

Blackness Area Community Council
Meeting Minutes Wednesday 19th December 2018 Blackness Boat Club

Attendees:	
<u>Community Council members:</u> Martin Watt (MW)(Chair), Dorothy Garrow (<i>DG</i>), Helen Brown (<i>HB</i>)	
<u>Members of the public:</u> Merv Archibald (MA), Moira Archibald, Sharman Faulds (<i>CF</i>), Alan Faulds (<i>AF</i>).	
1. Apologies	
Nick Paul (<i>NP</i>), Helena Paul (HP), Dave Lawson, Karen Walker, Terry Rowland Cllr David Aitchison (DA),	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
Minutes of November 2018 proposed by MW and seconded by MA	Approved
3. Community Police Report	
<p>Police Report: PC Greg Cruickshanks was unable to attend but sent report. There has been one housebreaking type offence to the Mannerston Holdings Farm shop. There has been a theft of metal from a farm at Mannerston Holdings. There has been one theft of a motor vehicle from the Champany Inn. Extra gates can make a difference to speculative thefts. One has been installed along the strip.</p> <p>Roads and parking update: Champney corner accident has been assessed as driver error. Perhaps the islands could be lit. MW sent email to road. Markings have been done but there are many other actions Cllr A will chase for an update and add lighting the island as an issue MW is chasing planning enforcement regarding the island at Rouken Glen and rocks along the road. The outcome of the average speed survey was 46 miles per hour. Also did Councillor find out about land ownership at the Boat Club Other traffic issues discussed – people pulling out of Champany Inn and driving fast from Bo'ness</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">DA / MW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">DA</p>
4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
<p>Broadband: Fibre is available and people are signing up along St Ninians Way and possibly elsewhere MW asked SG to formulate answer to the phonenumber queries using his expertise and knowledge. Who can you order it from? What are the costs? Who is likely to be able to benefit?. Telecoms companies are a bit of a closed shop and there has been no consultation and therefore very little information available and no one to talk to about it. Who is funding it? If it was community funded consultation would be available. This is simply upgrade of network. Underground and overground lines could be an issues. Could perhaps go on facebook pages to give people more options. Also affects property values.</p> <p>Newsletter – I have been unable to get in touch with Helena regarding the newsletter – is there appetite for one? Who can help? Broadband, Roads, Events, Play Park could all feature – Probably best to wait until we have funding news regarding the play park and understand the fibre issues.</p> <p>Meeting with Blackness castle manager – Still to be arranged with HES Agenda items to include: parking, funding for play park, gate signage, filming and potentially income for the village. Any Friday in January</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">SG / MW</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HB</p> <p style="text-align: center;">HB</p>
5. Councillors' Update	
None available	

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6. Community Projects	
CEILIDH : Community Hall fundraiser for the Community Hall is to be held in the hall on Saturday 17 May 2019 - save the date CAROL SERVICE was great thank you to everyone who was involved especially Merv for organising. Lovely atmosphere. PLAYPARK EXTENSION: HB updated the group that we are still waiting for the outcome of the FET application and hope to hear by end of January. This would bring us almost to the full amount. Currently £2500 short for everything but the Trampoline could be added on later.	ALL HB
7. Planning Update	
No issues in last few months.	
8. Broadband update	
See above.	
Flight path matters	
A new application is being proposed for an ACP. Noise board suggested that CC should be in at the beginning. Noise board have asked CAA for a meeting regarding long term strategic proposals in Scot Govt looking at strategy to 2050 – how can communities engage in this process. Increase is inevitable. Capacity in ramping up. Issues include night flights, levels of noise of the aircraft, routing etc. Noise recording equipment – Edinburgh Airport have monitors and no response from offers to site them locally. Can we provide independent monitoring and bill the airport. Its a government issue to ensure rules. Community Engagement Manager – Louise McIntyre has offered to come and meet us. HB will respond and say we meet 3 rd last wednesday but do let us know if you plan to attend.	HB
10. Budget	
£100 paid to Fracking Fund and Carol Hall Hire and cost have been settled	DL
11. AOCB	
School – Parent Council meeting last week – 5.8 million savings need to be made over all by FC £3800 from Blackness PS – support workers are at risk. Heads have identified savings 60% across. Threat to services which are under threat. Shared headships and keep diversification with small classes, no maintenance, no janitorial support. Procurement processes are costly. There are only 8 within catchment pupils at the school. Political pressure to bear what cuts are planned, concerned over budget cuts, wastage of end of year budget spend. What services will be left? Community Hall and School relationship – how much does FC pay? How much use is allowed? Who owns the hall? After some discussion it was suggested having a meeting with SWRI, Hall Committee and Community Council - Invite Anne Rictche - what is political position on schools, airports etc... MW showed an image he has created to add to communications by way of a logo. Defib is on an app to say it here	MA to Ask Sue Cairns and Nan SG ask DL if the groups thinks this is a good idea. Next BACC meeting at Hall to discuss
Date of Next Meeting; 23rd January 2019 in the Community Hall . - Change to the usual date to facilitate the above meeting	

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The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 20.50