



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council
Draft Minutes.

Friday 11th March 2016
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present:

Christine Dewar, John Bradshaw, Gordon Langlands, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Bruce Stuart, Lesley-Anne Cronin, Ben Barron, Alex MacDonald, John Bruce.

Attending:

Cllr. Leslie (Until 7.45pm), Cllr. Kay, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), 2 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman drew members' attention to the thank you card received from Carol-Ann.
- 1.2 The Chairman welcomed Lisa Taylor, Community Warden from Fife Council.
- 1.3 Apologies received from: Morag Douglas, Lesley Backhouse, Tim Hailey, Colin Fraser, Bill Symington and Cllr Peter George.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (12th February 2016)

- 2.1 Bob Smith from the public benches asked that item 4.3 from February's minutes be amended to read, 'the BCC was advised that there was no money available', and not Bob Smith. This was agreed.
- 2.2 The minutes were proposed by Christine Dewar and seconded by John Russell

Action: Secretary to amend 4.3 of February minutes.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 The Chairman read a brief report from local police team who advised of 16 reported crimes last month, with nine being detected and seven undetected. Anti-social behaviour was reported in certain areas and this was being followed-up. A road safety campaign is being planned.
- 3.2 John Bruce reported that the Community Engagement meeting at the school was well attended. It was felt that varying the time of the meeting would help with attendance, though; it was felt that the frequency of meetings could be looked at. Christine Dewar felt that the meeting perhaps dwelt too long on school matters and not so much on general issues.
- 3.3 Christine Dewar pointed out that the local officers still had no van or car and that they were happy to use bicycle or patrol on foot because if they had a van or car then they would be liable to be called upon to respond elsewhere rather than concentrate on Ward 10. Cllr Kay was unaware of this, as he had been assured by the Chief Inspector that they would be issued with one.
- 3.4 The Chairman introduced Lisa Taylor to members. Lisa gave a short introduction to the work of Community Wardens by telling members that from Monday 14th March the job Title will change to 'Safer Community Officer'. Lisa advised that the team will consist of 34 officers covering the whole of Fife. 16 Safer Community Officers will be available at any one time. The scope of the Safer Community Team will be wider than that of the Community Warden and will offer a 'one-stop-shop' for people with nuisance complaints. The Officers will have radios and body cameras. Lisa advised members that although Officers will have no enforcement powers

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they do have the advantage of knowledge of the area and its people and have a good rapport with the local youngsters. After answering member's questions, Lisa was thanked by the Chairman.

Actions:

*Cllr Kay to contact Police Scotland with regard to transport for local officers.
Alex MacDonald to contact local officers with regard to timing between next meetings.*

4.0 Secretaries Report

- 4.1** The meeting for Community Councillors and Scottish Water is scheduled for Wednesday 15th March at the Haugh Road. Elected Fife Councillors have already met with Scottish Water. Cllr. Kay advised members that he was sceptical with regard to the proposed solution. Bob Smith wondered where the money for this was coming from and if it had been allocated. Cllr. Leslie said that we will have to wait and see what the outcome is; she had been advised that the problem was not about capacity, but about water flow.
- 4.2** The Secretary advised members of places available on CARES, a community renewable conference and an Internet Security course.
- 4.3** The Secretary had been in contact with Gary Daniel from Fife Council with regard to upgrading the Burgh Chambers kitchen. He will investigate the resources available.
- 4.4** Complaints on Facebook:
- a) Dog fouling complaints on Facebook. This had been brought to the attention of the Secretary and a reply given by John Bruce who pointed out the work done by the Community Council over the years to tackle this problem, and the ongoing commitment through initiatives such as the Pick'n'Fix project.
 - b) High Street parking (ASB). The Secretary advised members that the police were aware of this particular issue and were pursuing.

Action: Gordon Langlands to pursue issue of kitchen in Burgh Chambers.

5.0 Treasurers Report

- 5.1** See Appendix 1
- 5.2** Gordon Langlands felt that the cash balance should be higher given the amount of fund raising for the East Links Play Park but the Chairman said that it reflected the cash received.
- 5.3** Common Good Application. George McLauchlan advised that no reply had yet been received. Cllr Kay indicated he had signed the application.
- 5.4** George McLauchlan introduced several ideas to members to increase available funds; as several of these may have legal implications, the Chairman asked that they be gathered together in writing and presented to members at the next meeting.

Action: George McLauchlan to compile written list of ideas for fundraising

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6.0 Environment

- 6.1** Half Moon/ Sailors Walk. As Cllr. George was not available an update was given by John Bruce. He advised that work on the railings was progressing and once this had been completed, the Payback Team would take over. Work should be completed in April.
- 6.2** John Bruce proposed a plan to clean the Burn at the Toll Park and replace the fencing and tidy the area. After much discussion it was decided that this would not be a practical idea and it was decided not to go ahead. Cllr Kay said he would investigate whether the wooden fence could be replaced.
- 6.3** Cllr. Kay advised members that the Payback Team were doing work around the Kirkcaldy Road area. Bob Smith felt that much of the litter on Toll Park was generated by either schoolchildren or their parents. He also pointed out that school classes were still being held in the public park area while the park within the school was not being used. Gordon Langlands advised that the headmistress, Julie Anderson, was aware of litter problem around the school area and was working on several initiatives to overcome this.
- 6.4** With regard to the water flow of the burn at Toll Park Bob Smith felt that this was partly due to a build up of debris at the outflow near the Toll Centre. Cllr. Kay said he would speak to the Centre about this.

Actions:

Cllr. George to report on progress at sailors Walk.

Cllr Kay to contact Toll Centre with regard to debris at outflow of burn and the school regarding their use of the Toll park. Cllr Kay also to investigate if the old fence at the Toll Park Burn could be replaced.

7.0 Planning Applications

- 7.1** Nothing of concern.

8.0 Burgh Buzz

- 8.1** Bill Kirkhope advised members that the deadline for the next issue is a month away.
- 8.2** Bill Kirkhope said that he would be losing some members of his editorial team and in particular a dedicated member to deal with advertising. He hoped that anyone with the necessary skills would get in touch with him.

9.0 Any Other Business

- 9.1** Mossmorran/ Braefoot Bay. Alex MacDonald reported on the latest joint meeting. A couple of small environmental spillages had been reported, these had been dealt with quickly to the satisfaction of SEPA. The monthly exercises with emergency services continue to work well. The plant has been operating for over 20 years without a serious accident. Further expansion at Braefoot Bay is being explored, this is at an early stage.
- 9.2** Mary Somerville House. Cllr. Kay advised that since the announcement that the portrait of Mary Somerville will be used on the new Bank of England £10 note; Fife Council has examined the external state of the building. A report has been submitted to the appropriate department and it is hoped that this will result in a total facelift.

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10.0 New Business

10.1 Old Local Council Office. The Chairman advised that several members of the Community Council had visited the site that day but had no time to consider the visit. John Russell asked if it would be possible to have the 'museum display' in the upper library, moved to the vacant office building. Alex MacDonald suggested that Cllr. Kay should discuss this with his colleagues. John Russell also asked if he could have a copy of the plans prepared for the Upper Library Hall; Cllr Kay said he would pass these on. Cllr Kay suggested that a stakeholder meeting should be held with regard to the properties, to spell out where we are and where we want to go.

Actions: Chairman to report on progress with alternative uses for old Local Office. Cllr Kay and colleagues to report on possibility of moving Museum Display in upper library to empty office. Cllr Kay to get copy of plans for upper Library Hall for John Russell.

11.0 Awaiting Update

12.1 Andrew Young Paintings. No update expected till after art and design work completed for the next Heritage Exhibition.

12.2 East/West Links Play area. Cllr Kay advised members that the West Links project is now fully funded and underwritten. It is hoped that completion will be some time later this year. Tender procurement should be starting for East Links and it is hoped that work will start later in the year.

12.3 Harbour castle Area NDP. Ben Barron advised that a meeting will be held with residents on the 21st March. The car parking meeting at the Library was well attended.

12.4 Pharmacy Appeal. Nothing further to report.

12.5 Burntisland Futures. Alex MacDonald advised members that the group was only a few weeks away from completing the Action Plan and launching the Action Plan Brochure. The group is hoping to enlist the help of local photographers to compile an exciting range of prints for use in the brochure. The next meeting of the Futures group will be on 5th April.

12.6 Royal Mail Post Office. Before leaving at 7.45pm, Cllr. Leslie advised members that she had been in contact with Royal Mail, who informed her that a new operator had been found for the post office. It is hoped that they will take over soon and that opening hours will become more regular. Cllr Leslie also advised that she had been in contact with Network Rail with regard to removal of hedging at the car park site. Network Rail has assured her that the hedging has merely been trimmed-back and that it will re-grow fairly quickly.

12.8 Kirkton Church Project. George McLauchlan reported that work was progressing and that a stonemason was due on site later this month and will start the work of ivy removal and stabilisation.

Actions: Morag Douglas to report on Links play areas.

George McLauchlan to report on Kirkton Church.

Alex MacDonald to report on progress with Burntisland Futures.

Cllr George to report on discussions with Archway Metals with regard to benches.

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Appendix 1:

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Treasurer's Report			
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Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/15	£824.07		
BCC Accounts to 11/03/16 (See Notes)	£35,482.32	£12,554.87	£23,751.52
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burntisland Community Futures	£10,900.00	£10,992.00	-£92.00
Burntisland Community Futures balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£0.00		
Total Burntisland Community Futures Balance @ 11/03/16			-£92.00
Exiles Reception	£300.00	£149.04	£150.96
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£17.67		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 11/03/16			£168.63
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£330.20		£330.20
War Memorial Project	£46,390.66	£47,960.64	-£1,569.98
War Memorial balance held in BCC Account 31/03/15	£1,500.00		
Total War Memorial Balance @ 11/03/16			-£69.98
East Links Playpark Project	£22,844.00	£0.00	£22,844.00
Total East Links Playpark Balance @ 11/03/16			£22,844.00
Total held on Account for Projects			£23,504.81
Balance available to Community Council @ 11/03/16 (See Notes)			£246.71

Date of next meeting: April 8th 2016, 7.00pm

George McLauchlan, Minute Secretary 11th March 2016