

FRIDAY, 12 September 2014
7.00 P.M.
Burgh Chambers.

Draft Minutes

PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), John Russell (Treasurer), Gordon Langlands (Secretary), Hazel McGraw (Joint Minutes Secretary), Christine Dewar, Morag Douglas, Tim Hailey, George McLauchlin, Bob Smith, Bruce Stewart, Linda Briscoe (Burgh Buzz), Cllr George Kay and Cllr Susan Leslie.

ATTENDING: 8 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), John Bradshaw, John Bruce, Ian McKenzie, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz) and Cllr Peter George.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (8 August 2014)

Paragraph 6 (p) should read 'Issues have been raised re the car wash previously but when inspected by an enforcement officer no problems were detected'.

Subject to the above amendment the minutes were agreed, proposed by Tim Hailey and seconded by John Russell.

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 £681. The Treasurer's report is attached at Appendix 1. It was noted that the Showmen's Guild's contribution towards the Exiles reception was outstanding – **Alex MacDonald to follow up**

6. Environment.

6.1. Environment issues report by John Bruce see Appendix 2.

6.2. George Kay notified Members work was due to begin on re-surfacing the High Street in early November, this would result in closure of the High Street at times. Members raised concerns this would clash with fireworks night and Remembrance Day Parade. **George Kay to follow up.**

6.3. Eroding of Stones in arches at Rossend – Susan Leslie has received report showing that although unsightly this erosion is not structural and therefore requires no immediate action, although repairs will be carried out in due course.

6.4. Further issues re the car wash and missing panels, the Planning Officer will take this forward as this is a planning requirement.

7. Burgh Buzz – Linda Briscoe

More distributors needed. Next deadline mid-October for publication prior to fireworks night.

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8. Any Other Business.

8.1 Moss Moran/ Braefoot Community Liaison Committee – Alex MacDonald attended the last meeting on 11 September 2014. Received report on community survey of 100 plus residents which overall was positive but some room for improvement re communication. Exxon confirmed they would support Christmas pantomime visits, including for Burntisland senior citizens and Shell reported donations of £100 to both Burntisland Highland Games and the Burgh Buzz.

8.2 Environmental clean up – Proposal from Colinswell Residents Association for two environmental clean ups, on 27 September 2014 – the Point and Seamill play park, and 4 October 2014 – the main beach. A review of littering, development of an action plan and educational events for children were also proposed. Funding was available for catering following the two events and **Council agreed to host this.**

8.3 Car wash – see 6.4

8.4 Burntisland Facebook page – An official BCC presence on FaceBook was discussed and **Gordon Langlands will consider this** following the referendum.

9. New Business Items

9.1. Scott Timber Operation – There were a number of resident's concerns regarding the Scott Timber Operations, these centred around:

- Transport (1) level of traffic coming in and out of the site and the timing of this. Scott Timber had originally undertaken to minimise traffic during school start and finish times – it was noted this was not a requirement and they could not be held responsible for contractor or customer transport arrangements, (2) level of traffic at Links Place junction Fife Council will set up cameras to monitor this in Nov/ Dec, (3) overhanging branches at 'the Juck' continued to cause lorries to veer across the road. Hauliers had also reported this to Fife Council and this would be actioned soon. **Susan Leslie to take transport issues forward.**
- Planning issues – additional building work being carried out over and above that in the original planning application, as well as continued work outside the blue shed (planning application covered all work being inside the shed) this has noise implications for local residents. Fife Council are taking this forward although it has been contested by Forth Ports. **Susan Leslie to keep a check on progress.**
- Lighting – at present this, along with generator noise continues all night, queries as to whether lighting could be deflected away from housing and whether this would continue once operational. **Alex MacDonald will raise this with Scott Timber.**
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9.2. Recent Kirkcaldy Area Committee meeting in Burntisland – notices for this meeting were distributed last minute and only John Bradshaw was able to attend. This was a lost opportunity for community engagement and must be advertised properly next time. The Area Committee identified 16 halls across Fife for consideration for disposal – this includes Young Hall and Unity Hall. Cllr Kay confirmed there was no immediate threat to these properties.

9.3. Seamill Housing public consultation event at Rossend Castle – The public consultation event was well attended and a number of concerns were raised including loss of amenity and house prices at Colinswell. It was noted that the Area Committee had agreed not to recommend that area for housing within the area plan – there would be a full consultation on this in due course.

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9.4. Colinswell Steps – the cost of a footpath had originally been supported from public funds but the path was no longer being maintained. It was reported that due to low usage the path had been removed from the core network. There is therefore no longer any maintenance obligation on the part of the landowner.

9.5. Invite to Toll Centre AGM 7:30pm Monday 22 September 2014 – noted.

10. Ongoing Business Items

10.1. Review of Local Planning Application – Tim Hailey highlighted current planning applications which included replacement of street lighting, screening of old primary school windows, demolition and re-build of building behind 178 High St for storage and distribution purposes. A community event regarding future use of old school building on 24 September 2014 was noted.

10.2. Deveron Homes street naming consultation – no update

10.3. Loss of Blue Flag – Standard of Burntisland beach had not changed however the standard required for Blue Flag status had been raised. It was noted results were only just below those required.

10.4. Parking on the Links – Cllr Kay to meet with Scott Clelland regarding this, options include placing bollards or removing notices and allowing parking

10.5. World War I Commemorations – Re-dedication of the memorial will be combined with Remembrance Day parade.

10.6. New school road safety – Update received from Julie Anderson, Head Teacher – positive reports so far about traffic flow around the new school, many pupils were walking or cycling to school and traffic was moving freely. Some concerns around parking around the top of Greenmount/ Kirkcaldy Road affecting visibility at the crossing.

10.7. Location of sycamore tree – Fife Council have stipulated a 5m replacement tree (an Acer, more suitable to the size of the available area), should be planted by 8 November 2014, with an expected mature height of 12m.

11. Awaiting Update

11.1. Common Good Fund Property Review Report – Agreed content with the list as it stands. This item should become 'Common Good Development' on future agendas.

11.2. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub – Work to start this month

11.3. War Memorial – Delays processing paperwork. Wrap up meeting to be arranged once complete.

11.4. Proposed community action plan/ strategic projects group – Met for the second time last week. James Macintosh will prepare a fact finding template. Members to visit various developed sites around Fife to fact find and learn lessons. Have also identified some training opportunities. **Will collate report for next meeting.**

11.5. Royal Burgh branding – No update. Bob Wilkie offered assistance with new signage.

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Members also noted an offer from George McLauchlin, Hanselled Books to sponsor the Scots Verse Competition.

12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 10 October 2014 at 7 p.m. Venue: Burgh Chambers.

Appendices 1 and 2 - scroll down

Treasurers report [not supplied]

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