



BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 13th December 2013
7.00 P.M.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), Bob Smith (Vice-Chair), John Russell (Treasurer), Isabel Smith, (Secretary), John Bradshaw, John Bruce (part-time), Gary Cummins, Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Tim Hailey, Gordon Langlands (Joint Minutes Secretary), Hazel McGraw (Joint Minutes Secretary), Damien Purcell, Bruce Stuart, Paul Briscoe (Burgh Buzz), PS Neil Ewing, Cllr Peter George, Cllr George Kay, Cllr Susan Leslie

ATTENDING: 6 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed PS Ewing and members of the public to the meeting and informed the meeting that John Bruce was delayed. It had been a very busy month and he specifically thanked all those involved in the Scots Verse, Remembrance Service and Lochgelly Pantomine.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (8th November 2013)

There were no corrections to the minutes.

The minutes were agreed, proposed by Bob Smith and seconded by John Bradshaw.

3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8): Two new items 8.1, 9.3 and 9.4.

4. Police Report – PS Neil Ewing.

Neil introduced himself as having 12 years service and having started in Burntisland 3 weeks ago.

There were 24 crimes reported in Burntisland/Kinghorn/Auchtertool with 16 detected.

Of the 8 undetected there are leads on 3.

There was to be a change of the shift pattern on 9th January to give 5 police out at any one time.

Locally the priority is to tackle anti social behaviour in the High Street and Castle areas.

Parking in the High Street remains a problem and he is liaising with Fife Council in an attempt to get their traffic wardens to come through more often.

There are drug warrants being actioned for 2, local properties. Discussions are to be held with the proprietor of one particular pub about the number of people congregating outside its entrance.

The intention is to provide pro-active rather than re-active policing and in future there may be drop-in clinics at the Beacon.

Comments:

Garry Cummins asked PS Ewing if he was aware of the incidence in the High Street of a member of the public being pushed from his bicycle. PS Ewing said that this had not been reported to the police.

Action: Burntisland Community Council urges the public to report all crimes to the police.

5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

5.1. All mail was up to date and there was nothing to report from the Secretary.

5.2. The Treasurer indicated that the second instalment of money for the furniture was now in and there was a total balance of £9,779.51.

With £7,720 set aside for renovation of Burgh Chamber furniture and some other smaller items this leaves £1,672 available.



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6. Environment.

6.1. Environmental Issues by John Bruce.

a) Haugh Road.

Cllr Leslie commented that resurfacing is on the pavement program for 2014/2015.

Cllr Peter George said that the bad holes have been identified and will be patched.

b) Cemetery.

Cllr George Kay said he had visited Auchtertool, Kirkton, Burntisland and Kinghorn.

Burntisland is vastly improved but work won't be finished till early next year.

A meeting was held in Heritage Centre regarding the Kirkton cemetery.

Now that vegetation has been cut back they have identified the work required.

Funding has been identified by Bereavement Services and the Scottish Government.

c) Beach signs.

Cllr Kay commented that the current signs are only advisory.

Cllr George stated that more signs are underway. It is to be hoped the signs will deter people from walking their dogs on the beach in the summer months.

Bob Smith commented that the amount of dog dirt is worse than ever.

In his opinion the fine should be increased to £500 and people need to report this offence.

Cllr Kay commented that the dog wardens have been out but nobody has been caught.

d) FAB is looking for a location for an orchard.

They have met with Fife Council.

6.2. Cllr George Kay:

There was a meeting with Scott Clelland of Fife Council about the Links.

There is a small amount of money available (£10,000) to improve the edges on the Links using concrete "honeycomb". One of his constituents suggests this every year.

Tim Hailey commented that the "honeycomb" may be broken by large lorries.

6.3. A Summary of issues and updates are included in Appendix 1.

7. Burgh Buzz – Paul Briscoe.

The feedback on the last edition was good.

The next issue will be a special 50th.

It is planned to have a full colour edition including historical items.

The Buzz is looking for contributions so this is a good opportunity to put forward any local issues.

The deadline is the 14th January. There are now 30 helpers who do the distribution.

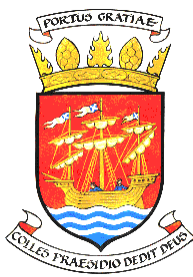
8. Any Other Business.

8.1. Young Community Hall.

Christine Dewar attended the AGM and commented that the existing Management Committee have resigned following issues with the capacity of the hall and have been replaced by a new committee made up of current hall users.

The Chairman is Karen Spiers, Treasurer – Andy Thomson, Secretary – Craig Jones.

Cllr Kay remains as the Fife Council representative.



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9. New Business Items

9.1. Consultation Public Access West of Burntisland. – Alison Irvine, Senior Access Officer.

The track in question goes from Bendameer past Newbigging westwards.

They are trying to gather as much information as possible on its use and history.

It is recorded as a public right of way.

To be a public right of way a path must join 2 public places, follow a defined route, must have been used openly and peacefully for 20 years and must be used frequently by the public.

This route has been in dispute for the last 10 years. The owner says it is not a public right of way.

Fife Council currently don't have enough information and are looking for more information from the public and owner to determine if it is indeed a public right of way.

A consultation has been set up and forms are available. Currently this is A3 but an A4 will be available soon. The timescale was 1 month starting at the end of November and ending 10th

December. 40-50 people attended the meeting held in the Burgh Chambers.

However people can still write in or complete the on-line form.

Comments:

Cllr Kay said that the Area Committee will decide whether to progress this as a public right of way.

John Bradshaw asked if you needed to have used this path to fill in the form and Alison confirmed him that this was the case and that usage could go back as long as you like.

9.2. Community Council Vacancy.

Garry Cummins has unfortunately resigned due to his new position at work limiting his free time.

Options on filling vacancy:

- 1) Wait till the next elections in October 2014.
- 2) Advertise vacancy for February replacement.
- 3) Offer vacancy to last unsuccessful applicant.

Cllr Leslie indicated that the election may be delayed due to the pending referendum.

The consensus was to advertise in the Buzz and Fife Free Press.

Action: Alex MacDonald to arrange to advertise vacancy.

9.3. Common Good Fund Application.

There was an application from FAB for £600 out of a total of £4100.

The rest of the money will come from proceeds of a raffle, sponsorship and the Locality budget.

This was a hardcopy only, there was no email.

The application is to improve the appearance of the Beach Car Park and High Street roundabout.

FAB has their own balance of £800. The Common Good has a balance of £600 for the current year.

Bob Smith proposed support for this application and Garry Cummins seconded the motion.

Action: Alex MacDonald to write supporting this application.

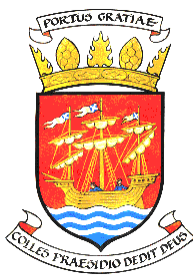
9.4. Mossmorran Liason Committee.

Exxon: Their Community Matters newsletter was distributed.

They sponsored the recent Lochgelly Panto where 65 Burntisland residents attended and the Dalgety Bay Panto on the 21st January.

There was a major incident false alarm when a reversing fork lift truck triggered the alarm.

Shell: Contributed a total of £700 to Burntisland organisations Shipyard FC, Buzz, Toll Centre, Playgroup etc.



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10. Ongoing Business Items

10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications.

- a) Renewal of planning permission for piece of ground at last house on right on way out to Kinghorn on railway side.
- b) Single extension on Kirkton Road.
- c) Re-roof and windows in Somerville Street.
- d) New BT cabinets at various locations around the town.

10.2. Community Emergency Planning.

Other communities have started the process.
A volunteer action card has been produced.
The plan will be put in folders at all the buildings concerned.
Need final draft for 17th December for publicity purposes.

Comments:

Garry Cummins asked if there would be a second contact person for the mobiles.
Hazel McGraw had some drafting issues.

Action: John Bradshaw to resolve the drafting issues and publish the plan.

10.3. Fife Council Open Event at St. Bryce Church.

Letter with constructive suggestions sent to Fife Council (See BCC web site).
As yet there has been no acknowledgement.

11. Awaiting Update

11.1. Burgh Chamber Clock Tower Repair / Common Good Fund Property Review Report.

No update on either issue.

Cllr Leslie indicated that the BCC may want to comment on the Community Empowerment Bill.

Action: Alex MacDonald to check if we have anything on this.

11.2. Burgh Chambers Furniture.

All monies are now in.

The contractor has suffered fire damage at his premises but is in the process of getting alternative premises. Work on the furniture will start in January with 2 tables being renovated at a time.

11.3. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub.

The all weather pitch is fully funded. Work to start in April.

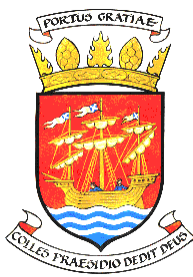
BSY youths, Burntisland United and Aussies rules team have all shown interest.

Fees have been agreed. It will be run by the Beacon Centre.

It should be used October to April, Mon – Frid 10-10, Weekends by arrangement.

MUGA funding on-going.

There was £2-3k left from Burntisland Development Trust which is now with Fife Environment Trust plus £20k from the cancelled Kinghorn Viewpoint project, both of which may be available.



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11.4. Strategic Projects Group: War Memorial / Haugh Road.

Funding in place and contract awarded.

Hurd Rolland retained as architect. Jim Mackenzie (Abacus) is quantity surveyor.

At first meeting it was determined that the materials need to be approved by Fife Council planning. Cllr Kay has got permission for the builders cabin needs to be sited at the trees.

Thanks to John Russell for moving the wreaths to the garden opposite.

Cllr George has talked with Fife Council Environment department about cutting back the trees.

Work should start in January.

John Bruce is pursuing the idea of having youth organisations read out the names of the WW1 fallen at the next remembrance which is the 100th anniversary of start of WW1.

11.5. Gas Fracking in Fife meeting.

Next meeting is January.

11.6. Proposed Community Action Plan.

James McIntosh has approached the Chairman offering his services.

John Russell, Hazel McGraw and Alex have met with him.

There will be a follow up discussion with the steering group on 16th December at 7 pm in the Heritage Centre.

12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 10th January 2014 at 7 p.m. Venue: Burgh Chambers.

13. Private Session.

Secretary and Treasurer Honorarium:

This was agreed as £230 and £130 respectively.

Community Award:

There were 5 excellent candidates, 4 of which will hopefully be considered again next year.

