



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council  
Draft Minutes.

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016  
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present: - Alex McDonald AM, Gordon Langlands GL, George McLauchlan GM, Christine Dewar CD, Tim Hailey TH, John Bruce JB, Bruce Stuart BS, Lesley Backhouse LB, Cllr George Kay, Bill Kirkhope and 5 members of the public.

1. Apologies: Lesley-Anne Cronin, Ben Barron, Morag Douglas,
2. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved proposed & seconded by CD & JB.
3. Joyce Dickinson a stalwart of the Community Council in previous years passed away recently. 1 minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.
4. Police report was previously circulated shows a comparison of Nov 16 v Nov 15 crime stats crimes down from 32 to 19. 41% reduction in Vandalism and anti-social behaviour. Increase in Crimes of dishonesty. JB highlighted the vandalism at the East Links recently Cllr Kay intimated it wasn't as bad as it looks. See Appendix 1.
5. Secretary Report: Forms for Charity Trustees required by GL asap.
6. Treasurers Report
  - 6.1 Written Report provided by GM Expenses to meet Citizen of the year around £300 plus coat of Arms around £100. GM thought that Hall Hire of around £200 was to be paid but the former treasurer pointed out that it had been paid for the year already. Application for £500 to the Common Good Fund to cover our events had been made and we are waiting receipt of it. See Appendix 2.
  - 6.2 Scots Verse Awards 40+ guests, 6 winners 3 deputy heads, attended the ceremony on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The winners recited their poems and very good they all were. Trophies and medals were handed out and thanks to Janice and Grace for serving refreshments. Picture and story forwarded to the FFP.
  - 6.3 The Coat of Arms displayed in the Chambers the original is currently held in the RBOS and £65 pa is paid for them to store same. Originally Shell/Exxon provided a donation of £800 to have the Coat of Arms made. The Original will be brought back to the Burgh Chambers on closure of the RBOS Account.
  - 6.4 A) **Yet to speak to the Showmen. AM**  
B) Futures Balance of £684.20 Discussion around what has to happen to this. Suggestion to print more Action Plans. GL pointed out they are available online. GL suggested funds could be held in abeyance. **AM to check that the Funds have to be returned to Fife Council by end of the financial year.**
7. Environment Report:
  - 7.1 Written Reports provided by JB. See Appendix 3.  
Linda Howard has volunteers available through Lloyds to do a Beach clean in Early February 2017. Accepted suitable date to be agreed
  - 7.2 Half-moon project: FAB is to look at planting out annuals and offer involvement to the Guides and scouts. Scott Sweatton Chair of FAB estimates a cost of around £2k.
  - 7.3 Concerns raised regarding the Public toilets at the West End asked that they be locked up at night. J Jacobs is the contact at Janitorial services.  
Thanks, offered to Cllr Kay for dealing with this issue promptly.
  - 7.4 Safer Community officer Paul Coleman present gave a summary of a campaign rolled out in Dunfermline regarding Dog fouling and littering. Want to Roll it out in Burntisland as well includes warning signs and asking folk to report any incidences. Tag line Just Bin IT. Community Wardens are available 8am to 4am. 8 Officers cover Kirkcaldy and Burntisland Area. Warden presence deters crime. Telephone 03451 550022 to report any dog fouling or

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littering and they will come out and clean it up. Member of the public raised the issue of Dog fouling on the Toll Park. He wanted to know how many people have been fined under the system. Paul didn't have that info to hand but did intimate that visible presence does deter plus members of the public need to report any person who doesn't clean up after their dog.

- 7.5 Kirkcaldy and Cowdenbeath Road 20mph suggested speed limit. Issue raised at the Police engagement meeting Cromwell Road must be included and it must be requested by CC to FC. Cllr Kay intimated that it isn't just the matter of putting up a 20mph sign. A plan has to be drawn up, it has to be advertised, Traffic Warrants have to be obtained and it takes 12-18months. 2017 budget very small for any change. A speed Survey had taken place on Kirkton Road and a plan for the whole town rather than a piecemeal approach was considered as a way forward. A number of roads are already 20mph. there followed a discussion of how Kinghorn CC had lowered the limit on their High St.

**7.6 Newton St Boswell initiative Carried Forward to next meeting (Ben Barron).**

**8. Planning Applications:**

- 8.1 TH reported re the change to the flight Path re Edinburgh Airport another consultation to take place Feb 2017. Suggestion that Planes are sent down the Forth. There also could be the issue of a second runway TH will keep the CC informed. The SDP and part of SESS is that Burntisland Port is highlighted as a resource in the Provision of renewable energy. Fife is earmarked to provide 11,500 new houses 2016-2030 8% growth and in the same period B'island only has plans for 1% growth in new housing.

- 8.2 Planning applications a couple of rear extensions. Somerville Square repairs and Kirkton Graveyard have gone through. 11 dwelling houses at Greenmount individual planning permissions to be obtained. Forth Ports the development for 180 homes marina and boutique shops has gone from the development plan specified as Dock only now. Garage Site next to Coop on Church Road plans for housing.

**9. Burgh Buzz:**

**COPY DEADLINE IS 13<sup>th</sup> JANUARY to Bill Kirkhope. New advertising manager now in place.**

**10.AOB**

April CC meeting lands on Good Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April. Members are OK with that.

**11. New Business Items:**

- 11.1 Application for membership of CC two applications have been received one from Carol-Anne Crossan and Ariadne Cass-Maran. Both spoke as to why they wished to join the CC and the skills that they were bringing. Both were elected as members and welcomed.
- 11.2 Name badges for CC members at public events raised by GM everyone happy to wear one. **Ari to Organise.**
- 11.3 Clock Tower should CC launch a fund to help with this restoration. If CC go ahead with Charitable status it would be good to have access to wide expertise held by Fife Council. It would be good to have it reinstated by 2021. It was raised that it is Fife Councils responsibility to reinstate it. Take them to court to do so. TH said that there needs to be considered the sustainability of the whole building. Disabled access to Burgh Chambers. AM intimated that Fife Council had put no timescale on it being put back on its own. Does need

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to be an integrated building plan. Cllr Kay mentioned the steering group on the Common Good property and the potential community adoption of same. AM stated it would be wise to keep options open and we do have a Chimes fund. The Development Trust is in the process of setting up and Bruce Stuart and Christine Dewar offered to be representatives of the CC at its next meeting. Next BDT meeting is 11<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

**CC will consider how to move forward on the Clock Tower/whole Building at the next CC meeting.**

**12.Awaiting Update:**

- 12.1 Parking at the Station consultation with Hugh Musgrave. Backboard available but needs holes drilled They don't have a tennis net Cllr Kay
- 12.2 Burntisland Energy Master Plan/Sustainable Hub See leaflet that was issued re meetings at the High St Hub, Potter about, and the Salvation Army Hall.
- 12.3 Exxon/Mobil Pantomime 73 Pensioners and helpers attended the Pantomime at Lochgelly Centre. Thank you to Catherine the new Plant manager for providing the tickets and thank you to Christine, Lesley and Lesley-Anne for ensuring everyone got on and off the buses safely. A good time was had by all.
- 12.4 West links play area funding in place tendering completed. Go ahead should be soon.
- 12.5 East links opens Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> December.  
Required to acknowledge a number of sponsors so there will be a plaque.
- 12.6 Kirkton Cemetery Project nothing to report at the moment work will restart in about 6 weeks and there is an interpretation booklet on the History of the graves which should be available late spring. Mid-Fife Tourist board is now renamed Heart of Fife has developed an App in the Footsteps of Kings 4 different trails one for Royalty one for people, One for ARTLINE one for Business in order to raise the profile throughout the Kirkcaldy Area. Burntisland Heritage Trust are involved.

**Next Community Council Meeting: 7pm on the Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017.  
Meeting Closed 9.30pm.**

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**Appendix 1:**

Analysis:

- Overall reduction in crime of 41%.
- Continued trend towards a reduction in vandalisms and general anti-social behaviour. As

<b>November 2016</b>		<b>November 2015</b>	
Number of Crimes	Number of Detections	Number of Crimes	Number of Detections
<b>19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>19</b>
Includes: 6 Dishonesty 4 Assaults 2 Anti-social Offences 3 Vandalisms 2 Road Traffic Act 2 Breach of Bail  1 Named suspects still to be traced. 10 Live enquiries.		Includes: 7 Assaults 6 Vandalisms 6 Anti-social Offences 3 Bail Offences 3 Sexual Offences 3 Communications Act 2 Road Traffic Act 2 Dishonesty	

can be seen in previous months the latter part of 2015 saw a high level of youth offending. In November 2015, a corner was turned and those responsible had been identified. Analysis shows that only 2 crimes (6%) related to youth offending, this trend continues in 2016 with no crime at present relating to youth disorder.

- Dishonesty crimes continue to be the main priority as this is the second consecutive month there has been an increase in comparison with the previous year. As previously mentioned all outstanding dishonesty crimes are currently being reviewed by the local community officers with a view of collating and identifying persons responsible.

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Appendix 2:

Sheet1

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**Treasurer's Report As at 6<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

<b>Opening Balance ( 1/09/16 ) Tustees Bank</b>			£43,796.05	
<b>Balance Held in Royal Bank ( 2/11/16)</b>			£205.89	<b>£44,001.94</b>
<b>Income (Deposits)</b>				
Date		Description	Amount	
17/10/16		Showmen Exiles Reception	£300.00	
25/10/16		Corkies, West Links	£50.00	
04/11/16		Guides, West Links	£420.15	
17/11/16		Co-op Raffle, West Links	£110.00	
		<b>Total Income (Deposits)</b>		<b>£880.15</b>
<b>Expenses (Cheques)</b>				
Date	Cheq. No.	Description	Amount	
13/11/16		25 G. McLau. Remembrance Day	£130.70	
13/11/16		26 T. Courts Catering	£120.00	
13/11/16		27 B.S. Stuart Catering	£136.00	
13/11/16		28 J. Bruce Bugler	£20.00	
02/12/16		29 B.S. Stuart Catering	£102.00	
06/12/16		30 Premier Engraving	£138.24	
		<b>Total Expenses (Cheques Written)</b>		<b>£646.94</b>
<b>Closing Balance At ( 06/12/16 )</b>				<b>£44,235.15</b>
<b>Monies Held For Specific Projects</b>				
			Amount	
		East Links Play Area	£40,009.51	
		West Links Play Area	£2,248.46	
		Chimes	£330.20	
		Community Futures	£684.20	
		<b>Total Held For Projects</b>	<b>£43,272.37</b>	
				£962.78
<b>Monies Due</b>				
		Common Good Application	£500.00	
		Hanselled Books Donation	£100.00	<b>£600.00</b>
		<b>Total Funds Available</b>		<b>£1,562.78</b>

George D. McLauchlan  
Treasurer  
06<sup>th</sup> December 2016

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**Appendix 3:**

**ENVIRONMENT REPORT MEETING FRIDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2016**

**DOG FOULING AND LITTER CONCERNS**

I have pleasure in introducing Paul Coleman Lead Officer Safer Communities Team who will explain in more detail the duties they carry out within the communities there is at present a Dog Fouling and Litter Campaign being tested in Dunfermline and possibly this project maybe Launched in other areas throughout Fife including Burntisland Paul I am sure will be able to provide us with an up-date.

**PUBLIC TOILETS WEST END LINKS**

I have heard complaints recently that these toilet facilities are being used by youths late in the evenings this is a concern as this could lead to damage of our toilets in my view they should be locked at night and reopened in the morning this would certainly stop people from using them overnight

I understand that these toilets come under the responsibility of Janitorial Services Fife Council. Geoff Jacob is the contact and I intend drawing this matter to his attention (03451 555555 ext 490170)

**HALF MOON PROJECT**

As you are aware this project in nearing completion I have had recent discussions with Cllr George with reference to possibly asking Floral Action Burntisland if they would be interested in looking at this project regarding planting out perennials and to ask FAB for costing.

At a recent meeting of FAB in which I am a committee member we agreed that we would be able to offer our services and possibly involve the Guides, Scouts, and Primary School. However the committee suggested a visit to the site should be arranged to look at this in more detail.

Some time ago both Scott Sweatton chair of FAB and I visited the site with Councillor George we did discuss the possibility of having the full length of the Half Moon planted along the edge we estimated a cost of £2000.00 and are presently waiting to hear back from Cllr George regarding this matter

**LITTER PICK BURNTISLAND BEACH**

I have been approached again by Linda Howard from Lloyds Banking Group Charity Team stressing an interest in doing a Beach Clean in Burntisland possibly Early February this involves their own volunteers coming to Burntisland to carry out a Beach Clean on behalf of Burntisland Community Council I have welcomed their assistance and will keep council fully informed once I have the date they intend to come along and clean up our Beach

**PROPOSAL TO IMPLEMENT A 20MPH LIMIT ON KIRKCALDY ROAD AND COWDENBEATH ROAD TOWARDS THE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

FURTHER TO OUR COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING ON 10<sup>TH</sup> 16 JUNE WHEN THIS SUBJECT WAS RAISED REGARDING CONCERN ABOUT SPEEDING MOTORISTS USING KIRKCALDY ROAD AND COWDENBEATH ROAD TOWARDS THE PRIMARY SCHOOL. THIS MATTER WAS ALSO RAISED AT THE RECENT COMMUNITY MEETING AT THE PRIMARY SCHOOL WITH THE POLICE.

I ALSO UNDERSTAND THAT THE COMMUNITY ARE SEEKING THAT THE 20MPH LIMIT SHOULD APPLY TO CROMWELL ROAD

BOTH KINGHORN AND ABERDOUR HAVE IMPLEMENTED THE 20MPH SPEED LIMIT RESTRICTION WITHIN THEIR TOWNS.

WE LEARNED THAT ANY REDUCTION IN SPEED LIMITS THAT THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL WISH TO HAVE IMPLEMENTED MUST BE REQUESTED BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL THROUGH FIFE COUNCIL.

I UNDERSTAND THAT BOTH THESE ROADS HAVE THE 20MPH RESTRICTIONS ONLY WHEN THE SCHOOL IS GOING IN AND COMING OUT, MY VIEW IS THAT THIS SPEED LIMIT SHOULD APPLY AT ALL TIMES THERE ARE A FEW OTHER ROADS IN BURNTISLAND WITH THE 20MPH APPLICABLE WHY NOT THESE TWO ROADS ESPECIALLY WHERE THEY PASS OUR SCHOOL, SAFETY OF OUR CHILDREN MUST BE OUR FIRST PRIORITY I WOULD THEREFORE URGE THE COMMUNITY COUNCIL TO SEEK AUTHORITY FROM FIFE COUNCIL TO HAVE THESE ROUTES REDUCED TO 20MPH AND MAKE IT MANDATORY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE

JOHN BRUCE