



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 10th March 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

Present- Alex MacDonald, George McLauchlan, Christine Dewar, Tim Hailey, Lesley-Ann Cronin, Carole-Anne Crossan,
Attending- Cllr. Peter George, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), 6 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman remarked on the small attendance. The Chairman advised members that the Secretary and Minute Secretary would be standing aside from their duties during the period of Local Elections; should they be successful in their election they would be resigning from the Community Council. The Chairman asked members to stay behind after the evenings meeting.

1.2 Apologies for absence from- Lesley Backhouse, Gordon Langlands, Ben Baron, Morag Douglas, John Bruce, Bruce Stuart, Cllr. Leslie.

2. Minutes from Previous Meeting (10th Feb. 2017)

2.1 The Minutes were proposed by Tim Hailey and Seconded by Leslie-Anne Cronin

3. Police Report

3.1 The Chairman advised members that he had not received a detailed report from the police.

3.2 Bob Smith from the public benches remarked on the indiscriminate parking taking place on the High Street. A number of members of the public agreed. It was thought that the police were not taking an interest. George McLauchlan pointed out that this was a Fife Council matter and not a police problem, the police would only act if the drivers were blocking the Highway. Pavement parking was also thought to be a problem.

3.3 The Chairman asked member's their thoughts on the application by the local police for a donation to purchase 5 Hi-Viz jackets to be used by trained members of the public using speed guns. One member of the public thought that this sounded like trained vigilante's. The Chairman pointed out that they would not be vigilantes, they would be classed as part-time employees of the police and given full training and be using police equipment. Tim Hailey said that if we approved the donation it would be important to retain ownership of the vests. Members voted 4 to 1 to donate £25 to purchase the vests.

Action- Alex MacDonald to contact Community Police to advise that we will supply the funding for Hi-Viz vests. Also, to advise them of public concern re youth disorder, escalate complaint.

4. Secretary's Report

4.1 In the Secretary's absence, the Chairman advised members that a final push was required to ensure that all members were signed up to becoming Trustees in the proposed application for charity status. Tim Hailey felt that the requirement was unreasonable. A member of the public wondered if this was within the scope of a Community Council. The Chairman pointed out that the remit of the C.C. Was wider than that of consultation. It was agreed that the Chairman would examine the constitution and report back to members.

Action- Alex MacDonald to report back on implications of charity status on our constitution. Contact those not signed-up to see if they would change their mind.

5. Treasurer's Report.

See Appendix 1.

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 10th February 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

6. Environment (John Bruce)

In the absence of John Bruce, the Chairman summarised his report

6.1 The use of fluorescent spray to highlight dog mess is still being pursued, although it was felt that this should be done in conjunction with a Dog Fouling and Litter campaign being proposed for late March early April. John has been in contact with Nicola Turner from Keep Scotland Beautiful Trust, she is interested in our proposal and would like to be kept informed. Support has been received from several members of the public and it is hoped that both elected and Community councillors will get behind any proposals.

6.2 Toll Burn. A number of complaints had been received with regard to the state of the Toll Burn. John has been in contact with the Council's Parks Department and with Community Payback, it is hoped that between them they will be able to improve matters. A member of the public pointed out that the fence running alongside the burn was in a very poor state of repair. Cllr. George advised members that he would take this up with the appropriate department.

6.3 Beach Clean. The Lloyds Banking Charity Team have approached John with proposals for a Beach Clean, it is hoped to arrange this for May/June.

6.4 Half-Moon. Cllr George has proposed that some planting should take place at the newly restored Crescent at the Half-Moon. FAB has estimated costs at around £2000. It is hoped that Cllr. George may be able to identify sources of funding.

6.5 Community Emergency Plan. Equipment for use by the group has been purchased and Community Resilience Workshops attended. It is hoped to arrange sessions so that volunteers can meet and get to know each other.

6.6 Proposed 20mph. If the proposal to implement these limits on particular roads is to progress, it requires the backing of the Community Council. It was decided to refer this to a later meeting when more members are present.

6.7 Cllr. George advised members to the lack of signage on Kirkton Road to draw drivers' attention to the traffic lights on Aberdour road.

Action- John Bruce to keep members informed re Dog Fouling campaign. Cllr. George to report damaged fence at Kirkton Burn also traffic light sign on Kirkton Road and possible funding for planting at Crescent.

7. Planning Applications (Tim Hailey)

Tim advised members that there was nothing of concern.

8. Burgh Buzz (Bill Kirkhope)

Bill advised members that copy deadline was approaching with a month to go.

Members were urged to submit copy as soon as possible.

9. Any Other Business

9.1 Art Conservation. George McLauchlan advised members of a proposal from Burntisland Heritage Trust to Record, Conserve and Display, paintings donated by members of Andrew Young's family. These paintings record Burntisland in the late Victorian and Edwardian period. It is proposed that they should be displayed in the Burgh Chambers. All members thought that this was a very worthwhile project and offered their full support. George will advise members when further costings and details are available.

9.2 Youth Disorder. Several people from the public benches drew members' attention to the problem of youth disorder in the High Street in the evenings. It was said that people were afraid to go down the High Street in the evening. This was backed up by Carole-Anne Crossan who works in the Co-op. Carole-Anne told members that Burntisland was not a nice place to work in at night; she said that even when staff press the panic button it can take up to 2 days for police to

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 10th February 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

respond. Similar stories were retold by others present. Alex MacDonald said that he would approach the local community Officers and escalate the issue to Chief Superintendent level.

9.3 War Memorial. Cllr. George drew members' attention to the scatter of wreaths at the war memorial. Alex MacDonald said that the wreaths were normally disposed of at the end of December but that no one had responsibility to do this. George McLauchlan said he would arrange for this.

Action- George McLauchlan to advise on progress of proposed Conservation of Andrew Young paintings. Alex MacDonald to pursue with police problem of youth disorder. George McLauchlan to arrange for disposal of wreaths at war Memorial.

10. New Business

10.1 Library Refurbishment. Cllr George advised members that refurbishment was on schedule and the library would re-open mid-April.

10.2 Pharmacy Appeal. Alex MacDonald advised members that the appeal against rejection of the application had not been successful and that no second pharmacy would be opening for the time being.

10.3 Tim Hailey advised members that a recent incident concerning a break-in at the Health centre had left a doctor traumatised and may result in tighter security measures being implemented.

11. Awaiting Update

11.1 Catering Concessions on Links- Continued

11.2 Burntisland Post Office. -Continued

11.3 Communications Strategy- Continued

11.4 Burntisland Common Good Trust. Christine Dewar has attended several of the proposed Trusts meetings and feels that they are not getting the same support given to the Development Trust. Bob Smith, a member of the proposed trust, advised members that they were not getting the necessary support from Fife Council, that they were not forthcoming with information. The proposed trust felt that they needed to speak to people with experience in pursuing a similar project.

11.5 Burntisland Development Trust. Nothing further to report.

11.6 Castle NDP. Lesley-Anne Cronin advised members that she had attended the event in November. A Youth Group has been formed and an Easter Event is proposed, this is being held in the Erskine Church on 1st April 2pm -4pm. Cllr George advised members that he had arranged for an area of the Red Pond to be set aside for a football pitch for younger children.

11.7 Spider Park. It is hoped that work will commence on 17th April 17.

11.8 Community Action Plan. Continued.

11.9 Speed Limits. - see 6.1.6

11.10 Kirkton Cemetery. George McLauchlan advised members that a Graveyard Consultant had been appointed to develop an educational programme involving the local school. It is hoped that this will identify interesting features within the graveyard and result in the production of educational material. It is hoped that Forth Stone will commence work on 27th March and completed by 23rd June.

12. Next Meeting 14th April 2017

13. Closed Session

George McLauchlan 12th March 2017

Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council.

Friday, 10th February 2017
7.00 p.m.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

Appendix 1:

Treasurer's Report As at 10th March 2017

Balance @ 10th March 2017 **£46,439.70**

Income (Deposits)

| Date | Description | Amount |
|------|-------------|--------|
|------|-------------|--------|

Total Income (Deposits) **£0.00**

Expenses (Cheques)

| Date | Cheq. No. | Description | Amount |
|----------|-----------|----------------|---------|
| 02/03/17 | 34 | Emergency Plan | £392.62 |

Total Expenses (Cheques Written) **£392.62**

Closing Balance At **£46,047.08**

Monies Held For Specific Projects

| | Amount |
|--------------------------|------------|
| East Links Play Area | £40,009.51 |
| West Links Play Area | £3,763.46 |
| Chimes/Clock | £430.20 |
| Community Futures | £684.20 |
| Community Emergency Plan | £107.38 |

Total Held For Projects **£44,994.75**

Total Available **£1,052.33**

George D. McLauchlan
Treasurer
10th March 2017