



FRIDAY, 10 October 2014
7.00 P.M.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes

PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), John Russell (Treasurer), Gordon Langlands (Interim Secretary), Hazel McGraw (Joint Minutes Secretary), John Bradshaw (part time), John Bruce, Ian McKenzie, Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Tim Hailey, George McLaughlin, Bob Smith, Bruce Stuart, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz) and Cllr Peter George.

ATTENDING: 6 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed members that apologies had been received from Damien Purcell (Joint Minute Secretary), Cllr George Kay and Cllr Susan Leslie.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (12 September 2014)

The minutes of the previous were agreed, proposed by Tim Hailey and seconded by John Bradshaw.

3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8):

4. Police Report – There was no police report

5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

5.1. Nothing to report

5.2. The Treasurer indicated a balance available of £435.
The Treasurer's report is attached at Appendix 1.

6. Environment.

6.1. See Appendix 1 from John Bruce.

6.2. Seat missing from Broomhill, off Kirkton Road. This has been retrieved by Fife Council and will be placed elsewhere within Burntisland.

Suggest the Rose Garden where current seats are in bad order.

Action: Cllr George to take forward

6.3. Rubbish dumped on ground next to 147 Kinghorn Road.

Action: Cllr George to take forward with Fife Council

6.4. Path behind Dick Cres was being used as a route to school but was rather overgrown.

Action: Cllr George to approach payback team re clearing it

6.5. Issues with the carwash are ongoing

6.6. Disappointing turn out for the Beach Clean, especially in light of the catering provided, however it was noted that this was at no cost to the BCC.

7. Burgh Buzz

Deadline Monday, although will hold final copy to include update on Community Council elections. Hope to distribute prior to fireworks night.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1 **Cemetery.** A number of issues were raised including grassing between stones, the temporary receptacle and fallen stones.

Action: John Bruce to take this forward with Cllr Kay and Fife Council

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9. New Business Items

9.1. Paper Boat. The Council received a presentation from artist Kenny Munro and Sarah Johnston, Fife Council regarding development of proposals for a not for profit public sculpture celebrating maritime history and the coastal community depicting the paper boat. A potential site for the sculpture was being considered next to the Beacon which would be visible from the train and on the Fife Coastal path route. There would be a public consultation and planning application but at present were seeking the Community Councils support for the project.

Supported

9.2. Old Primary School housing development public consultation. A number of members attended the consultation event and the proposals were discussed in detail. While the Community Council supported the development in principle there were concerns regarding access issues, lack of amenity space and the density of housing proposed.

9.3. Toll Centre AGM. Gordon Langlands attended on behalf of the Community Council. He reported a financial surplus, although they are heavily reliant on donations and an enthusiastic committee. He asked that the BCC should be circulated on details of future meetings and suggested there should be standing representation from BCC.

9.4. Community Council Election. Deadline for nominations 15 October. Should there be more nominations than the required 15 places postal elections would be held with results on 13 November. An inaugural meeting would be held on 14 November should election be uncontested.

9.5. Derelict and empty buildings (fire and safety hazard). There were a number of at risk buildings in Burntisland, of main concern for BCC was the building behind the Burgh Chambers.

Action: Alex MacDonald to investigate the possibility of engaging the fire service to carry out risk assessments.

9.6. Kirkton Cemetery Funding application.

Action: Cllr Kay to clarify the current situation.

9.7. Audio equipment for Burgh Chamber. Mark Kisby offered BCC some surplus audio equipment from the Committee Rooms in Scottish Parliament following a re-fit. The equipment included microphones, recording facilities and anonymised voting. The equipment would be trialled at the next meeting.

9.8. Remembrance Sunday. BCC are organizing a special remembrance service at the war memorial on Sunday 9th November 2014 to commemorate those who gave their lives during the great war of 1914-1919. We will also have a service for the rededication of the war memorial.

Planning progressing in good order. Bugler needed.

10. Ongoing Business Items

10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications. Two items were noted (1) change of use at 189 High Street to restaurant and (2) screening for wind turbine at Dunearn Farm – planning application to follow

10.2. Balbie Farm wind turbine appeal. Planning was refused however the applicant has appealed. The reported will review the site at 10.50 on 21 October – members of the public are welcome to attend and to point out issues however the Reported will not enter into discussions. The Reporter will make a final decision on the proposal.

10.3. High Street resurfacing. Current plans include removal of the raised sets and replaced with normal tar re-surfacing. While BCC noted that the sets had become loose and were a potential hazard their loss would take away some the character of the High Street. The sets were originally paid for by a substantial donation from Burntisland Development Trust and in keeping with the spirit of that donation if the sets were to be removed an upgrade to the existing plans should be sought. One suggestion was the provision of bicycle racks. If possible the sets should be re-used within Burntisland – in the area next to the war memorial could work.

Action: Alex MacDonald to make representation to Fife Council.

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10.4. Deveron Homes Street Naming Consultation. Although not confirmed the suggestion of Grange House Gardens from Burntisland Heritage Trust is being taken forward.

10.5. Parking on the Links. No update

10.6. Environmental clean-ups. Despite the poor turn out the Fife Coast and Countryside Trust thank the enthusiastic volunteers

10.7. Car wash. Cllr Leslie reported by correspondence this issue had been dealt with however there were still ongoing issues.

Action: Alex MacDonald to ask Cllr Leslie to investigate further.

10.8. Scott Timber issues (transport, planning and lighting concerns). Cllr Leslie confirms (by correspondence) that monitoring of transport will be carried out, and that there is no update on the ongoing planning issues.

Action: Alex MacDonald noted that lighting was necessary for the security of the site but would ask that lights are focussed on the site to minimise disruption to residents.

11. Awaiting Update

11.1. Kirkton Burn, Issue was previously discussed at BCC in May 2014.

The grating had been cleared but not the riverbanks.

Action: Cllr Kay who previously responded to this issue to take forward

11.2. Common Good Development. To be removed from the agenda

11.3. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub. Tenders returned and report compiled.

The main funder Sport Scotland is seeking clarifications.

11.4. War Memorial wrap up meeting.

No wrap up meeting yet but bills paid with the exception of 2.5% retention on main contractor.

11.5. Upholstery of Burgh Chamber furniture.

Certain items were badly in need of re-upholstering. Quotes would be sought from a contractor recommended by the furniture restorer and also from the company on Somerville Street.

11.6. Community Action Plan/Strategic Projects Group report.

Awaiting final template from James McIntosh

11.7. Royal Burgh Branding. No update.

Cllr George highlighted plans to remove and replace the spider park on the Links.

BCC noted concern that this popular park would be lost and requested further clarification and full involvement in all developments.

12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 14 November 2014 at 7 p.m. Venue: Burgh Chambers.

Treasurers report:

Burntisland Community Council			
Treasurer's Report			
10th October 2014			
Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/14	£10,145.09		
BCC Accounts to 10/10/14 (See Notes)	£46,535.98	£54,900.95	£1,780.12
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burgh Chambers Furniture	£0.00	£7,020.00	-£7,020.00
Burgh Chambers Furniture balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£7,722.00		
Total Burgh Chambers Furniture Balance @ 10/10/14	£0.00	£0.00	£702.00
Exiles Reception	£0.00	£187.14	-£187.14
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	-£55.19		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 10/10/14			-£242.33
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£330.20		£330.20
War Memorial Project	£45,275.64	£46,845.62	-£1,569.98
War Memorial balance held in BCC Account 31/03/14	£1,500.00		
Total War Memorial Balance @ 10/10/14			-£69.98
Total held on Account for Projects			£1,344.51
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Balance available to Community Council @ 10/10/14 (See Notes)			£435.61

BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

ENVIRONMENT ISSUES TO RAISE AT MEETING FRIDAY 12.09.14

BURNTISLAND CEMETERY

There has been an improvement to the appearance of our cemetery with the grass being cut and lifted there is still work to be done for example top soil to be laid and some grass seed sewn.

Thanks to Cllr Kay for his efforts to have this work done much appreciated

LAMERLAWS

The pathway at the entrance to the Lamerlaws has been cut back enabling walkers to pass through with more ease however there are problems along the lower pathway near to the embankment which appears to be corroding and may be a bit dangerous thanks to both Cllr Kay and Cllr George for their efforts to get work done in this area much appreciated

FLORAL ACTION BURNISLAND

Floral Action Burntisland were successful in achieving a Silver Gilt Award at the Beautiful Fife Award Ceremony held in Glenrothes on 28th August they are now waiting to learn what Award they have achieved from Beautiful Scotland Awards Ceremony being held 5th September 2014 in Aberdeen May we at Burntisland Community Council congratulate FAB for their hard work and dedication in making Burntisland look Fabulous their efforts are appreciated by the whole community well done

John Bruce