



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 14th April 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

Present:

Christine Dewar, George McLauchlan, Bruce Stuart, Leslie-Anne Cronin, ,
Alex MacDonald, Tim Hailey. Carole -Anne Crossan

Attending:

Cllr, Lesley 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 everyone and advised that there would be a closed meeting at the end of the session.

1.2 Apologies for absence were received from John Bruce, Gordon Langlands, Leslie Backhouse, Bill Kirkhope.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (10th March 2017)

2.1 The Minutes were proposed by Leslie-Anne Cronan and seconded by Tim Hailey.

3.0 Police Report

3.1 See appendix 1

3.2 Community Councillors were advised that Police Scotland would pay for the Hi-Viz vests required for speed monitoring.

3.3 General disquiet was expressed with regard to youth disorder within the town, especially the High-Street area. Alex MacDonald advised that he had been in contact with the Chief Superintendent with regard to policing within the town and that he would pass on concern. Cllr George felt that it was time for stronger action. Cllr Leslie said that she would take this up with the appropriate people.

*Action- Alex MacDonald to communicate with Chief Superintendent with regard to youth disorder and also to look into possibility of visit to Bilston Glen call centre.
Cllr Leslie to speak to Jimmy Adamson re same.*

4.0 Secretaries Report

4.1 Charity Status

The secretary advised that pursuit of charity status should be put on hold until membership becomes more stable. George McLauchlan felt that members should continue to look at what the Community Council were trying to achieve and how this could be done. Bruce Stuart felt that it should be pointed out to prospective members that they would be required to become a member of the charity if they were elected. Alex MacDonald said that he would take up the legal implications with Fife Council and that meanwhile the issue will be kept on the agenda.

4.2 Name Badges

The badges will be put on hold until membership is more settled.

4.3 Letter from Licensing Board

No objections were heard with regard to the license proposal.

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5.0 Treasurers Report

5.1 See Appendix 2

6.0 Environment Report.

6.1 In the absence of John Bruce, Alex Macdonald read out John's report: The Toll Burn has been cleaned and tidied and repairs to the fence are ongoing. There will be a beach clean on Wednesday 10th May, this will be carried out by Lloyds banking team with the full support of the Community Council. A litter and dog mess campaign will begin on 24th April, by the Safer Communities team with the full support of the Community Council. Fife Council have been advised with regard to the poor condition of Kirkton Road. It has been arranged that the lane between Lonsdale Crescent and Broomhill avenue will be tidied up and the fence repaired.

6.2 Cllr. George advised that he had been in contact with the Roads department with regard to the traffic lights on Kirkton Road/ Aberdour Road. It was felt that these lights are poorly positioned and that some form of signage is required to inform drivers of their presence. It has been agreed that two signs will be placed between the junction of Kirkton Road and Broomhill Avenue and Aberdour Road. Tim Hailey pointed out that the lights were on the wrong side of the road and required moving.

6.3 Cllr. George advised that work was on-going to provide a pitch at the Sea Mill for young children, this will be in addition to the full pitch being provided there.

Action- Cllr. George to follow up on fence at Kirkton Burn and traffic lights at Kirkton Road.

7.0 Planning

7.1 Tim Hailey advised that there was nothing of concern.

8.0 Burgh Buzz

8.1 In the absence of Bill Kirkhope, Paul Briskoe advised members that May's edition is being finalized and last minute changes can be accepted up to Monday 17th April.

9.0 Other Business

9.1 The Chairman welcomed Andy Smith as a prospective member and asked if he would care to give a short resume' to the meeting. Andy said that he was a local man recently retired, his knowledge was in road traffic and health and safety. He would like to contribute to the local community. It was agreed unanimously to accept Andy's application and the Chairman welcomed him.

Action- Chairman to get appropriate paperwork for new member Andy Smith.

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- 9.2 Cllr Leslie suggested that as Cllr Kay would not be seeking re-election in May it would be appropriate for the Community Council to acknowledge his contributions over the years.

Action - Chairman to follow through with an appropriate form of words.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1 Library Refurbishment. Cllr Lesley advised members that the library will reopen on Tuesday 25th April. The Local Office will be located on the ground floor.

11.0 Awaiting Update

- 11.1 Burntisland Common Good Trust. Bruce Stuart advised that there was nothing further to report.

- 11.2 Spider Park. The Chairman advised members that a further £1000. Was received from Exxon at Moss Moran towards refurbishment. Cllr. Leslie said that we should keep the council advised with regard to additional funds.

- 11.3 20mph Speed limit. Cllr. Leslie thought that before proceeding with what can be a fairly lengthy process the Community Council should look at Kinghorn's experience. An evaluation is due and Cllr Leslie will advise members when this is available. Tim Hailey thought that a blanket 20mph was not necessary but that perhaps in the region of Cromwell Road where there are traffic problems.

- 11.4 George McLauchlan presented a request from Burntisland Heritage Trust for assistance with the preservation of Andrew Young paintings gifted to the Trust. A selection of the paintings was on view in the Magistrates Room. It was decided to continue the request until more detailed costs were received.

- 11.5 George McLauchlan advised members that work was proceeding with the Kirkton Church project and that building repairs and pathways were on target to be completed by the end of June with a re-dedication sometime in September.

- 11.6 **Closed Meeting.** An application for assistance with a "World Challenge" project was received. It was generally accepted that although members were fully supportive of the challenge, it was felt that contributions should be done on an individual basis. It was agreed that the "Challenge" will be publicised on the Community Council website.

Action- Bruce Stuart to report on Burntisland Common Good Trust. Cllr. Leslie to report on Kinghorn 20mph. evaluation. George McLauchlan to report on Heritage Trust paintings and Kirkton church conservation.

12.0 Date of Next Meeting: 12th May 2017

George McLauchlan
Saturday 15th April 2017

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Appendix 1:

March 2017		March 2016	
Number of Crimes	Number of Detections	Number of Crimes	Number of Detections
21	5	37	27
Includes: 10 Dishonesty 5 Vandalisms 3 Assaults 1 Road Traffic Act 1 Breach of Bail 1 Misuse of drugs 4 named suspect. 16 live enquiries.		Includes: 11 Vandalism 9 Dishonesty 4 Assaults 5 Anti- Social Offences 4 Road Traffic Act 2 Sexual Offences 1 Breach of bail 1 Communications Act	

Analysis:

- Reduction in crime of 44%.
- Due to early reporting of March 2017 statistics there are a number of ongoing enquiries, reflecting at this time a low detection rate. However this is likely to increase once named suspects have been charged and other enquiries completed.
- Community Officers are aware of a spike in youth disorder/concern calls, particularly where alcohol is involved. Similar trend in March 2016 where there was a spike in youth offending. It is unclear why this occurs but likely due to the change in weather and extra daylight. However it should be noted that there has not been the same level of calls or converted crimes in March 2017 compared with March 2016. 2016 there was 8 youth offending reports submitted compared with 1 in 2017 and the number of youth related calls has dropped from 27 to 13. We will continued to take a zero tolerance approach to this behaviour and would ask the community to report any issues or areas they are congregating.

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Appendix 2:

Sheet1

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Treasurer's Report As at 13th April 2017

Balance @ 1st March 2017			£46,439.70
Income (Deposits)			
Date	Description	Amount	
17/03/2017	Exon/ West Links	£1,000.00	
Total Income (Deposits)			£1,000.00
Expenses (Cheques)			
Date	Cheq. No.	Description	Amount
07/03/17	34	Emergency Plan	£392.62
22/03/2017	35	Stationery	£41.98
Total Expenses (Cheques W			£434.60
Closing Balance At			£47,005.10
Monies Held For Specific Projects			Amount
		East Links Play Area	£40,009.51
		West Links Play Area	£4,763.46
		Chimes/Clock	£430.20
		Community Futures	£684.20
		Community Emergency Plan	£107.38
Total Held For Projects			£45,994.75
Total Available			£1,010.35

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