



Royal Burgh of Burntisland Community Council
Draft Minutes.

Friday 13th May 2016
7.00pm Burgh Chambers.

Present:

Christine Dewar, George McLauchlan, John Russell, Leslie-Anne Cronin, Ben Barron, Alex MacDonald, Tim Hailey, William Symington, John Bradshaw, Morag Douglas, Lesley Backhouse.

Attending:

Cllr. Leslie, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), Caspar J. Wilson (ABC Routes), Julie Anderson (Burntisland Primary School), Carole-Anne Paterson, 5 members of the public.

1.0 Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence.

- 1.1 The Chairman welcomed Caspar J. Wilson and Carole-Anne Patterson who were invited to give short individual presentations to members.
- 1.2 Apologies for absence received from John Bruce, Bruce Stuart, Cllr. Kay, Cllr. George. and representatives of Police Scotland.

2.0 Minutes of previous meeting (8th. April 2016)

- 2.1 The minutes were proposed by Christine Dewar, seconded by Tim Hailey.

3.0 Police Report

- 3.1 The Chairman read out an e mailed report received from PC Ross Masterton. PC Masterton listed 25 reported crimes in the past month, 9 of these had been detected and of the remaining 15, 9 had positive leads. Reports had been received with regards to youth disturbances on the Links and at the Beacon Leisure Centre, alcohol had been seized. The road safety campaign would be continuing.
- 3.2 Alex MacDonald reported that he had opened a dialogue with 'Safer Communities', and hoped that this would lead to closer communication with the Community Council and a higher profile in the town.
- 3.3 Christine Dewar reported on the latest Police 'Community Engagement' meeting. Christine was pleased to report that a police sergeant was in attendance as well as Community Safety Officers. Alex MacDonald asked about attendance levels, Christine reported that it was fairly disappointing with 10 or 12 twelve members of the public in attendance. Alex asked Councillor Leslie how this compared with other community engagement groups in the area. Cllr Leslie suggested that this compared very favourably with other groups, many of whom had amalgamated due to poor attendance.
- 3.4 Julie Anderson, head teacher at Burntisland advised members that she was liaising with the Rector of Balwearie High School, with regard to the behaviour of some youth's out with school hours and during weekends.

4.0 Secretaries Report

- 4.1 Post Office. The Secretary drew members' attention to the letter received from Royal Mail and asked Cllr. Leslie if she could expand on it. Cllr. Leslie advised members that the prospective new tenant was keen to move in, but due to the many legal complications with regard to leases she could not give a date. Cllr. Leslie had been in touch with Royal Mail with regard to Kinghorn PO opening hours.

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- 4.2 Licensing Board. After a short discussion, before which Morag Douglas absented herself, it was decided to offer no comments on the licence application.
- 4.3 House of Commons Letter. The Secretary drew member's attention to the letter received from MP, Roger Mullen, congratulating members on receiving a grant of £2000 from ASDA, towards the East Links play area.
- 4.4 Town Twinning. Members were unanimous in supporting the Town Twinning group's application to the Common Good for a grant toward this year's celebration. Julie Anderson also advised members that fund raising activities were taking place at the school.

5.0 Treasurers Report

5.1 See Appendix 1

- 5.2 Fundraising. George McLauchlan advised that the application for funding from the Community Good Fund had been successful and that £500 had been awarded but not yet received.
- 5.3 Exiles Reception. Gordon Langlands put it to members that an invitation should be extended to all winners of the Community Award, to attend this year's Exiles Reception. This was unanimously agreed.

Action: Gordon to arrange to invite previous award winners to the exiles reception.

6.0 Environment

- 6.1 A pre-prepared report was read by the Chairman in John Bruce's absence. John raised the possibility of large cuts in the budget of Fife Council impacting on the floral displays in Burntisland. Cllr. Leslie assured members that this year's budget was secure, but, members had to accept reality and that the coming years would be difficult. She asked members to please work with 'Parks, Streets and Open Spaces', to secure a good outcome for the town. John Russell pointed out that the Links, unlike other parks in Fife pays for itself. Alex MacDonald suggested that we should have a constructive dialogue with Fife Council, while pointing out that The Links was a revenue earner.
 - 6.1.1 Pick n Fix. John Bruce advised members that a further two boxes were ready to be sited in the Links and Lammerlaws area. It has been suggested that the 'pickers' for these boxes should be gathered in at night and replaced in the morning. It was important that the Community Council show the community at large that we do care about the environment.
 - 6.1.2 Beach Clean-up. There was a successful clean-up on April 2nd. John has said that he will keep in contact with Fife Coast and Countryside Trust to ensure that the beach is looking its best during the summer months.
- 6.2 Rail Track rubbish. Cllr. Leslie said that this had not been dealt with by Railtrack, but that it would be attended to when Railtrack Pickers were in the area.
- 6.3 Bollards on Links. Cllr. Leslie advised members that the council had this in hand and it would be acted on as soon as possible.
- 6.4 Phone Box at Kirkton. Cllr. Leslie said that Cllr. Kay had been in touch with

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BT. Ben Barron said that he had contacted BT with regard to the kiosk at the Castle Area and had been advised that if the phone was in working order, there was no plan to work on the exterior.

Action: Chairman to contact Parks, Streets and Open Spaces, with regard to proposed budget cuts to flower beds.

7.0 Planning Applications

Tim Hailey advised members of three applications received by Fife Council, none of which should concern members. Tim drew member's attention to a pre-application received for a landfill site at Balbie. This would entail the infill of a quarry with non-toxic waste over a number of years and then the planting of a bio-mass crop over this land. As the waste will be coming in by road, rail and sea, this could have a considerable impact on local traffic. Tim stressed that this was a pre-application and that no firm plan had been submitted. Cllr. Leslie advised members that Landfill will become illegal by 2021.

8.0 Burgh Buzz

8.1 Bill Kirkhope advised that the current issue was in circulation. Bill drew member's attention to an appeal in the current issue, for an Advertising Co-ordinator. Bill said that this was an important role and he would be pleased to hear from anyone interested in the position.

9.0 Any Other Business

9.1 ABC Routes. The Chairman introduced Caspar Wilson from NADFLY, a pioneering artist studio based in Glasgow. Caspar is presently engaged in Markinch working with the community in devising an innovative method of encouraging children and parents to walk to school. Caspar told members that NADFLY try to involve the whole community in their projects. ABC Routes can encourage walkers and cyclists to be inspired to discover new ways to get around the town. Children are given safe and intriguing routes from drop-off points to the school gate. Each route is marked out with an individually designed graphic. Routes are installed in sets each month and cards issued to schools. When a new set is introduced, the previous signs are removed. Caspar advised that the project was fully funded and asked for Community Council Support. The Chairman asked how Julie Anderson felt about this. Julie said that she had worked with NADFLY for a short time in Pathead before moving to Burntisland. Julie thought the project worthwhile and would look forward to working with Caspar. George McLauchlan asked what would happen after the year was up, what the legacy would be. Caspar advised that the project was intended to be temporary but he hoped that it would impact on how people saw and moved around the town. The Secretary asked that we delay any decision until after hearing the proposal to be made by Carole-Anne Paterson.

9.2 Carole-Anne Paterson. Carole-Anne had been travelling on the train in the North when she stopped at Inverury station and was inspired by the artwork she saw on display. This encouraged her to approach Abelio who were

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happy to for her to use the north bound waiting room to paint wall murals. Carol-Anne would like to extend her idea from the station to other areas in the town and was looking for moral support from members. The chairman felt that both ideas sounded wonderful and that he could see no conflict with either proposal, members unanimously agreed to give support to both proposals.

Action: Chairman to contact Fife Council in support of the ABC Routes proposal.

10.0 New Business

10.1 Trading On Beach. In the absence of Cllr. Kay this matter is carried forward.

10.2 Burgh Chambers Complex. The Chairman advised members that he would be unable to attend the Stakeholder meeting on the 26th May, but advised all members who could manage the 10am start to attend. Cllr. Leslie said that she understood that it was a closed meeting and only open to those invited. Alex MacDonald said that the invitation was to the Community Council and therefore open to all its members.

Actions:

Cllr. Kay to report on beach traders.

Secretary to report back on Stakeholders meeting on 26th May.

11.0 Awaiting Update

11.1 **Half Moon/ Sailors Walk.** In the absence of Cllr. George, the Chairman advised members that work was progressing and that the first course of the new surface had been laid. Tim Hailey was impressed by the work already carried out. George McLauchlan floated an idea to develop the ruined house on the walk and to use the rear land to develop a 'medieval garden'. This work hopefully would eventually lead to a loop in the Fife Coastal path and a new Heritage route for the town. George said he would develop the idea further.

11.2 **East/ West Links.** Morag Douglas advised that work on the East Links would start after the end of this summer season. The West Links project was still awaiting final funding and that further local fund raising was required. Gordon Langlands confirmed that the West Links FET application required community fundraising of approximately £3,500. Cllr Leslie said that she was disappointed that the group had not met recently to discuss progress.

11.3 **Burntisland Futures.** Alex MacDonald advised members that the brochure was on schedule for a print run of 3,500 and that the launch date had been agreed as the 3rd July at the primary school. Due to logistical difficulties, the kind offer of the use of a marquee by Cllr. Leslie during Civic Week had to be turned down. It was agreed that the event would last approx. 2 hours, that opening speeches would be kept to a maximum of 30 minutes and that the focus would be on the 'priorities' agreed in the brochure. Alex MacDonald was making enquiries with regard to a banner for display at the launch and at future events, to raise the profile of the Community Council.

11.4 **Kirkton Church.** George McLauchlan reported to members that stage two

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of the project was still out to tender and that work should be starting fairly soon. Currently masons are working to cap the wall-heads to stop any water ingress.

- 11.5 Community Trust.** George McLauchlan asked if the Community Council had any intention with progressing with the formation of a Community Trust. It was pointed out that the council could not become a Community Trust but could progress it up to the application stage. George pointed out that another group had already expressed an interest in forming a group to take over the Burgh Chambers complex; he wondered if this meant that the Community Council as a group no longer had an interest. It was agreed that the Futures group would progress with the original plan of gathering support for a Trust at the launch event on the 3rd of July and that meanwhile Alex would contact Community Development Trust Scotland to enquire with regard to a draft constitution.

Actions:

*Morag Douglas to arrange meeting of East/West Links Play Parks Group.
Cllr. George to report on Sailors Walk Progress.
George McLauchlan to report on any progress with Sugarhouse idea.
Chairman to report on Futures launch.
Chairman to contact Scottish Development Trust with regard to constitution
and also launch date of Futures brochure.*

12.00 Date of next meeting: June 10th 2016, 7.00pm

George McLauchlan, Minute Secretary 15th May 2016

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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 08/04/16 (See Notes)	£7,145.00	£49.73	£30,636.39
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below.			
Burntisland Community Futures	£0.00	£49.73	-£49.73
Burntisland Community Futures balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	-£92.00		
Total Burntisland Community Futures Balance @ 13/05/16			-£141.73
Exiles Reception	£300.00	£149.04	£150.96
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/16	£17.67		
Total Exiles Reception Balance @ 13/05/16			£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 @ 13/05/16			£29,989.00
Total held on Account for Projects			£30,629.56
Balance available to Community Council @ 13/05/16 (See Notes)			£6.83