



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council. Draft Minutes.

Friday, 13th January 2017
7pm, Burgh Chambers.

Present Alex MacDonald (AM) Bruce Stuart (BS) Gordon Langlands (GL) George McLauchlan (GM) Christine Dewar (CD) Tim Hailey (TH) Lesley Backhouse(LB) Lesley-Ann Cronin (LAC) Carole-Anne Crossan (CAC) Ariadne Cass-Maran (ACM) Cllr George Kay and Cllr Susan Leslie and Bill Kirkhope and 5 members of the public (MoP)

1. **Apologies from Ben Barron Morag Douglas John Bruce and Cllr Peter George.**
2. **Minutes of Previous Meeting (9th December 2016).**
As Amended Proposed by CD Seconded BS.
3. **Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 10).**
Updating the community Action Plan. Cockle and Razor Clam taking from the Pettycur Bay Beach and Smell of drains at Aberdour Road and Church Road.
4. **Police Report.**
Refer to Appendix 1.
The main concern is Shoplifting which is reported under Dishonesty.
5. **Secretary:**
 - 5.1. Charity Status. Forms submitted to the Charity Registration Office.
OSCR can take up to 3 months to complete.
 - 5.2. Communications Strategy – Subgroup set up.
ACM CAC BB & GL to get together to look at how the BCC is using Social Media etc.
6. **Treasurer:**
 - 6.1. Report. See Appendix 2.
 - 6.2. RBOS Account closed £136.44 balance has been received. £500 community emergency fund is for Specific items torches High vis vests etc. which John Bruce will purchase. The Burgh Coat of Arms has been retrieved and will be displayed in the Chambers shortly
 - 6.3. Clarification of Showmen donation and Futures balance. AM spoke to the Showmen's Guild confirmed donation was to cover Exile's reception and any leftover can be used at the BCC's discretion.
7. **Environment:**
 - 7.1. Report See attached appendix but to summarise dog fouling still a concern at East End Play Park discussion of Fencing and a dog area. Fife Council weren't in favour of fencing or a dog area. Possibility of LED Lighting on the links along the Paths. discussion followed of lighting on the links MoP saying no to lights, they won't impact on the Dog fouling. Costs to light the links Circa £60,000. No funding available form Fife Council for this. Police view that lights attract people which can lead to more anti-social behaviours. Issue of Dog Fouling at the Toll Park raised again. Question as to how many prosecutions. Difficult to get prosecution if no witnesses. MoP stated more people need to phone the Environment Officers to complain about the Dog fouling. They do come out the same day to clean it up. Talk of fencing in Play areas to keep dogs out. Again, cost and open links.
At the End of the discussion AM took the mood of the meeting:
No support for Lights on the Links and No support for a fenced in Dog Loo.
 - 7.2. Joe Fitzpatrick sent in a very detailed letter regarding restricting speed limits on the A921 Burntisland to Aberdour road asks BCC to support reduction in the spend limit to 40mph over its whole length given that it has sharp corners and blind summits and is prone to flooding at the Starley Hall corner. Plus, the footpaths require pedestrians to cross at bad corners. Cllr Kay presentation of 60mph to 50mph the majority of fatal crashes are in Ward 10 area. Good argument for reduction to 50mph not 40mph. BS highlighted unintended consequences of reducing speed limits on coast road deter tourists. A discussion followed on average speed cameras and why there was no fixed speed cameras.
The Police have roving speed cameras. **See action point in 12.3.2.**



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- 7.3. FAB working with Scotrail obtained £3,500 to transform north end of train station currently overgrown turning it into a Biodiverse natural area to attract birds, bees and butterflies will involve other groups in the town and Primary School.
- 7.4. Newton St Boswell initiative. **Carried forward to next meeting. BB.**

8. Planning Applications:

- 8.1. Report. Not much detailed Can't comment on sites until plans submitted. Airport report due in February.

9. Burgh Buzz. Deadline was the 13th January issue was nearly full (Bill Kirkhope).

10. Any Other Business

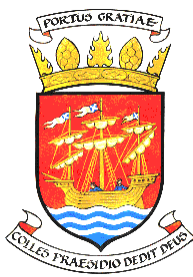
- 10.1. Updating of the Community Action Plan.
Alex Macdonald to report on progress of Plan.
- 10.2. Cockles and razor clam collection from Pettycur bay area. Cllr Leslie stated that for large scale collection of shellfish there are two pieces of conflicting law. You can collect shellfish but there is confusion over how much you can take for personal use. Shellfish are not fit for human consumption from this part of the Forth. Police are meeting with any groups coming to harvest the shellfish and turning them away. Food standards and Environment Officials are also dealing with the issue.
- 10.3. Drains in Aberdour Road. There had been an issue with the Sewage treatment plant which may have caused the issue. Scottish Water were aware and were dealing with the issue.

11. New Business Items:

- 11.1. Letter to Jubilee thanking them for their Christmas light display. **AM to action.**
- 11.2. Music on the Links. The Brass Band from Lochgelly are keen to play on the Links using the Bandstand. BCC would have to apply to Fife Council to have an event on the links. There is electricity available at the Bandstand. Members of the BCC thought this would be a good idea to follow up. GL would like to have the Brass Band for the Easter opening ceremony of the Links Play Parks. If this is a success, we may want to look at the old proposal to renovate the Bandstand either through the Community Council or one of the Trusts.
- 11.3. Proposed Electoral Boundary Change. AM has sent of letter preference is to be associated with Kirkcaldy not Cowdenbeath Should be 4 constituencies in Fife. Both Cllrs were against the proposed change in Westminster boundaries. Comments required by Spring 2017 publish of comments Sept 2017 final report early 2018.
- 11.4. Congratulations to Tom Court Butcher whose Sausage Rolls were Prize-winners. Tom Court are donating 10p on every sausage Roll sold to BCC for Charitable concerns in the town. Formal letter of Thanks from BCC. **AM to action.**
- 11.5. Dalgety Bay Pantomime Tuesday 24th January CD needs two more volunteer drivers. LB volunteered.

12. Awaiting Update:

- 12.1. Name badges for BCC members. **In hand with Ariadne.**
- 12.2. Burntisland Common Good Trust is working on a constitution and Stage 1 proposal for taking over the common good property. There are pros and cons of taking over buildings so they are having a meeting with officials from Fife Council on 20th Jan to discuss.
- 12.3. Burntisland Development Trust.
- 12.3.1. Energy Master Plan. Feedback from Energy Master Plan 1st Feb At Primary School at 5-8pm.
- 12.3.2. Sustainable Travel Hub. Cllr Kay Specifically asked Caroline and Hugh about Parking 'station they have no intentions of considering parking in their remit although they may look at disabled access. CC to Raise the 20mph zone with them.
AM to contact Aberdour Community Council regarding Speed limits on the Aberdour road as it is a long process.
- 12.4. West Links Play Area Kirkcaldy Area meeting 18 Jan to finalise last tranche of money £6-£8k. Thanks to Shell, Links Chip shop and Reflections Hairdressers we have reached our Community Fundraising target.



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- 12.5. East Links Play Area. Opened but we need a sign thanking the sponsors and a plaque.
GL to organise a meeting to plan the opening ceremony for both East and West Play Parks at Easter.
- 12.6. Kirkton Cemetery Project. Interpretation boards are being worked on explaining the building and what the old church looked like 500 years ago.

13. Date of Next Meeting: 10th February 2017. Meeting Closed 8.40pm.

Appendix 1:

December 2016		December 2015	
Number of Crimes	Number of Detections	Number of Crimes	Number of Detections
22	9	31	16
Includes:		Includes:	
6 Dishonesty		7 Vandalisms	
5 Anti-social Offences		6 Dishonesty	
5 Vandalisms		5 Anti-social Offences	
2 Assaults		4 Assaults	
1 Road Traffic Act		3 Road Traffic Act	
1 Breach of Bail		2 Misuse of drugs	
1 Misuse of drugs		2 Sexual Offences	
1 Communications Act		1 Bail Offences	
		1 Resist arrest	
4 Named suspects still to be traced.			
8 Live enquiries.			

Analysis:

- Overall reduction in crime of 29%.
- Youth offending - good news continues on this front, no crimes at present in December 2016 can be attributed to youth offending.
- Dishonesty crimes continue to be the priority for the local community officers, there was a clear spike in October and November and enquiries are continuing to identify those responsible. From enquiries carried out so far it is becoming clear that the majority of shoplifting in the area is being carried out by a small number of individuals.



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Appendix 2:

Sheet 1

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Treasurer's Report As at 12th January 2017

Opening Balance (1/12/16)	Tustees Bank		£44,769.50		£44,769.50
Income (Deposits)					
Date		Description	Amount		
14/12/16	500024	Shell UK (West Links)	£1,252.00		
20/12/16		Fife Council (Common Good)	£500.00		
22/12/16	500025	Billy White (West Links)	£100.00		
05/01/17	500026	J.Bremner (Clock Tower)	£100.00		
06/01/17	500027	Royal Bank Balance transfer	£136.44		
Total Income (Deposits)			£2,088.44		
Expenses (Cheques)					
Date	Cheq. No.	Description	Amount		
02/12/16	29	Scots Verse Buffet	£102.00		
06/12/16	30	Scots Verse Engraving	£138.24		
03/01/17		Safe Custody Royal Bank	£69.45		
Total Expenses (Cheques Written)			£309.69		
Closing Balance At (06/12/16)					£46,548.25
Monies Held For Specific Projects			Amount		
		East Links Play Area	£40,009.51		
		West Links Play Area	£3,600.46		
		Chimes/ Clock Tower	£430.20		
		Community Emergency Plan	£500.00		
		Community Futures	£684.20		
		Community Award (approx)	£550.00		
Total Held For Projects			45774.37		
Monies Due					
		Hanselled Books Donation	£100.00	£100.00	
Total Funds Available					<u>673.88</u>

George D. McLauchlan
Treasurer
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Appendix 3:

BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL
ENVIRONMENT REPORT FRIDAY 13TH JANUARY 2017

DOG FOULING LITTER CONCERNS

There are still concerns about Dog-Fouling and litter on the Links and beach areas and the number of irresponsible dog owners who allow their dogs to foul and not pick it up, one of the main areas of concern is the area round the East End Play Park where children play and at times stand on this dog mess that is just left lying, this problem needs to be addressed to avoid children and adults standing on the mess which is extremely unhealthy for all.

There are suggestions that the play area should have a small coloured fence similar to the one round the bouncy castle area with a notice stating NO DOGS ALLOWED this would brighten up the play area and make it safer for the children to play on the facilities knowing they are not going to stand on dog poo this would also be recommended and applicable to the West End Play area once it is completed.

Another suggestion to be considered is to have a dedicated area on the Links possibly at the West End fenced off for Dog Owners to allow their dogs to foul in this catchment area only, and pick it up and bin it. Fife Council would have to manage this area to ensure it is kept clean and if used sensibly this would greatly improve the look of our Links and make it much safer to walk along without the possibility of standing on DOG MESS.

Some people have stated that we should consider placing lights along the Links this would allow people to walk along this area at night feeling safer and also a possible deterrent for the irresponsible dog owners allowing their dog to mess and just leave it lying on the Links, also deter people from dropping Litter.

A full investigation into the cost of this project would have to be carried out and one that our new Burntisland Community Steering Group could examine.

What are the views of the community council regarding these suggestions and should we approach Fife Council for their comments on these matters and then we could present the outcome to the community in general.

FLORAL ACTION BURNTISLAND/RAILWAY STATION

Burntisland railway station is in line for a horticultural make over thanks to a cash grant from ScotRail Alliance Fund an award of £3,500.00 will be used to create a hub for wildlife this will involve developing a floral bed to make it habitable for insects and planting flowers which will help stimulate pollination.

The funding was provided as part of the ScotRail biodiversity Fund which is supported by environmental charity Keep Scotland Beautiful.

Floral Action Burntisland said the award will allow them to develop an area of the station to encourage wildlife including birds, bats, bees.

They aim to include members of our local community in this project and also develop educational materials to be shared with local schools and commuters using the station.

We wish FAB well in this project which will help our environment.

Good luck and thank you for your hard work within our community.

BAND STAND ON THE LINKS

This is another topic raised by our community the Band Stand at the east end of the Links it was used last year for Live On the Links where local bands played and enjoyed by everyone recently there was an approach from a brass band from Lochgelly enquiring about the possibility of playing on the Band Stand sometime in the summer this would be a great idea for people to come along and enjoy also some years ago the Civic Week Committee used the band Stand for the crowning of the summer queen and this brought out many people to watch and enjoy the ceremony. I would be great to see this happen again and take advantage to using the band stand again in the near future.

There are a few things that is required they are

ELECTRICITY POWER POINT

LARGE CANOPY TO COVER AREA (REMOVABLE)

LAMPS AT EACH END OF THE STEPS

COSTINGS

FIFE COUNCIL APPROVAL

This is a project that could be considered for the Community Council now we are a charity.