

Blackness Area Community Council
Minutes for Community Council Meeting
15 March 2017

1 *Attendees:*

Council members: Merv Archibald (MA), Nick Paul (NP), Dave Lawson (DL), Martin Watt (MW), Kathryn James (KJ), Sharman Faulds (SF). With one additional member of the public.

2 *Apologies:*

Councillor Adrian Mahoney.

3 *Approval of Previous Minutes of 16th February 2017*

Approved DL, seconded NP

4 *Community Police Report*

4.1: C Greg Cruickshanks and PC Graeme McDougall in attendance. No crimes or calls reported since last meeting.

4.2 Discussion on speeding within the vicinity of the school. The community police have spoken to the area team for the safety camera. All areas are reviewed on a 4 years rota and the safety cameras are booked in relation to reported incidents. The road had previously been monitored for speed with a view to reducing this to 40mph. However, the 60mph was upheld, suggestion to contact the council and request a copy of the report. Of note are the difficulties of walking on the road with children due to the nature of the road in relation to farm vehicles.

5 *Community Safety Team*

5.1 Isobel and Kirsty informed the committee there were no incidents to report.

5.2 Short discussion on the issues related to fly tipping across the area, not only Blackness. **Contact 0800 1003161 for the safety team**, who will deal with dog mess, fly tipping and low level anti-social behaviour.

5.3 In response to a question, the CST reported there had been no complaints related to quad bikes on the JMW.

6 *Actions from Previous Minutes*

Discussed within the agenda

7 *Future Events/Fundraising*

7.1 Carol Service December 2017

ACTION remains with MA

7.2 Spring Ceilidh 18/3/17

Sold around 50 tickets. Discussion on organisation, Lights, banquet roll, welcoming, selling tickets, take charge of food, and whisky bottle slide. Volunteers needed Sunday AM to clean up.

ACTIONS:

MA to arrive at 6pm to set up

DL, door at 6.30

Doors opening at 7pm

MW food

8 *Community Projects*

8.1 Play Park Improvements: Jill Granger and MA have applied for funding from participatory budgeting event for the children's play area. Projects will be funded at least in part through voting. Advertising encouraging people to vote has been circulated to the community, the school, on social media and through word of mouth.

ACTION

ALL: Vote on the 18th March at Bo'ness Town Hall between 11:00 – 13:00

8.2 Public Toilets: Toilets are safe for one more year.

ACTION

MA to follow up with council about risk assessment to carry out required work.

MA to speak with Kathy Bügg about possibility of village participation.

8.3 Village participation: Discussion on encouraging people within the

village to participate in events and attend BACC meetings. Possibility having the meeting in the boat club might help.

ACTION

MA to speak to Boat Club about future use for BACC Meetings

9 ***Blackness is Beautiful***

Thanks for Helena Paul for work, particularly the ‘Strip’ that is looking lovely with a variety of spring flowers.

10 ***Budget***

Budget: Data Protection paid (£35), current balance £3749.75, split between Blackness Community Council and the Christmas fair.

11 ***Councillors’ Update***

No update: Councillor Adrian Mahoney not in attendance.

12 ***Planning Update***

12.1 **19B Mannerston Holdings:** Retrospective planning now submitted for hard standing.

12.2 **Champany Inn,** application to erect a house, P/17/0110/FUL: Discussion on this application, agreement that no comment will be made

12.3 **23/24 St Ninian’s Way,** MA has received an email from the planning department. Too late to contact the planning department.

12.4 **Ineos chemical works in Grangmouth.** Discussion on the application to close the road that runs past the chemical works. Consensus was BCC do not wish the road to be closed.

13 ***Flight Noise over Blackness***

Very lengthy discussion on the proposed flight changes, noting lack of public engagement, this includes Falkirk Council. They have offered a drop in session at Blackness, however BACC would like a public meeting. Noting there may be difficulties in gaining public support for a meeting.

ACTION

MA to contact the airport and request a public meeting within the next 4 weeks.

MA to contact Madelene Hunt to have a joint meeting,

14 Any other business

- 14.1 Gate on Blackness Castle road:** BACC is not making a comment, this will go ahead.
- 14.2 Community bus survey for pilot project:** A group in Bo'ness trying to get the bus organised, there is a survey and which will go out with a leaflet
- ACTION**
- MA to request in Word for the information to go onto the website.
- 14.3 Plaque/bench Blackness beach:** General feeling the is already one bench and having two will spoil the area.
- 14.4 Falkirk Local Development Plan 2:** MA attended a meeting on 15/03/17. Blackness was not in the plan. However, noted was the landscaping of tree to keep the landscape integrity. MA to respond noting the footpath from the school to the strip.
- ACTION**
- MA to respond to the plan and pass around for comment.
- 14.5 Local Community Council Elections:** Every 4 years there are council elections and this year October is the turn of Blackness, if there is no council due to lack of interest then the funds as kept until the council comes again.

Date of next meeting

19th April at 7pm, venue to be advised

