

Blackness Area Community Council

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday 19th September 2018 - Blackness Boat Club

Attendees:	
Community Council members: Helen Brown (HB) (Minutes) Martin Watt (MW) (Chair) PCs Greg Cruickshanks, (GC), Police Scotland, Sharma Fauld (SM) Members of the public: Merv Archibald MA, Teresa arrive a bit late	
Apologies:	
Dorothy Garrow (DG), Nick Paul (NP), (Chair), Helena Paul (HP) Cllr David Aitchison (DA) Cathie Smyth	
1. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
We are still unable to second the May minutes due to low numbers but HB happy with the minutes	ALL
2. Community Police Report	
Police Report PC Greg Cruickshanks June – Vandalism to car in Nossirom Terrace no follow up and a shop lifting at Rocken Glen Asked if they had CCTV July - Threatening abusive behaviour – individual has been charged. Not for public knowledge. Abusive behaviour with derogatory remarks. August – Theft of caravan by Champany Inn Big theft of transit vans are the moment due to a design flaw. Regarding the Pub, licensing have visited and police have been asked to keep an eye on drinking outside. We also discussed that the shop may close in coming weeks and how this is a big loss for the community Roads and parking update: Lines have been repainted Traffic wardens are returning to Falkirk Council We also had a brief discussion on accidents on the A 904 and Champany corner.	
3. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
Newsletter – Helena sent her apologies that she has not had time to get a newsletter together. Helen said she will be in touch with Helena to arrange a time when we can meet to chat about the next Newsletter. We still plan to include the broadband questionnaire. With no shop we will need new places to hand in questionnaires – Mannerstons offered to take them. HB offered her address for the village and said she would ask the Grangers if their letter box could be used.	Action HP/HB
Action HB meet HES HB is yet to meet with the new HES to action for a meeting with Blackness Castles staff is to be carried forward, HB to arrange an informal meeting with the new contact at Historic Environment Scotland. Agenda items to include: parking, funding for play park, gate signage.	Action HB
4. Future Events / Fundraising	
Carol Service – Wednesday mid Dec – MA and CS will organise school side – Wednesday 12 th December. Hall is Free on that date. MA spoke to Catherine Hamilton -the use of the Church is not available and there is no minister. CS will have a chat with DL to have after party. Anne Smith, minister, MA neighbour will check her diary to see if she can preside over the meeting. When and if we get a new minister we will be in touch to see if this can be changed in the future.	Action MA and CS
5. Community Projects	

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Playpark Update: HB updated that FET (Falkirk Environment Trust) funding of £20k for the project is likely but will not hear until December. We are in local Tesco stores for Bags for Life funding to close the gap and we still need £1000 of the 11% needed for the FET money. HB will ask HES for this or return to Mike Joyce at FC. Hopefully all funding will be in place in January and the project can be in place for the spring.	
6. Budget	
No update.	
7. Councillors' Update	
Cllr David Aitchison apologies	
8. Planning Update	
Weekly planning list: Still looking for a volunteer to review the weekly planning list and flag up any relevant applications. This is now an urgent task, can anyone help please? Contact HB for details of what is involved.	ALL
Maria Montinaro, and the community right to appeal is being heard at council today	
9. Broadband update	
Questionnaire is still to go out with the newsletter – see above	
10. Flight path matters	
Helena ask HB to put forward a few items for discussion	Action
We have been asked by North Queensferry Community Council to support their request to both the SoS to call in EAL's application, and to the CEO of the CAA, Richard Moriarty, to refuse the application in the event that the SoS declines to call it in. After a brief discussion it was agreed to lead BACC's support. Proposed by HB seconded by MW	HP to pass this on to NQCC
11. AOCB	
We discussed the IT money given by FC and HB suggested a Lap top – MW said he has a BACC lap top and would pass to HB for use at meetings	HB / MW
HB has email from Catherine Hunter who is local government reporter of Falkirk Herald if we had any news. HB agreed to contact her when play park project is underway. She could also be a good contact for press engagement over flight issues if needed	HB /HP
Roads Department painting village and garden centre. Other actions rocks along road side need removed. Island traffic issues MW and KW to follow up remaining Road issues	MW to follow up
Spanish Night at 28 th at Mannerstons	
<i>Below are action carried from June meeting, for information: Potential car parking areas in village raised – possibility of land at church, although residents not all in favour, also possibility of yard around Boat Club during the summer months. Question raised of who is the owner of that land. Cllr David Aitchison to investigate</i>	DA
<i>Summer Newsletter: items to include:</i>	

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<i>Playpark project update</i> <i>Broadband survey</i> <i>Flight paths update</i> <i>Defibrillator demo date</i> <i>Castle opening hours</i> <i>Roads update</i> <i>New community bus and names of busses</i> <i>Shop?</i> <i>Dates of next meetings</i> <i>"What else the CC talks about...."</i> <i>HP to draft when time allows.</i>	
Date of Next Meeting; Wednesday 17 th October at 7 pm in the Boat Club.	
The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.11	

There was no October meeting due to the fact that not enough Community Councillors were available

Helen Brown is unable to attend the November meeting but has detailed some updates below: