforts with regard to flower beds at the Links.

7.0 Review Of Local Planning

7.1 Tim Hailey noted that the application for alterations at the Library had been received. He took this to mean that Fife Council was going ahead with moving the Local Office into the Library. There were no comments from members. He also commented that an application had been received for two flatted dwellings at 147 Kinghorn Road. He noted that the Community Council do not normally comment on one or two dwellings, but we can if we wish.

7.2 Mr. Bob Wilkie, an agent for the developer, asked if he could address the meeting. Cllr Kay addressed the Chairman, saying that as he was on the Planning Committee that was dealing with 147 Kinghorn Road, he would have to absent himself, while the matter was being discussed.

7.3 After Cllr Kay had left the hall, Mr Wilkie reminded members of the history behind his application. Cllr. Leslie advised the meeting that the current application was completely separate from that of 4 years ago. The Chairman advised that the meeting would note the comments from the developer’s agent.

8.0 Burgh Buzz

8.1 Paul Briscoe stood in for Bill Kirkhope. He advised anyone submitting articles for the October issue, to get them in now as the October issue is distributed early so that information with regard to Remembrance Sunday can be included.

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9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 Mossmorran Flaring:

Cllr Leslie advised that she had met with representatives of Exxon Mobil, with regard to the extensive period of flaring over the summer months. This was due to technical problems resulting in the safety systems shutting the plant down. The plant had operated for a long period with little or no flaring. SEPA had been informed in all instances.

Alex MacDonald commented that flaring has little impact on air quality, and that air quality is always closely monitored.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Review of Signage. It was remarked that a visitor to the town had had difficulty in finding their way to the train station. Cllr Kay advised members that money had been allocated to deal with new signage and that this was in the hands of Ian Archibald.

10.2 Mr. John Wood from Links Place presented to members the difficulty he and his neighbours are having with vibration to their properties, caused by heavy Lorries. He also commented on the difficulties he and his neighbours have in parking in the area.

Cllr Leslie advised that resurfacing work is due to commence in Links Place within the next two months. This should help in evening out the road and reducing vibration. As far as parking was concerned she admitted that it was difficult situation. Normal parking violations are dealt with by Fife Council; however, if vehicles are causing obstruction, this can still be dealt with by the police.

Cllr. Kay advised Mr. Wood that he was aware of problems with buildings in Links Place and he had been in contact with Building Control.

Cllr George advised that the vibration was caused by the connection between lorries and their trailers hitting the road.

10.3 Half Moon/ Sailors Walk. (See also 6.4).

Cllr. George advised that after being approached by residents with regard to the state of the area, he had arranged for work to be done. The Payback Team had been working on this area and had made considerable progress. It is hoped that fences and walls will be attended to and that eventually work will progress round to the Shipyard Stairs and the Monks Walk.

Gordon Langlands asked if any progress had been made with regard to the purchase of land in the area by Hurd Rolland. Cllr George said that he was unaware of anything, but that he would find out from the District Valuer.

Actions-

Secretary to contact Ian Archibald for an update on signage.

Cllr George to enquire with regard to purchase of land at Rossend from the District Valuer.

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11.0 Ongoing Business

- 11.1 Request for a representative from Police Scotland to attend BCC meetings: Alex MacDonald advised that he had emailed the relevant person, but did not hold out much hope of a positive reply.
- 11.2 Pro-forma Invoice for Pick n mix boxes. This is completed.
A congratulatory note had been sent to Mrs Henderson of The Jubilee. It was pointed out that Mrs Douglas of The Star has received a Bronze award and FAB had been awarded a Silver Gilt Award for the town. It was agreed that both should receive recognition.
- 11.3 Fife Cultural Trust, Libraries. Alex MacDonald advised that he had looked at the online consultation form, but felt that this was aimed at individuals rather than organizations. He therefore, had sent an email to the Chief Executive of Fife Cultural Trust, outlining the views expressed by members at the last meeting with regard to the local Library. He awaits a reply. Cllr. Kay felt that people were not being given the proper information and did not really know what they were being consulted on.
- 11.4 Town Clock Chimes.
Cllr. Leslie advised that this is ongoing to the next area meeting.
- 11.5 Toll Park pitches: Carried forward to the next area meeting
Actions-:
The Chairman to send congratulatory notes to Mrs Douglas and FAB.
Fife Cllrs to report on Town Clock Chimes and Toll Park pitches.

12.0 Awaiting Update

- 12.1 Rossend Neighbourhood Action Plan:
Ben Barron reported that the community barbecue was well attended, with more than 50 people there at any one time.
Christine Dewar felt that this was not well advertised.
Cllr Leslie pointed out that the Community Action Plan was for the Castle Area alone, and not for the whole community of Burntisland. The Action Plan is continuing and Ben Barron will keep members up to date.
- 12.2 East/West Links Play Area:
Gordon Langlands advised that a meeting of the working group will take place next week. He felt that the whole thing had got off to a false start with the initial funding application for the East Play Park being refused; the whole project is now up in the air. He also felt that the project had changed from the initial idea of restoring the West Play Park and thought that it was time to take a step back and look at the project afresh. Hopefully a bit more clarity will come from the next meeting. All BCC members are encouraged to attend this meeting.
- 12.3 Burntisland Futures.:
Alex MacDonald reported that the Community Consultation had gone well and that a lot of information had been gathered for STAR to analyse. A lot will depend on the response we get from the Community Event on the 26th Sept. Themes will be developed from the

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questionnaires and these will be put to the public for their comment. So far response has been encouraging. How we proceed will depend upon the response on the 26th.

12.4 Badge/ Medal:

Alex MacDonald produced a facsimile of a proposed badge with costings, which was handed round. It was thought that the proposed design was perhaps too large and when worn, would be too heavy. It was decided to carry this item on and to look at other design possibilities.

12.5 Kirkton Cemetery:

George McLauchlan advised on the progress of funding. He informed members that the project was still short of reaching the total amount required, but was hopeful that other applications in the pipeline would fill the shortfall. A meeting had taken place with Heritage Lottery Fund to advise the group on their obligations on receipt of funding. It was still hoped that work could commence before the end of the year.

Action- Appropriate Community Councillors to report back on the following- Rossend Neighbourhood Action, Links Play Areas, Burntisland Futures, Suitable Badge, Kirkton Church / Cemetery.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting

Friday 9th October 2015, Burgh Chambers 7.00pm.

George McLauchlan, Minutes Secretary, 13th September 2015.

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Appendix 1

Police Report – Community Council Meeting 11/09/2015

CRIMES

45 reported in the last month.

24 have been detected

19 are undetected with 5 of them having positive lines of enquiry (Named suspects)

2 No Crimed

There has been youth disorder in the Cromwell Road area and surrounding streets, and a sneak in theft at Inchgarvie Avenue. CID are investigating this and appear to have a positive line of enquiry.

In relation to the youth Disorder, I have spoken to some of the youths involved and it would appear they have listened to me.

TRENDS/ISSUES

There has been a significant increase in crime in the last month, This I believe is partly to do with myself being single crewed and not meant to be patrolling the streets on my own and being on leave for 3 weeks, and by all accounts no visible police presence coming from Kirkcaldy due to staffing numbers.

There have been incidents reported that person or persons have been within the rear gardens of properties, could I please ask that you make sure properties are locked and secure at all times,

We have had reports of motorcycles up the Seamill park area. Operation Fireblade is being implemented by community police officers whereby the motorcycles are being seized when traced.

As of Monday 21st September 15 (hopefully) I will be getting a new partner Brian Weir, Brian is an acting Sergeant with a lot of experience. I can only apologise for not attending, but should be days off, but cited for court today

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Appendix 2

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Treasurer's Report			
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Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/15	£824.07		
BCC Accounts to 11/09/15 (See Notes)	£10,900.00	£5,645.64	£6,078.43
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burntisland Community Futures	£10,900.00	£5,476.25	£5,423.75
Burntisland Community Futures balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£0.00		
Total Burntisland Community Futures Balance @ 11/09/15			£5,423.75
Exiles Reception	£0.00	£136.00	-£136.00
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£17.67		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 11/09/15			-£118.33
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£330.20		£330.20
War Memorial Project	£46,390.66	£47,960.64	-£1,569.98
War Memorial balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£1,500.00		
Total War Memorial Balance @ 11/09/15			-£69.98
Total held on Account for Projects			£5,942.26
Total held on Account			£5,942.26
Balance available to Community Council @ 11/09/15 (See Notes)			£136.17