



BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL

FRIDAY, 14th June 2013
7.00 P.M.
Burgh Chambers.

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PRESENT:

Alex MacDonald (Chair), Bob Smith (Vice Chair), Isabel Smith (Secretary), John Russell (Treasurer), Gordon Langlands (Minutes Secretary), John Bradshaw (Part Time), John Bruce, Gary Cummins, Christine Dewar, Hazel McGraw, Morag Douglas, Bill Kirkhope (Burgh Buzz), Cllr Peter George, Cllr Susan Leslie (Part Time).

ATTENDING: 7 members of the public.

1. Chairman's Opening Remarks and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and informed the meeting that apologies had been received from Sgt Stuart Davidson, Tim Hailey, Cllr George Kay, Ian McKenzie, Bruce Stuart, Zoe Williamson.

Cllr George Kay in his absence forwarded a report commenting on a variety of issues. Where appropriate his comments are included in the minutes.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting (10th May 2013)

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

3. Notification of Community Concerns for A.O.B. (Item 8): Two new items 8.1 and 8.2.

4. Police Report – Sgt Stuart Davidson.

In his absence Sgt Stuart Davidson forwarded a report. See Appendix 1.

5. Secretary's and Treasurer's Reports

5.1. The Secretary stated all correspondence was up to date and there was nothing to report.

5.2. The Treasurer indicated a free balance of £798.85. See Appendix 2.

There is still a hold up with the new account.

6. Environment.

6.1. Environmental Issues by John Bruce. See Appendix 3.

6.2. Cllr Leslie commented:

6.2.1. A cherry picker is required to inspect the Archway at Rossend Castle.

6.2.2. A meeting of Councillors at the Shipyard Stairs has still to be arranged.

6.2.3. The quad bike weed sprayer is not effective in certain locations.

6.2.4. Shop owners must give permission for any shop front painting or cleaning.

There is a Fife Council scheme to help clean up shop fronts.

6.2.5. The public should report pot holes.

6.3. Christine Dewar commented that a pot hole on Aberdour Road near the car wash has been reported but Fife Council has decided that it is too small to require filling.

6.4. Morag Douglas commented that the bin at the Castle Street car park has no bottom.

6.5. Cllr George commented that the maintenance squad for the Cemetery maintenance has been depleted, but they are now starting to catch up with their schedule.

6.6. John Bruce also commented that the water well at Starley Burn which was causing localised flooding has been repaired.

6.7. Issues and updates from the 3, elected Fife Councillors are included in Appendix 5.



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7. Burgh Buzz – Bill Kirkhope.

It is 1 month to copy deadline.

It is anticipated that this issue will cover Civic Week and the Highland Games.

Bill is still looking for volunteer distributors for Kirkbank and Bentfield areas.

8. Any Other Business.

8.1. Civic Week Shop Window Competition.

Christine Dewar was involved with the judging. The Tikasam shop window was outstanding.

8.2. Pavement at Starley Hall.

The path is the worst it has been. This is a main entrance to Burntisland. The weeds are 2 -3 feet high in places and soil is reducing the width of the footpath.

Action: Cllr Leslie to follow up.

9. New Business Items

9.1. Exiles Reception.

Letters of invite are almost ready to go out to:

Provost Jim Leishman.

Chief Inspector Gordon Mitchell

MSP David Torrance.

Chairman of Showmans Guild (send invite to Glasgow Office).

The Showman's Guild has kindly volunteered to pay for the costs of an external caterer as per last year. As always volunteers are required to help out on the day.

9.2. Roundhouse car park.

Fife Council intends to sell part of this car park.

There are concerns since this is an overspill for the Links car park and John Russell believes this car park actually belongs to the Burntisland Common Good.

Cllr Leslie commented that this has been used as a car park but is not an official car park and has been up for sale for many years.

Action: Cllr Leslie to check if this land is Economic Development Land or Burntisland Common Good.

Action: Alex MacDonald to write a letter to Fife Council asking that this land should be formalised as a car park to support future economic development.

9.3. Mossmorran Liaison Committee.

Cllr Leslie and Alex Macdonald attended the recent meeting.

There are now 9 wind turbines next to the plant and as part of the planning approval; an emission study was carried out to ascertain if the turbines affect the concentration of benzene.

The initial study was for 18 months before and 6 months since installation.

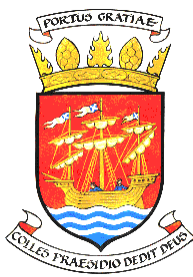
This shows the turbines have negligible effect on the concentration of benzene which is less than the standard background level for rural areas.

There is 10 years worth of data on emissions. 1 hour / day the wind blows towards Burntisland.

The SEPA website will in the future have a section on Mossmorran.

There have been donations to Burntisland Civic Week, Highland Games and FAB.

In 18 years there has been no lost time at ExxonMobil due to injury however there has been one recent recordable injury.



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9.4. Community Notice Board.

There are a set of guidelines for what is allowed on the notice board. Jim Murdoch is responsible for applying these guidelines. However Jim is considering standing down from this role. Bruce Stuart is willing to assume this role. Commercial ads are not allowed however in the past some small ads have been displayed. Community events are allowed. There is some confusion as to what is a Fife Council property. The Alhambra is not Fife Council. Cllr Leslie suggested that all ads displayed should be initialled by BCC. Another suggestion was that any commercial flyer should pay a small fee. Kinghorn's notice board is open and self policing with Kinghorn Community Councillors taking down old notices. Cllr Leslie provided a combined Councillor Surgery / Contact notice to save space. Cllr George agreed to the use of the combined Councillor notice.

Action: Continue as is with Alex MacDonald to circulate the old guidelines for discussion at the next meeting.

10. Ongoing Business Items

10.1. Review of Local Planning Applications. No new applications.

10.2. Strategic Projects Group: War Memorial.

See private discussion.

10.3. Burger Van on Links.

Stuart Miller who has the lease on the van clarified that the lease used to be for 6 months but was increased to all year round. This appears to be an attempt by Fife Council to increase revenue however it makes the van potentially unviable. There was a similar situation 10 years ago. He would be happy to go back to a 6 month lease.

Action: Alex MacDonald to pass this on to Andrew Ferguson of Fife Council.

10.4. Public Toilets.

John Bruce has contacted Anstruther Community Council. See his comments in Appendix 4. Cllr George indicated that the current Fife Council administration has no intention of closing the main Burntisland and Kinghorn public toilets. This item is resolved.

11. Awaiting Update

11.1. Burgh Chambers Furniture.

Bob Smith has taken the quote price plus a contingency of 10%, divided by two and submitted applications to Burntisland Common Good and the Area budget. The next Fife Council meeting is 28th August. It is to be hoped that the elected Fife Councillors will support these applications.

11.2. Burgh Chambers Clock Tower Repair / Common Good Fund Property Review.

11.2.1. Nothing to report on the Clock Tower.

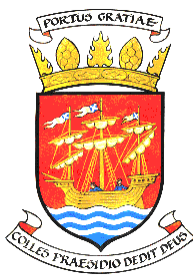
11.2.2. There has been no meeting of the sub group to review the Common Good.

Fife Council has not responded to queries on the current Common Good Property List.

11.2.3. The Unity Hall is Common Good. The ATC are concerned that Fife Council is intending to sell the property. The ATC current have a lease and maintain the inside of the building whilst Fife Council are responsible for keeping the property wind and water tight.

Action: Cllr George to organise a meeting with Andrew Ferguson to meet the BCC to progress the list of properties.

11.3. Burntisland/Kinghorn Sports Hub. Nothing to report.



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11.4. Beacon Centre.

11.4.1. Cllr Kay confirmed that despite his efforts and a petition containing in excess of 500 signatories he has received a response from the chief Executive of the Trust advising that The Fife Sports and Leisure Trust have now concluded that they wish to proceed in the Beacon by providing an enhanced vending machine service as they presently have in other similar facilities.

11.4.2. Cllr George indicated that there have been 13 closures since January due to contamination in the pool. Cllr Neil Crooks is pursuing this issue with Mr Watson of Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.

Action: Alex MacDonald to feedback the concerns of BCC to Fife Sports and Leisure Trust.

11.5. Community Emergency Planning.

Meeting now organised for Friday 21st June at a time and place yet to be decided.

11.6. Proposed Community Action Plan.

STAR struggling to arrange funding. Now looks unlikely to happen until next year.

12. Date of Next Meeting

BCC Meeting - Friday, 9th August 2013 at 7 p.m. Venue: Burgh Chambers.

13. Private Session.

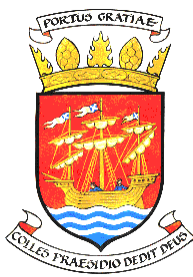
13.1. There has been a formal complaint about the notice board.

The BCC believes that the current guidelines have been adhered to.

13.2. There has been a complaint about the War Memorial tendering process.

The BCC believes it has followed the correct process.

Action: Alex MacDonald to respond appropriately to both complaints.



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APPENDIX 1: Police Report.

UPDATE FOR BURNTISLAND COMMUNITY COUNCIL 14TH JUNE 2013

PS322 STUART DAVIDSON
APOLIGIES FOR NON-ATTENDANCE

CRIME FIGURES

- 24 Crimes Reported since last meeting
- 17 Detected
- 71% detection rate
- Similar figures for same period in 2012
- 14 Less crimes/victims than last Month (May 2013)

LOCAL ACTION

Fife Council Parking Attendants have been in the High Street area on five separate occasions that I am aware of. I have spoken with them personally after my e-mail requesting their attendance. Stated they had visited most of the retail and commercial premises along the High Street and identified worst times are Monday and Saturday Mornings. They will continue to attend as part of their patrol matrix. I invited and offered the use of the police station for comforts breaks if required in an effort to encourage an increased attendance and presence in our area. To clarify only Fife Council will deal with parking offences on double yellow lines, Police Officers will still move on offending vehicles if no attendants in area and advise accordingly. Only if vehicles are causing a blatant obstruction will an endorsable Fixed Penalty Ticket be issued (Money & points on licence). Thankfully we have only had to issue one so far.

Local officers remain proactive in tackling Road Safety including days of action utilising Road Policing officers, speeding sites and High Visibility preventative deployments. Numerous drives warned/advised regarding their speed, 2x Fixed Penalty tickets speeding, 1x Fixed Penalty ticket drive whilst using a mobile phone and a driver subject to a report to PF for driving whilst not wearing a seat belt.

INCIDENTS OF NOTE

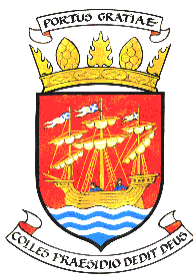
A drugs search warrant was executed at an address in Burntisland with illegal substances being recovered and prevented from hitting our streets. Two people are now subject of a report to the Procurator Fiscal.

A male has had his vehicle seized, forfeited & crushed along with being served with a community payback order and driving disqualification for persistently driving whilst under the influence of drugs.

UPCOMING ACTION/EVENTS

15th June 2013 – PS Davidson, PC Graves & PC Kinsell will be involved in Burntisland Fancy Dress Parade and festivities
16th June 2013 – PC Kinsell & officers from Kirkcaldy arranged to assist with Pipe Band Parade and Street Fair, Union Street

Local awareness in relation seasonal increase in crimes of dishonesty, such as thefts, shoplifting and stolen vehicles with increased numbers of visitors/tourists to the town.



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APPENDIX: 2 – Treasurer’s Report.

Burntisland Community Council			
Treasurer's Report			
14th June 2013			
Details	Income	Expenditure	Balance
Balance Carried Forward 31/03/13	£2,216.12		
BCC Accounts to 14/06/13 (See Notes)	£1,100.00	£1,471.62	£1,844.50
Notes:			
The overall Community Council Account Balance includes balances held for the individual projects listed below, as well as a Burgh Buzz contingency fund. This is currently £500.			
Burgh Buzz	£1,100.00	£1,409.00	-£309.00
BB balance held in BCC Account 31/03/13	£524.45		
Total Burgh Buzz Balance @ 14/06/13			£215.45
Exiles Reception			
Exiles Reception balance held in BCC Account 31/03/13	-£30.87		-£30.87
Chimes balance held in BCC Account 31/03/13	£330.20		£330.20
Total held on Account for Projects			£545.65
Burgh Buzz contingency			£500.00
Total held on Account			£1,045.65
Balance available to Community Council @ 14/06/13			£798.85
Outstanding Income/Invoices			



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ENVIRONMENT ISSUES TO BE RAISED AT MEETING FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 13

ARCHWAY AT ROSSEND CASTLE

I have since learned from Cllr Leslie that she has reported this matter to Fife Council and they will be inspected and any necessary work will be done within the month the clearing of the weeds will also be done as soon as possible.

BENCHES ON HIGH STREET

I have been informed by Cllr Kay that the Pay Back team had intended painting the benches on the high street but have decided to take them away two at a time for re painting the first two taken 5.06.13 nice to learn that this work is being done

SHIPYARD STAIRS

What is the current situation regarding the re opening of stairs?

EMPTY SHOPS ON HIGH STREET

What action can Fife Council take to ensure that empty premises are kept in a clean and tidy condition, are they able to contact the owners to make them aware of the situation and to instruct them to keep their property in a clean and respectable manner?

I have noticed a few shops are being painted and this makes a real difference to our High Street.

FLORAL ACTION BURNTISLAND

In conjunction with Keep Scotland Beautiful cleanup campaign that is a leading charity for the environment and they operate very important programmes and services right across the country.

They are having one big push and requesting all communities to assist in cleaning up their communities by cleaning coastal paths, beaches, parks, high streets on the longest day Friday 21st June 13 FAB have decided to clean up the coastal path from Burntisland to Aberdour starting at 6pm from the tunnel opposite the Alcan Estate we would welcome any volunteers to come along and assist

FAB are at present hanging out the baskets and planting out the troughs for another year they have entered Beautiful Scotland competition and will be judged on 24.06.13 we wish them well and hope they receive a prize.

FAB have recently cleaned up the stretch of ground where the old picture house stood

And they have made a great improvement to this area

COASTAL PATH BURNTISLAND-ABERDOUR

The water well basin just past Starley Burn Waterfall has been broken for some time with water running onto the pathway, Derek Abbott ranger is aware and has had it inspected on Friday 7th June 13 he has informed me on Monday 10th June 13 that the well has now been repaired.

SOMERVILLE SQUARE WEEDS

Reported to local Councillors 10.06.13

Somerville Square badly needs attention weeds are growing around the square and also on the footpath leading onto the High Street Cllr Leslie has informed me that there is a weeding programme being carried out throughout Burntisland and she will bring this matter to the attention to the appropriate department in Fife Council

PALIAS STAIRS WEEDS

Reported to local councillors 10.06.13

These stairs again are badly needing weeded Cllr Leslie informs me that there is a weeding programme being carried out in Burntisland and she will draw this matter to the attention to the appropriate department in Fife Council

FOOTPATH LEADING FROM WEST END TUNNEL ON THE LINKS WEEDS

This footpath leading from the links to the Beacon Centre is badly needing weeded I trust the councillors will draw this matter to the appropriate department in Fife Council requesting that this area is cleaned up

BURNTISLAND CEMETERY WEEDS

Reported to local councillors 10.06.13 the cemetery is in a disgraceful state grass overgrown, weeds on pathways, Bins overflowing it was embarrassing to see our cemetery in such a bad state I sincerely hope the local councillors take some action to get the cemetery cleaned up to be more respectable for all who visits .Cllr Kay has acknowledge my enquiry and will pay a personal visit to the cemetery to see for himself I am waiting on his response 12.06.13 Cllr Kay has visited cemeteries and has reported this to Fife Council to take action and get the cemetery cleaned up 14.06.13 We have since learned from Grant Ward from Fife Council that the grass cutting has been done to-day and he has informed us that a full investigation will be done to ensure this work continues on a ten day cycle as the last cut was done on 19.05.13 and the June date was missed

POT HOLES ON ROADS

This matter again has been brought to my attention main complaint area is the road from Burntisland to Aberdour on the hill just past Starley Hall Entrance what action will Fife Council take to rectify this matter and how long will they take to do this job



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PROPOSED CLOSURES PUBLIC TOILETS IN FIFE

June 2013

I have spoken with Martin Dibbly of Anstruther Community Council regarding this matter and asked him what action they are taking towards these proposals by Fife Council he states that the community council in Anstruther feel really strong about these suggestions to close the toilets he has himself recently left the community council but due to the community complaining directly to him he has started a petition within the town and have received a large number of signatures.

I understand that Fife Council have put a hold on these proposed closures until they have had a full review and discussed this matter with a relevant parties which includes all community councils the toilets in question are those that the Transport and Environment Services are responsible for.

Burntisland community council vigorously oppose any closures of public toilets in the town and in particular the relatively new purposed built toilet at the west end of the links these must be kept open at all times as if they or any of our toilets close will seriously put in jeopardy our Blue Flag Status which would be devastating to our town.

By closing toilets it will drastically reduce the number of visitors and tourist who come to Burntisland, we are advertised as the Playground of Fife do we really want to lose this status, also it will not only affect the visitors and tourists but may also affect the famous shows and of course our Highland Games one of the oldest games in the world and we as a community are very proud of that.

Our local businesses thrive on the volume of visitors who come to Burntisland and in this economic climate we must ensure that this continues for the benefit of all concerned.

There are I believe discussions in hand between Fife Council and Fife Coastal and Countryside Trust with reference to this matter and to establish if they would be interested in taking over responsibility of toilets I just wonder what benefit this would be my concern is the financial aspect how could FCCT make these pay when Fife Council cannot

We may consider a petition to show how we as a community feel about this plan and to make Fife Council re-consider their intended proposals to close our toilets.

I am sure you are all aware that Burntisland Beach has kept its Blue Flag Status along with Aberdour and Elie only three beaches in Scotland we want to keep this status take our toilets away may lead to us loosing this prestigious award.

Do we really want them to turn Burntisland into a ghost town - I do not think so.



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APPENDIX: 5 – Environmental Summary.

Issue	When Reported	Description	Current Status	When Resolved	Who Responsible
3	December 2012	Area outside of Jubilee Tavern leading to Kirkton Burn needs a new gate.	Ken Halley of FC has taken photos and is pursuing who owns this.	On going.	Cllr George
6	November 2012	Rubbish lying at Dock area near the Beacon and asbestos near Blue Shed.	Still there. Forth Ports need to give permission. In hand.		Cllr George
8	June 2012	Dog Fouling. Dog bins requested for Colinswell Road / Kininmonth Av., Craighkennochie and Coastal Path.	Still receiving complaints. One resident from Ferguson Place has been reported.	On-going.	Cllr George, Cllr Leslie
9	December 2012	Middle Tunnel on Links. This appears to be rusting. It belongs to Rail Track.	The 3 tunnels were inspected by RailTrack and are in "fair" condition. The middle tunnel will have some work done on it in 2013.		Cllr Leslie
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. Bank may be turfed.	On-going.	John Bruce
11	January 2013	Shipyard Steps	Still closed to the public. Estimate of £63k thought to be excessive.		Cllr George Cllr Kay.
13	February 2013	Stairs at Harbour Place need attention.		Been reported.	Cllr George
14	February 2013	Overgrown branches on West Broomhill Road.	Still not done.	Been reported.	Cllr George
16	March 2013	Red Tunnel needs stairs repaired and a railing.			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.
22	April 2013	Archway to Rossend Castle.	Large crack. Requires cherry picker.		John Bruce Cllr George Cllr Leslie
23	April 2013	Fly tipping near Monks Walk			Cllr George
25	April 2013	Old Admiralty ground needs cleared.			Cllr George.
26	April 2013	Alexander's Monument needs tidied up.	New bench in place.		Cllr George Cllr Kay
27	April 2013	Manhole cover at Haugh Road.	Temporary repair awaiting permanent repair.		Cllr Leslie.
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.			John Bruce
30	May 2013	Benches in High Street need maintenance.	New benches at Lothian St and Cromwell Road.		Cllr Kay.
31	June 2013	Cemetery	Grass cutting, chip paths, full bins are a disgrace.		Cllr Kay.
32	June 2013	Palais Stairs	Needs weeded.		Cllr Leslie.
33	June 2013	Path to Somerville Square from High Street.	Needs weeded.		Cllr Leslie.
34	June 2013	Bin collections at Gala Hill.	Proposed changes suspended awaiting Ward 10 meeting.		Cllr Kay.
35	June 2013	Path from Starley Hall to Burntisland along Aberdour Road.	Large weeds and soil reducing width of footpath.		Cllr Leslie.
Issues highlighted in GREEN as completed will be removed in the next Summary.					