

Blackness Area Community Council
Meeting Notes: Wednesday 20th March 2019 Blackness Boat Club

Attendees:	
Community Council members*: Martin Wat (MW)t, Karen Walker (KW)	
*not enough BACC members for formal minutes but notes taken of the meeting	
Members of the public: 6	
1. Apologies	
Helen Brown , Dorothy Garrow, Dave Lawson, Helena Paul, Nick Paul	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
Note of previous meeting approved by MW and Merv Archibald (MA).	
3. Community Police Report	
No report available and no officers attended the meeting <i>Previous action to be carried forward:</i> Can we ask if RTAs can be recorded and reported on?	HB
4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
Brian Pirie at FC has confirmed that KW is now formally a co-opted member of the BACC <i>Previous action carried over:</i> Malcolm Brown from Historic Environment Scotland to be added to the mailing list and invited to a future meeting. MW has again emailed the FC roads dept for an update on actions regarding traffic island update and main road issues but no response. Councillor Aitchison will follow up but please also see section 5 below. Nan Wylie (NW) also contacted the roads dept following the last meeting to report pot holes and the outcome is that repairs are being made to the B903 – a group thank you was extended to Nan for her success. Signage improvement for castle road still to be pursued (please see AOCB). A FC Community Council Steering Meeting was mentioned at the last meeting and was held on 27 th Feb 19 - it was attended by MW – what should have been a strategic meeting developed more in to personal moans for various CCs and the value of the meeting somewhat limited. MW suggested that FC IT create and service template websites for each CC and also provide a repository on which training/information/videos could be placed to provide information for local CCs to educate them in how to run meetings/expectations/behaviour etc. Such help and guidance might encourage local CCs to keep going as some are now closing (some also closing due to political infiltration). The BACC website had to be shut down due to costs, man power and skills. MW awaiting any further update from FC but sadly suspects nothing will transpire.	Closed HB DA NW & MA MW to report any feedback
5. Councillors' Update - Cllr David Aitchison (DA)	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A meeting with various FC staff met at Mannerston road end to discuss the A904 – Rouken Glen have been ordered to move the garden centre signage/island back 4.5 metres. Work is to commence by a contractor on 1 April. 2. Mr Rock at the Steadings is unwilling to remove the boulders at the side of the A904 as they provide some protection for he and his wife while they are gardening. However, since the road verge belongs to the council, Councillor Aitchison will follow up further with FC. 3. No further update regarding the Champany junction. 4. Budget issues include withdrawal of the Boness-Blackness-Linlithgow bus (F49). There is speculation that the Community Bus might take over some of that route however this is rumour only and it's unlikely that the community Bus would have enough finance to bring in another bus or driver and therefore any alternative service is likely to be put out for tender. 5. Blackness public toilets are to be open 24 hours in order to enable rough 	DA

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<p>sleepers to have access to toilet facilities.</p> <p>6. An additional paper and cardboard only refuse bin is to be introduced and each of the 4 big bins will be lifted on a 4 week rotation. Black boxes and food caddies will still be collected weekly. The issue of dog walkers using household bins despite being asked not to was raised by Nan Wylie (NW) and any residents who have that issue are advised not to leave their bins on the street to avoid this – if necessary, residents should ask FC for assistance to move heavy bins on collection days.</p>	Anyone affected
6. Community Projects	
<p>PLAYPARK EXTENSION: HB and MA met today with Mike Joyce from Falkirk Council for a positive meeting in which it was agreed that a zip wire will be installed this year and the fencing will be looked at.</p> <p>COUNCIL WORKS: Works from St Ninian's Way to the footbridge have been done and the new footbridge is to be installed 21-29 March. As this was largely funded by Sustrans for whom accessibility for all is important, the path is a tarmac construction. A pre-meeting email from HB states that she plans to complain to Mike Joyce, FC regarding the state in which the contractors have left the site.</p> <p>CEILIDH: A Community Hall fundraiser for the Community Hall is to be held in the hall on Saturday 18 May 2019 – tickets are being printed and will be available soon from Sue Gairns.</p>	<p>HB</p> <p>ALL</p>
7. Planning Update	
No issues.	
8. Broadband update	
<p>There are still many properties in the area that can still not access fibre – it's up to individual households to pester their service providers to put pressure on the provision of fibre.</p>	ALL affected
9. Flight path matters	
<p>MA reported that the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB) met with the aircraft controllers to better understand aircraft control in the area – it was a very helpful and interesting meeting. Another meeting is to be held via Skype on Friday 22nd March at which aviation consultants from Holland (funded by the airport) will be presenting flight information from 2012. There are concerns regarding the data that has gone in to past consultations and it's unlikely that these mistakes will ever be admitted. However, moving forward, the expertise now being used should ensure future data is correctly collected. In addition, EANAB members have been invited to a CAA meeting (Tuesday 26th March) at which there are to be presentations and technical discussions.</p>	
10. Budget	
DL to chase the 2018 BACC admin grant	
11. AOCB	
<p>MA to send a note to the new pub owners, Sheena and Colm, offering our support and invite them to attend future meetings.</p> <p>Blackness Castle signs – NW has been chasing Historic Scotland to have proper and adequate signs erected to advise the public of the castle opening times. NW has had difficulty tracking down Malcolm Brown but is pursuing other people via email. MW suggested that NW try to speak to the on site manager (Graeme) or Stewart Holmes, the regional visitor manager.</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>NW</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 8.30pm Date of Next Meeting; 17th April at 7pm the Blackness Boat Club (confirmed on the Boat Club calendar)</p>	

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