



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 12th May 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Final Approved Minutes.

Present:

Christine Dewar, George McLauchlan, Bruce Stuart, Carol-Anne Crossan,
Alex MacDonald, Tim Hailey. Andy Smith, John Bruce.

Attending:

Cllr, Langlands, Cllr Backhouse, Bill Kirkhope. (Burgh Buzz),
5 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed everyone and advised that there would be a closed meeting at the end of the session.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed the newly elected Fife councillors.
- 1.3 Apologies for absence were received from Lesley-Anne Cronan, Cllr. Kathleen Leslie.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (14th April 2017)

- 2.1 The Minutes were proposed by Christine Dewar and seconded by Tim Hailey.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 See appendix 1
- 3.2 John Bruce advised members that he had spoken to Ross Masterton and a representative of Safer Communities and been assured that they were tackling the anti-social behaviour within the town. This was confirmed by Carol-Anne Crossan who had been contacted by officers with regard to response times to 999 calls. The Community Officers were now back to full strength.
- 3.3 Cllr. Langlands felt that there was still a problem with members of the public being able to contact local officers.
- 3.4 Andy Smith wondered if any progress had been made in arranging a visit to the Billston Glen call centre. The Chairman advised that he would bring up all outstanding matters when he is contacted by the Chief Superintendent.

Action- Alex MacDonald to raise the issue of Billston Glen visit and of easier method of contacting Community Officers.

4.0 Secretaries Report

- 4.1 In the absence of a Secretary, the Chairman delivered the report advising members that the application for charitable status had been withdrawn and the Fife council advised of the conflict between being a member of the Community Council and that of a Trustee of a charity.
- 4.2 The order for name badges was still in abeyance until membership settles. Christine Dewar thought that we should try and get them for the Exiles Reception.
- 4.3 A letter from The Post Office was read out advising of the current situation regarding a post office in the town. No firm decision has as yet been taken.

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Action-Cllr. Langland to keep update on Post Office. Alex MacDonald to follow up on name badges.

5.0 Treasurer's Report

- 5.1 The Treasurer advised members that as the books were being audited there would be no Treasurer's Report.
- 5.2 This year's grant application had been received and would be submitted once the end of year report had been received.
- 5.3 The Treasurer asked members if they wished him to apply to the Common Good Fund for a grant toward the annual cost of the events held by the Community Council. All members were in agreement that the application should go ahead. One member of the public objected.

Action- George to apply for annual grant and to apply to Common Good Fund.

6.0 Environment Report (John Bruce)

- 6.1 Just Bin It Campaign. At the request of the Community Council, this campaign commenced on the 1st May. It is hoped that it will encourage responsible disposal of litter and dog mess. Bob Smith from the public benches wondered how the campaign's success would be monitored; Cllr. Langlands advised that a 'before and after' survey would be carried out and the findings made available. Cllr. Backhouse said that it was vital that members of the public used the hotline (03451 550022), to alert Safer communities officers of illicit rubbish tipping or dog fouling.
- 6.2 Public Toilets. Concern has been expressed from members of the public with regard to the opening of the toilets at both the East end of the Links and the West end. Cllr. Langlands advised members that both toilets were the responsibility of different council departments. All members felt that public toilets in other areas of Scotland were run to a higher standard. It was vital that toilet facilities were available, especially during the summer months. Members also felt that it was important that signs advising of opening times were made available. Cllr. Langlands said that he would follow this up.
- 6.3 Beach Clean. John advised members that Lloyd's Bank volunteers and members of the Community Council had been out on the 10th May picking litter from the Beach, Lammerlaws and Dock area. 17 bags had been filled and he wished to thank everyone who took part.
- 6.4 Kirkton Road. Members attention was drawn to the poor surface of Kirkton road, a main entry into the town. Cllr Backhouse advised members that this has been scheduled in for repair.
- 6.5 Paths For All. John advised members that grants may be available to assist with the upkeep of local paths. It was agreed that John discuss this with Cllr. Langlands and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust. As applications must be in by 12th May and John should go ahead and see if our application would be acceptable.

Action- John Bruce to report back on the success of the Just Bin It campaign and also the application to Paths for All funding. Cllr. Langlands to pursue the issue of public toilets opening hours.

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7.0 Planning Applications (Tim Hailey)

- 7.1 Tim pointed out that temporary road closures were happening around the Ferguson Place area; he felt that they were not sufficiently advertised. Cllr. Backhouse offered to look into this.

Action- Cllr. Backhouse to ensure that temporary road closures are properly advertised.

8.0 Burgh Buzz (Bill Kirkhope)

- 8.1 Bill advised that the next issue is due at the beginning of August and that he would like to do a feature on each of the new councillors. This would not be a political statement but simply a short biography from each of those elected.

- 8.2 John Bruce asked that Bill try to include an update on the current 'Just Bin It' campaign.

Action- Local Councillors to provide Bill Kirkhope with a short bio. for publication in Burgh Buzz. Contact Bill direct.

9.0 Other Business

- 9.1 Cllr. Backhouse drew member's attention to road closures occurring around the James Park area between 16th-23rd May. A street parade from the station on the 18th June and also Fife Voluntary Action offering a money advice shop on the 25th May.

- 9.2 John Russell from the public benches wondered why there was such erratic attendance by Community Councillors at recent meetings. The Chairman advised Mr. Russell that membership had been in flux recently but he hoped things were beginning to settle down. An invitation was extended to those on the public benches to fill the vacancies but this was not taken up.

- 9.3 Piper Crescent Playpark. A member of the public drew attention to the poor condition of the equipment in this play area; she advised members that this park was becoming increasingly popular. Cllr. Langlands said that he would pursue this issue.

- 9.4 Dave Murdoch from the public benches asked why commercial waste on the High Street was not being collected on the due dates and is often left at the side of the road overnight. Cllr. Backhouse said that she would follow this up.

Action- Cllr. Langlands to follow up on equipment at play area in Piper Crescent. Cllr. Backhouse to look into commercial waste uplifts in High Street area.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Exiles Reception. George McLauchlan asked members to confirm arrangements for this year's reception on 17th July. It was agreed to extend

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the invite to previous winners of Citizen of the year and to hold a raffle on the day. George asked for donations for this year's prize.

- 10.2** Burgh Chambers. George McLauchlan proposed to members that a sub group be created to look at the possibility of sourcing funding to carry out a feasibility study for the Burgh Chambers. George said he was not proposing that the Community Council take over the project but only look at options available and sources of funding. The Chairman asked that any members interested should contact George direct.

Action- George McLauchlan to continue with arrangements for exiles reception. Members interested in joining a sub group on Burgh Chambers to contact George McLauchlan direct at george.mclauc@btinternet.com.

11.0 Awaiting Updates

11.1 Common Good Trust. Nothing further to report.

11.2 Spider Park. Cllr. Langlands advised members that work has commenced and should be completed for June.

11.3 20 mph Limit. John Bruce advised members that he has been in favour of a 20mph limit on roads around the school. The chairman advised members that an application could be made but that we had been advised that we should await the evaluation of the Kinghorn trial. Cllr. Langlands said that he would alert members when this evaluation was available.

Action- Cllr. Langlands to inform members when the evaluation of Kinghorn's 20mph is available.

12.0 Private Meeting. Attended by 8 members plus Cllr. Langlands.

12.1 It was agreed to carry forward the appointment of Secretary and Minute Secretary for three months. In the interval, Carol-Anne Crossan will attend to update of Facebook and George McLauchlan will continue taking the minutes and processing them for distribution. George will also update the website when necessary.

13.0 Date of Next Meeting: 9th June 2017

George McLauchlan (Interim Secretary)

Sunday 14th May 2017

<p>11 Royal Burgh of Burntisland</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>3 Anti-social Offences</p> <p>1 Dishonesty</p> <p>1 Vandalisms</p> <p>1 Assaults</p> <p>1 Misuse of drugs</p> <p>1 Communications Act</p> <p>1 Police Assault</p> <p>1 Wildlife crime</p> <p>2 named suspect. 3 live enquiries.</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>18 Community Council</p> <p>Includes:</p> <p>5 Anti-Social Offences</p> <p>4 Dishonesty</p> <p>2 Vandalisms</p> <p>1 Bail Offence</p> <p>1 Road Traffic Act</p> <p>1 Misuse of Drugs</p> <p>1 Communications Act</p> <p>1 Wilful Fire-raising</p>	<p>11.</p> <p>Friday, 12th May 2017 7:00 p.m. Burgh Chambers.</p>
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Analysis:

- Reduction in crime of 39%.
- Due to continued work to identify and charge those responsible for theft by shoplifting, which made up the majority of dishonesty crimes in the Burntisland area. Positive results starting to emerge and appears to be having the desired effect of deterring this behaviour. 15 shopliftings have been reported since the beginning of the year, 9 have now been detected. (60%). None reported in April 2017.
- Community Officers are aware of the recent issue with youths congregating at the Beacon Leisure Centre/Lammerlaws area once again, where alcohol is also involved. There has also been reports of damage caused to works installed in the public car park facing the sea. Your local community officers are now back to full strength after a lengthy absence due to PC Weir being injured on duty. Increased foot patrols at the weekend will be carried out when on duty to identify and robustly deal with anyone involved in anti-social behaviour.
- In response to the article in May's edition of the Burgh Buzz regarding an individual falsely collecting money for charity. I can confirm that the matter was reported police and an investigation was carried out. There was insufficient evidence to prefer any charges at the time the investigation was completed. It has been mentioned that there are a number of individuals that could provide further evidence to the police, but to date no one has come forward and contacted the police or the local community officers direct in

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order statements can be noted. It is urged that anyone with information regarding this matter to please call 101 or contact the Community Officers direct via email.

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