



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council
Draft Minutes.

Friday 11th November 2016
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present:

Christine Dewar, George McLauchlan, Lesley Backhouse, Ben Barron, John Bruce, Lesley Anne Cronin, Alex MacDonald, Bruce Stuart.

Attending:

Cllr. George. Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz) 3 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman reminded members that there would be a closed meeting at the end of the formal session.
- 1.2 The Chairman announced the resignation of the Treasurer for health reasons.
- 1.3 Apologies of absence were received from Gordon Langlands, Tim Hailey, Morag Douglas, Cllr. Leslie, Cllr. Kay.

2.0 Minutes from previous meeting (14th October 2016)

The Minutes were proposed by Christine Dewar and seconded by John Bruce.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 See Appendix 1
- 3.2 The Chairman reminded members that the next Community Engagement meeting will be on 17th November at 9.30am in Burntisland Primary School.

4.0 Secretary's Report.

The Secretary was not in attendance but has indicated that OSCR application was in abeyance until the election of a Treasurer and Vice Chair.

5.0 Treasurer's Report.

As there is no current treasurer any outstanding business will be dealt with on the election of a replacement.

6.0 Environment Report (John Bruce)

- 6.1 *Community Emergency Plan.* It was unanimously agreed that John Bruce should take over the position of Emergency Co-ordinator, this was proposed by Bruce Stuart and seconded by Christine Dewar. John Indicated that he will inform the volunteers and arrange an introductory meeting to discuss the reasons for an Emergency Plan and to seek more volunteers.
- 6.2 *Dog Fouling.* A meeting has taken place with representatives of the Community Council and Fife Council Safer Communities Officer. Various options were discussed on how to deter irresponsible dog owners. John Bruce identified a Dog Fouling and Litter campaign being run in Dunfermline and hoped that something similar could be piloted in Burntisland. John stressed that it was essential that members of the public reported irresponsible dog owners to the Safer Communities Team. John

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Bruce is inviting a representative of Safer Communities to attend the December meeting. Ben Barron indicated that he had been in touch with the Community Council in Newton St. Boswell where a campaign has been under way, he awaits details.

- 6.3 Bonfire Night.** John asked that the Community Council extend their appreciation to the Events Committee, for the hard work and dedication shown in providing another spectacular evening.
- 6.4 Kinghorn Road.** Cllr. George has spoken with Maggie Beard from Fife Council with regard to pavement closure at the Right of Way on Kinghorn Road. It was agreed that the developer had all the necessary permissions, but that strict guidelines apply and that the Council will be monitoring the situation closely.

Action-John Bruce to invite Safer Community Officer to next meeting. Ben Barron to report back on Newton St Boswell initiative.

7.0 Review of Local Planning Applications. (Tim Hailey)

With the absence of Tim there were no reports of items of concern.

8.0 Burgh Buzz (Bill Kirkhope)

- 8.1 Bill said that the next issue would be out at the beginning of February and that the deadline for copy was the end of January.
- 8.2 John Bruce asked Bill if he could perhaps run an article on the Pipe Band who are in need of recruits. Bill said that he would contact someone with regard to this before publication.

Action-Bill Kirkhope to contact Pipe Band with regard to membership drive for next Burgh Buzz.

9.0 New Business Items

- 9.1 Superfast Broadband.** In a communication from Michael Booth (Burgh Buzz) after some searching he has found that the majority of boxes in the town had now been switched over to Superfast. Michael identified one box covering the Binn Estate which had not been converted. Michael thought that it would be worth putting a post on Facebook to highlight this.
- 9.2 Burgh Chambers Complex.** George McLauchlan attended this meeting along with John Bruce on behalf of the Community Council. George indicated that representatives of both proposed Development Trusts and the Heritage Trust were represented. The meeting was chaired by Andrew Stokes, Programme Manager with Fife Council. Andrew explained that the initial plans for a full upgrade of the Library building had been put on hold. The initial monies allocated had largely been deployed elsewhere. The proposal is now for a full re-decoration of the lower library and the stairwell. Some minor repairs to the buildings fabric will be carried out. No alterations or work will be done to the upper floor. The initial estimate for work was £350k, the current proposal will cost £80k. It is hoped that this work will be completed by the end of February. Andrew Stokes was asked about the heating system and if any plans were being made to

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replace it. Ian Wallace an architect with Fife Council said that he had the report on the heating system and this indicated that it was in a good state of repair and had a reasonable lifespan. Andrew Stokes said that there were no plans to cut off the heating to the Burgh Chambers complex and that the present arrangement would continue. Mr. Stokes hoped that he could keep in contact with the present group and that if there was anything anyone would like to discuss with regard to the Burgh Chambers Complex or the Library building he would be the first point of contact.

- 9.3 Energy Masterplan/ Sustainable Travel Hub.** (Ben Barron) Ben advised members that the Pop-up Shop in the High Street had received some positive feedback and that further consultations were underway including an 'Energy Event' to be held at the Primary School on the 17th Nov. Christine Dewar said that responses that she had heard were not positive and thought that the money could be better spent. Ben replied that both projects covered seven of the priorities identified in the Local Plan. That although these priorities had already been identified the present group still had to justify them. Alex MacDonald said that this was a new and innovative scheme and we should await the outcome. John Russell from the public benches was unhappy with the proposal for a free bus as we already had a town bus service. Ben suggested that the bus would be used for specific purposes and not as a general service. Cllr. George said that they should tread carefully with regard to a free bus service. John Russell asked if rent was being paid to the Common Good for the use of the premises for the Energy Shop. The Chairman said that he would ask our Fife Councillors to check on this.
- 9.4 BCC Membership Applications.** The Chairman indicated that he had not received any further applications and asked for this to be carried forward.
- 9.5 Community Award Nominations.** The winner of this year's nominations will be decided at the December meeting. Alex MacDonald will contact the FFP to appeal for nominations.
- 9.6 Exon/Mobil Panto.** Christine Dewar indicated that she had 75 tickets for this event on 7th December in Lochgelly. Two buses will be available. Christine asked for help on the day and Lesley-Anne Cronin and Lesley Backhouse offered their services.
- 9.7 Scots Verse.** Alex MacDonald said that judging for this will take place at the primary school on Wednesday 16th December and presentations will be held on Friday 25th Nov. at 7.00pm in the Burgh Chambers.

Action- The Secretary to post on Facebook and website regarding Superfast Broadband. Ben to report on progress of Energy Masterplan. Chairman to monitor BCC membership applications. All members to gather nominations for Community Award. Members reminded about Scots Verse evening 25th Nov.

10.0 Ongoing Business

- 10.1 Parking Problems.** Due to the absence of councillor Kay, this item is carried forward.
- 10.2 MUGA.** Due to the absence of councillor Kay, this item is carried forward.

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- 10.3** *Town Bus Route.* Lesley Backhouse explained that after consultation with residents in the Colinswell Estate it was decided not to proceed with proposed changes. This was due to opposition from residents and the unsuitability of the access roads.
- 10.4** *Pharmacy Application.* Alex MacDonald told members that he had received the minutes and detailed deliberations from the meeting. Only two members of the committee actually voted, the applicant is appealing, which the Community Council will support when this goes to adjudication. Copies of the deliberations are available on request.
- 10.5** *East Links Play Area.* It was indicated that work had commenced on this project.
- 10.6** *West Links Play Area.* Community fund raising is and we have £2248 of the require £3500 so far. This project is out to tender.
- 10.7** *Kirkton Cemetery.* George McLauchlan advised members that work on the building fabric will not commence until the spring. The yew trees have been trimmed back and are looking a lot better. Members of the steering group are meeting on a regular basis planning for completion next year.
- 10.8** *Remembrance Day.* George McLauchlan advised members that planning for the event was complete and it was hoped to have a good turnout, members of the Community Council were urged to attend. Help was needed with the reception afterwards. Lesley Backhouse offered to assist.

Action- Cllr. Kay to report on meeting with regard to parking problems and to repair and alternative (tennis) use of MUGA. Morag to report on progress of Links Play areas. George to report on Kirkton Cemetery progress and also to write letters of thanks to Scouts and to ladies at Parish Church.

11.0 Closed Session.

The session was held to elect a Vice Chairman and a Treasurer. 8 members present. The only applicant for Vice Chairman was Bruce Stuart. The Chairman asked if he was willing to take the position, he indicated that he was. Ben Barron proposed Bruce for the position this was seconded by Lesley Backhouse. The Chairman asked for nominations for Treasurer. George McLauchlan indicated that he was willing to do the job if someone would offer to do the minutes. Lesley Backhouse said that she was willing to do this for the next few meetings but did not wish to do it permanently. John Bruce proposed George for the job, this was seconded by Christine Dewar. The Chairman closed the meeting.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: 9th December 2016 in Burgh Chambers at 7.00pm.

George McLauchlan, Minutes Secretary, Tuesday 15th November 2016

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October 2016		October 2015	
Number of Crimes	Number of Detections	Number of Crimes	Number of Detections
34	15	46	34
Includes: 15 Dishonesty 7 Assaults 4 Anti-social Offences 5 Vandalisms 2 Road Traffic Act 1 Sexual Offences 5 Named suspects still to be traced.		Includes: 15 Vandalisms 9 Assaults 6 Dishonesty 5 Bail Offences 4 Anti-social Offences 3 Sexual Offences 2 Drugs offence 1 Road Traffic Act 1 Communications Act	

Appendix 1:

Analysis:

- Overall reduction in crime of 26%.
- Substantial reduction in vandalism likely due to a reduction in youth offending. In 2015 7 crimes of vandalism (47%) related to youth offending, compared with none in 2016.
- Noted increase in dishonesty crimes, which have been attributed to a substantial increase in theft by shoplifting accounting for 9 of the dishonesty crimes in 2016. Only 3 of these have been detected to date, identification being problematic as relying on CCTV.
- 3 crimes have been closed as undetected; no further lines of enquiry, 16 remain live enquiries with 5 named suspects outstanding.