



BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 11th April 2014

7.00 P.M.

Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes.

PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), Bob Smith (Vice-Chair), John Russell (Treasurer), Isabel Smith, (Secretary), John Bruce (Environment), John Bradshaw, Christine Dewar, Gordon Langlands (Joint Minutes Secretary), Tim Hailey (Planning), Ian McKenzie, Damien Purcell, Bruce Stuart, George McLauchlan, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), PS Neil Ewing, Cllr Peter George, Cllr Susan Leslie and MSP David Torrance.

ATTENDING: 9 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

The Chairman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and indicated that Cllr Neil Crooks would be attending the May meeting. He also welcomed George McLauchlan to his first meeting as an elected member of the Community Council.

Apologies were received from Hazel McGraw and Cllr George Kay.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (14th March 2014).

There were no corrections to the minutes.

The minutes were agreed, proposed by Bob Smith and seconded by John Bruce.

3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8): New item 8.1.

4. Police Report – PS Neil Ewing.

19 recorded crimes in Burntisland, 14 detected, 3 with no leads.

Current priorities are monitoring public houses and increased monitoring of speeding.

Cycle patrols are beginning.

There have been problems at Sommerville Street, Square and Kirkgate and a new CCTV camera has been installed to monitor this area.

Some staff has been allocated to door-door enquiries on the recent Levenmouth murder case.

Local constables will also be used to police the Kirkcaldy Links Market.

5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports.

5.1. All mail was up to date and there was nothing to report from the Secretary.

5.2. The Treasurer indicated that funds were getting tight.

There is a total balance of £10,145 but after allocating funds there is only £537.70 left.

Fife Council funding is currently £1190.56 per annum which is less than current annual expenditure.

Action: BBC to discuss at May meeting.

6. Environment.

6.1. Environmental report by John Bruce.

a) Dog Fouling Poster / Burntisland Primary school.

The winning poster was designed by Cole Gamble Primary 7 with runners up Ciara Lynch Primary 5 Kyle Mitchell Primary 7.

These three winners will be presented with framed posters and a gift token by Frances Allen (Community Award Winner 2014) at Burntisland Primary School on a date yet to be arranged.



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These posters will be placed around the town at the beach, Links, and park areas and walking routes to the school. Thanks to all the pupils for their individual efforts.

The public can report any instances of dog fouling to Fife Council on 03451 55 00 22.

b) **Pettycur Bay Clean Up.**

BCC were pleased to support this clean up organized by Kinghorn Community Council and Fife Coast and Countryside Trust on Sunday 6th April 14 there were 30 volunteers turned up and 150 bags picked up well done to all.

It was noted that most of the rubbish had been left behind by visitors.

c) **Coupar Kirk West Leven Street.**

Some work has been done but weeds are growing out of the top archway and there is also graffiti on the bell structure.

d) **Pathway from Yellow Tunnel to Skate Park.**

Some work is required along the pathway to allow people to walk safely.

e) **Hand rail on Middle Tunnel on Links.**

This has been inspected and work will be done shortly to rectify this issue

6.2. Cllr Peter George:

a) The handrail at the middle tunnel will be installed in the next 1-2 weeks.

b) The pathway from middle tunnel to Skate Park has been brought to the attention of Fife Council.

c) The Coupar Church will have more work done on it.

d) A cairn on the Coastal Path to commemorate the Alcan factory has been discussed with Colinswell Estate residents who are discussing possible ways of funding it.

e) There is no restriction on picnic tables in the area of the new Links play park.

6.3. Cllr George Kay indicated by letter that:

Resurfacing work on the High Street will take place in September/October.

A Summary of issues and updates are included in Appendix 1.

7. Burgh Buzz – B.Kirkhope.

The next copy deadline is 14th April.

They need copy as soon as possible.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1. Queens Baton Relay.

The baton will pass through the town during Civic Week on 26th June. The Buzz would like to publicise this, however no details are currently available.

Action: Cllr Leslie to try and obtain information for Bill Kirkhope.



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9. New Business Items

9.1. Burgh Chambers Clock Tower.

Differed to May meeting when Cllr Neil Crooks will attend.

9.2. Forth Ports/ Scott Timber Development East Docks.

George Sneddon of Fife Council plus Stuart Wallace and 2 colleagues from Forth Ports attended.

a) According to Fife Council.

Discussions started in 2013.

They have agreed with Fife Ports that a change of use application was required.

This application (March 2014) is for change of use to the "blue shed".

Fife Council has agreed that access will be along Lammerlaws Road.

b) Forth Ports indicated that:

Fife Ports are seeing increased activity.

Scott Timber was 1st tenant in Rosyth since Fort Ports took over.

Oceanengineering need to expand whilst the Scott Timber lease is running out.

Scott Timber wants to remain in Fife and would start in Burntisland around September.

One ship every 6-8 weeks, carrying cut timber comes in by ship from Latvia.

Timber will be stored externally. Wooden blocks come in by road.

Pallets would then be manufactured inside the shed.

Approximately 20 HGV lorries per day will leave the site at the Beacon roundabout and travel along Lammerlaws Road / Links Place / Cromwell Road past the new school and out the Cowdenbeath Road.

Fencing will secure the premises but the public will still be able to walk around the area outside the fence whilst a gate will restrict access to the East Docks at the Beacon roundabout to Scott Timber vehicles.

c) Cllr Leslie indicated:

That although there may be new jobs for Burntisland people this project has a Fife wide benefit. She had asked Fife Council Traffic for reassurance regarding traffic issues.

Fife Council Traffic have indicated that there are no issues with the proposed route and will monitor the traffic for 6 months using cameras.

Cllr Leslie stated that she would be monitoring the situation closely.

d) BCC members commented:

That Rosyth Port was designed for industry requiring on-going road transport links whereas the East Docks is more suited to industry requiring minimal on-going transport by road.

There were concerns that this development was not screened from the new Sports development at the Beacon and might conflict with visitor traffic to the shows on the Links in the summer months.

Members of the BCC voted by a majority to support the change of use of the "blue shed".

Action: Alex MacDonald to seek a meeting with Scott Timber and also to write to Fife Council articulating the transportation concerns but supporting the change of use.

9.3. Burntisland Town Twinning.

Cllr George Kay indicated by letter that the Town Twinning Committee is holding a reception in Rossend Castle on 23rd April. Over 40 organisations in the town have been invited. The intention is to establish the best way forward. Four of the committee will be travelling to Norway in May to take part in a international week and discuss future arrangements.



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10. Ongoing Business

10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications.

- a) Repainting of Railway Station.
- b) Biomass Boiler at Kingswood Hotel.
- c) Demolition of Greenmount Hotel has started.

There was a question regarding the Ferguson Place Primary School Building. Cllr Leslie stated that the building is targeted for affordable housing and will be secured when it is vacated. The janitor house is privately owned.

10.2. Royal Burgh Branding.

John Bradshaw has consulted with Kinghorn Community Council and indicated that the town will never be a Royal Burgh again however we can, as per Kinghorn, rename the BCC to the Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council. This may cost £98 to Lord Lyons plus £2000 for signage. John sought permission to continue and members of the BCC agreed unanimously.

Action: John Bradshaw to pursue name change.

10.3. Right of Way to West of Burntisland (Sandy Road).

Fife Council have indicated:

A total of 32 response forms were completed and returned to them during the consultation period at the end of 2013. These were considered by the access team and by Legal services. Advice from legal services suggested that 21 of these forms should be followed up by interviewing the respondents and getting further clarification of their responses. This interview process is taking place at the moment. To date 8 people have been interviewed and a further 3 have dates arranged for next week. 4 people have declined to be interviewed which leaves a further 6 people to try to set up interviews with. In the course of interviewing these respondents, some additional information has been given which we will have to follow up, such as checking old books or historical maps. In addition, it is possible that some new witnesses may be contacted by some of these respondents and if that is the case we will follow this up. It is anticipated that the interview process will be completed by the end of April. At this point Legal services will again become involved to assess the information available and to agree the next steps. At this moment in time it is not possible to say with any clarity what the outcome of the process will be.

11. Awaiting Update.

11.1. Common Good Fund Property Review Report. - No update but it was noted that 104 High Street has been broken into.

11.2. Burgh Chambers Furniture.

All the tables in the main chambers have been restored.

However there are signs of abuse already by users of the Burgh Chambers.

Action: Alex MacDonald to write to Janice King of Fife Council asking her to contact all user groups asking them to respect the furniture.



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11.3. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub.

The Floral Bridge at the new primary school has been cancelled by Fife Council. Bob Smith suggested the £100 committed to this should be diverted to the Sports Hub. Members of the BCC agreed to this suggestion.

11.4. Strategic Projects Group: War Memorial.

The masonry work is almost complete.

Now awaiting samples of railing and a start date for installation. Other contractual issues were to be discussed in private.

11.5. Gas Fracking in Fife Meeting: No update however MSP David Torrance indicated that the license has been bought for the area around Methil/Dysart for undersea extraction. This comes ashore via pipe then onwards to Grangemouth.

11.6. Proposed Community Action Plan.

No progress. The old list will be circulated prior to a meeting on 15th or 18th April.

Action: Alex MacDonald to send out email.

12. Date of Next Meeting.

B.C.C. Meeting - Friday, 9 May 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Burgh Chambers.

13. Private Session.

There was a private session to discuss forthcoming Birthdays and also contractual issues with the War Memorial.

Action: Alex MacDonald will seek a further meeting with the architects to resolve issues with the original specification.



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APPENDIX: 1 – Environmental Summary.

Issue	When Reported	Description	Current Status	When Resolved	Who Responsible
8	June 2012	Dog Fouling.	School Poster competition prize winners selected.	On-going.	John Bruce
10	December 2012	Coastal Path near Colinswell Alcan estate has deteriorated. It is very wet and muddy.	Engineers from Fife Coastal and Countryside Trust will visit on 11 th March. Some repair work carried out. To be resurfaced after April 2014.		John Bruce Cllr Leslie.
11	January 2013	Shipyards Steps	Community payback to clear steps. Hurd Rolland purchasing adjacent land, they may take responsibility for making the steps safe	Still on-going.	Cllr George Cllr Kay.
13	February 2013	Stairs at Harbour Place need attention.	Been reported.		Cllr George
16	March 2013	Centre Red Tunnel (Middle Tunnel) needs stairs repaired and a railing.	Inspected by Fife Council		Cllr George
20	April 2013	Coastal Sea Wall between Aberdour and Burntisland.	Work commencing shortly.		John Bruce.
21	April 2013	Old street lamp posts.	Need removed on Kirkton Road and Collinswell roundabout.		John Bruce.
25	April 2013	Old Admiralty ground needs cleared.	MoD land		Cllr George.
28	May 2013	Coastal Path from Alcan to Waterfall Dangerous for bicycles due to stones.			John Bruce.
29	May 2013	Older houses in Sommerville Street need maintenance.	Planning permission for roof and windows.		John Bruce
31	June 2013	Cemetery	Verges and earth around graves improved. Red chip paths to be fixed. Much better but patchy in places. Currently work continuing into 2014.		John Bruce Cllr Kay.
36	August 2013	Path from Glebe Place to Meadowfield.	Lamp post needed		Cllr George.
38	August 2013	Safer route to school	No update.		Cllr George.
39	September 2013	Kirkton Cemetery	Initial cut back completed. Walls inspected. Funding being sought for renovation and signage		Cllr Kay.
41	October 2013	Haug Road pavement.	Badly needs maintenance. Holes to be filled in meantime. New surface in 2014/15.		Cllr Leslie. Cllr George.
42	January 2014	Promenade - Areas needing resurfaced/ repaired	The worst pot holes have been filled in.		Cllr Kay
43	January 2014	High Street	Areas of High St and cobbled parking areas to be re-surfaced September/October.		Cllr Kay
45	March 2014	Coupar Church	Weeds and graffiti. Inspected by Fife Council		Cllr George.
46	March 2014	Path from Yellow Tunnel to skatepark.	Wet and muddy. Needs some work done on drainage.		Cllr George.
47	March 2014	Area at War Memorial	Trees need cut back and surface repaired. After work completed on War Memorial.		Cllr George
Issues highlighted in GREEN as completed will be removed in the next Summary.					