



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council
Draft Minutes.

Friday 10th June 2016
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present:

George McLauchlan, John Russell, Leslie-Anne Cronin, Alex MacDonald (from 8.45pm),
Tim Hailey, John Bradshaw, Morag Douglas, John Bruce, Gordon Langlands,
Bruce Stuart.

Attending:

Cllr. Leslie, Cllr. George, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), 4 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 Due to the late arrival of the Chair, the vice-chairman chaired the meeting.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence were received from Ben Barron, Christine Dewar, Leslie Backhouse, Cllr. Kay.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (15th May 2016)

- 2.1 The minutes were proposed by Tim Hailey and seconded by Leslie-Anne Cronin.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 The Secretary advised of a change in format of the report received this month; he hoped that the new format giving five months of data, would provide a clearer and more detailed account.
- 3.2 The report detailed 39 crimes reported during May, an increase of 3 on the previous month. 19 crimes had been detected with a further 6 being pursued. For a full report please go to – www.burntislandcc.org.uk/
- 3.3 John Bruce drew member's attention to the increase of incidents on the previous month. Morag Douglas thought that a number of pub brawls may have accounted for this. Bill Kirkhope thought that some form of 'script' should be adopted to explain the crime variations month to month. John Bruce again raised concerns with regard to the lack of local police presence late evening early morning. John Bradshaw thought that we should make the police aware of our concerns. Overall, members were in favour of the new format.
- 3.4 Bob Smith from the public benches raised his concern with regard to speeding motorists on Kirkcaldy Road. Morag Douglas thought this may be due to motorists using the back road to Kirkcaldy since the introduction of speed restrictions in Kinghorn. Cllr. Leslie agreed that this may be the case. Cllr. Leslie advised members that the 20mph, had been introduced in Kinghorn at the request of the Community Council. The Vice Chair advised members that he would contact the Chairman to speak to Ian B. Smith of Fife Council Traffic Department with regard to this.

Actions:

Alex to contact Ian Smith with regard to 20mph on Kirkcaldy Road.

Gordon to contact Community Police with regard to having an explanation along with the crime figures, also to reflect members concern with regard to a lack of police presence late night / early morning.

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4.0 Secretaries Report

- 4.1 An application had been made to the Common Good Fund for help in buying two pop-up banners with the Community Council's logo, for use in launch events and at receptions.
- 4.2 It was agreed that an invitation should be sent to both our MSP and MP representatives to attend the Exiles Reception on Games Day.
- 4.3 The Secretary advised members that he had set-up a 'Crowd Funding' site for the West Links Play Area, and that this was active and had already received money into it.
- 4.4 Bus Service. The subsidise bus route survey (B1) is coming to an end. An online Stagecoach consultation on possible route changes has just been announced for members of the public and groups to comment on possible changes which affect the No. 7 bus service. Cllr. George advised members that Stagecoach were proposing to drop the No. 57.

Actions: Gordon to circulate details with regard to Stagecoach bus consultation.

5.0 Treasurers Report

- 5.1 See Appendix 1.
- 5.2 Gordon Langlands raised concern with regard to the lack of transparency with regard to fundraising for the East Links play area. Newspaper reports of money being received from ASDA and from Rotary, are not showing up in Community Council accounts. Cllr. Leslie agreed, and asked where this money is. The Treasurer agreed that all money that is available should be in the Community Council account as this is a Community Council project and our name is on the funding applications. Morag Douglas said that she will provide a breakdown of moneys received for the West Links project and that this should also be done for the East Links project.

Action: Alex to provide full detail of East Links Play Area funding.

6.0 Environment

- 6.1 John Bruce advised members that FAB had completed hanging baskets and planting troughs and wished to offer the CCs thanks for this. FAB has also entered this years Beautiful Fife competition and he wishes them well
- 6.2 The Crescent at Sailors Walk has been resurfaced and Cllr. George advised members that work on the railings had also been completed. Tree trunks were being used to edge the wall borders and it is hoped that perhaps next year FAB may be able to plant some borders.
- 6.3 Grass cutting on the Aberdour Road embankment to start this week.
- 6.4 The Rose Garden/ Community Garden project has been put out for design tender; once these have been submitted a public consultation will be held and fundraising will commence.
- 6.5 A Beach clean up is arranged for this Saturday at Ross Point and for the Red Pond area on Sunday 12th June.
- 6.6 John Bruce commented on the lack of bunting or flags on the High Street. Cllr. Leslie advised members that this was not a Council matter, that it was up to independent organisations to arrange for this. Members were advised

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that the matter had not been discussed by the Civic Week Committee. It was agreed that this should be looked at again so that something could be done for next year.

- 6.7** Bob Smith from the public bench asked if a litter pick could be arranged for the Toll Park which he felt was being ignored. John Bruce advised that he would see what could be arranged.
- 6.8** Tim Hailey told members that he had been approached by several members of the public complaining with regard to parking on the grass in the Links. Tim said that this was detracting from its use for recreational purposes and wondered if anything could be done. Cllr. Leslie advised members that Fife Council had taken action last year and had put measures in place along Kinghorn Road, which appear to have helped. It was pointed out that some bollards were missing at the parking area and that this allowed cars to get on to the grass. Cllr. Leslie advised members that the council had no plans to install any additional bollards. John Bradshaw felt that this was an extremely frustrating subject and wondered how the Community Council could 'up the anti' on this perennial problem. Several ideas were put forward none of which met universal approval. Morag Douglas pointed out that there was a general lack of parking in this area of the town. Gordon Langlands said that we should approach the Parks and Recreation Department to replace the missing bollards and put all of our questions into a letter to Scott Clelland. This was agreed and Cllr. George said that he would raise our concerns at the next Local Area Meeting.

Actions:

John Bruce to contact Parks Dept. with regard to rubbish on the Toll Park.

Gordon to contact Scott Clelland with regard to deterring parking on the Link

Cllr George to raise concerns about cars parking on Links at the next Ward meeting.

6.0 Planning Applications

- 6.1** Tim Hailey advised that both applications for West and East Links play areas had been received and that there were no other areas of concern.

8.0 Burgh Buzz

- 8.1** Bill Kirkhope advised members that the deadline for the next issue was 15th July and said that any copy should be in early as this issue was filled with civic functions for the holiday period. Bill also made an appeal for help on the editorial team and especially for someone to help with advertising.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Edinburgh Airport Consultation. Leslie-Anne Cronin brought to members' attention this consultation which is taking place and that Burntisland comes within the proposed flight changes. John Bruce thought that we should reply to this as a group. Bruce Stuart felt that this should be brought to local people's attention. Gordon Langlands said that he would make the form available on the CCs Face book page and ask for comments. Meanwhile John Bruce said that he would study the consultation document.

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- 9.2** Mossmorran Community Safety Committee. Cllr. Leslie advised members that she had attended this meeting. A small discharge had been reported at Braefoot Bay which had been quickly dealt with and also a minor accident at Mossmorran had ended a long run free from incidents.
- 9.3** MUGA. Gordon Langlands brought to members' attention the under use of the Multi Use Games Area, he wondered if this may have something to do with the broken basketball goal. This had been damaged for some time and wondered who it should be reported to. It was also mentioned that as the town had no tennis court, could a net be arranged within the MUGA.
- 9.4** Community Council Attendance. John Russell raised concerns that some members were not attending meetings, he was concerned that it was the same people who attended every month. It was mentioned that there were guideline regarding Community Councillors attendance. It was agreed that the Secretary would contact any members with poor attendance and inform them of their obligations.

Actions:

Gordon to put Edinburgh Airport Consultation document on Facebook.

Gordon to speak to Gillian Lowe with regard to getting basketball goal repaired and to the possibility of installing a tennis net on MUGA.

Gordon to write to members who are not attending CC meetings on a regular basis.

10.0 New Business

- 10.1** ABC Routes. To be carried over to next meeting.
- 10.2** Burgh Chambers Complex Meeting. Gordon Langlands reprised what was agreed at the meeting with Andrew Stokes and his colleagues on May 26th. It was agreed that a further meeting would be held at the end of June (28th) so that more information could be obtained with regards to a stand alone heating system for the Burgh Chambers, the condition of the Town Offices and fuller proposals with regard to the Upper Library Hall. Gordon advised members that two groups had expressed interest in carrying forward plans for the Burgh Chambers Complex. Gordon asked John Russell as a spokesman for the second group if they were interested only in the Burgh Chambers complex. John said that they were interested in the whole of the Common Good. Cllr. Leslie advised that the purpose of any Trust should be kept as broad as possible and a smaller group rather than a large committee was needed to get a Trust off the ground. Gordon commented that his interpretation was that the Futures Steering Group were exploring via the Community Event the possibility of setting up a Trust to facilitate projects identified in the CAP not just the Burgh Chambers Complex. Cllr Leslie stated that it was up to individual groups to pursue identified projects. John Bradshaw said that what we had achieved in the last 18 months was very positive and that it was extremely annoying that another group had suddenly appeared on the scene. George McLauchlan expressed the view that, it was not the fact of a second group being set up, but the underhand way in which it was done. John Bradshaw said that the 1st phase of the project was completed after the launch on 3rd July and he hoped that members of any

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other group would come forward and we would join together to progress the Action Plan.

Actions:

Alex to report back in August with regard to ABC Routes.

Alex to remind members to attend meeting with regard to Burgh Chambers on 28th June - details to follow.

11.0 Awaiting Update

- 11.1** West Links Play Area. Morag Douglas advised members that a final push was needed to raise the last of the monies needed and asked for ideas from members. It was agreed that a coffee morning would be ideal along with tombola etc. Gordon Langlands wondered if the parks 'name' could be sold, however Cllr. Leslie and Cllr. George were not keen on this idea.
- 11.2** Alex MacDonald advised members that things were on schedule for a launch on Sunday 3rd July. 3000 copies of the brochure had been printed and were being collected on Monday 13th July. The monies for the final phase had been released by Fife Council and distribution was being organised through Bill Kirkhope with help from members of the Community Council. An invitation has been sent to the leader of the administration on Fife Council and it is hoped that the launch will be well attended and that we can get as many people as possible involved to carry the project forward.
- 11.3** Gordon Langlands advised members that he had noticed that Markinch Community Council was a registered charity. On further investigation he had noted that a change in the law in 2005, had allowed for this. Alex is trying to obtain more information on this and thinks that it is worth discussing further. This will be carried forward till August.
- 11.4** Kirkton Church. Nothing further to report although there was a Common Good Application raised by the BHT. It was agreed to unconditionally support this application for the full £5000.
- 11.6** The Rev. Ritchie. It was agreed that a letter of congratulations should be sent to the Rev. Ritchie of Erskine Church, on his appointment as Moderator of the United Free Church of Scotland.

Actions:

Morag and George to report on their individual projects.

Alex to report on launch of Action Plan and to investigate charity status.

Alex to send letter of congratulations to Rev. Ritchie.

Gordon to send letter of support regard BHT Common Good Application.

12.00 Date of next meeting: August 12th 2016, 7.00pm

George McLauchlan, Minute Secretary 12th June 2016.

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Appendix 1

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Treasurer's Report			
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Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/16	£23,541.12		
BCC Accounts to 10/06/16 (See Notes)	£12,841.61	£49.73	£36,333.00
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burntisland Community Futures	£5,145.00	£49.73	£5,095.27
Burntisland Community Futures balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	-£92.00		
Total Burntisland Community Futures Balance @ 10/06/16			£5,003.27
Exiles Reception	£300.00	£149.04	£150.96
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	£17.67		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 10/06/16			£168.63
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	£330.20		£330.20
East Links Playpark Project	£7,145.00		£7,145.00
East Links Playpark balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	£22,844.00		
Total East Links Playpark Balance @ 10/06/16			£29,989.00
West Links Playpark Project	£551.61		£551.61
West Links Playpark balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	£0.00		
Total West Links Playpark Balance @ 10/06/16			£551.61
Total held on Account for Projects			£36,042.71
Balance available to Community Council @ 10/06/16 (See Notes)			£290.29