

**Blackness Area Community Council**  
**Meeting Notes: Wednesday 19th June 2019 Community Hall**

<b>Attendees:</b>	
<u>Community Council members*</u> : Martin Watt (MW) Helen Brown (HB) Karen Walker (KW) David Aitchison (DA)	
<b>Apologies:</b> Dorothy Garrow, (DG) ,	
<u>Members of the public:</u> 4	
Attending - PC Greg Cruickshank,	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
<i>Lynn Munro, Dave Lawson, Helena Paul, Nick Paul</i>	
<b>2. Approval of Previous Minutes:</b>	<b>Action</b>
Note of previous meeting approved	
<b>3. Community Police Report</b>	
We recorded our thanks to PCGC for including RTA's in the report. 2 RTAs 3 car incident at Champany Corner and one car drove into a ditch. Discussion followed over the reasons for the incidents at Champany corner and the need for better signage or lighting Reportable offence – 1 crime (argument) Someone has been charged with the Mannerston Cafe Break ins	
<b>4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes</b>	
None	
<b>5. Councillors' Update -</b>	
Members noted that they had not been consulted on any of the recent developments locally i.e. the upgrading of the JMW, installation of fibre, National Grid project, Planning applications, potential 5G role out. And were beginning to feel what is the point. DA update – new burgundy bins will be delivered in September. Members expressed concern over where our recycling goes for treatment. HB thanks DA for his intervention on the hanging baskets, which she collected, planted and placed with help from Nan. These are now ours and winter storage will be needed for them. We will have to fund their planting from now on and FC will no longer be offering the service. HB purchased compost for which she would like to be reimbursed. All agreed. Lynn sent the following statement She had a meeting with Alison Harris MSP taking about Blackness, if there are any issues please email her direct	
<b>6. Community Projects</b>	
HB reported that she had an email from Mike Joyce – which stated that the zipline, and grass matting safety surface has been purchased, due for delivery in June. Installation in due in September, along with a free rider which is being gifted to our park. Mike will be invoicing BACC for the material costs	
<b>7. Planning Update</b>	
Improvement at the Castle to the toilet block Members discussed the proposed development of 18 Manerston holdings, the character, scale and design was not approved by members. It was agreed to send out information to all on the mailing list about the plans and let people comment if they wish. It was agree to alert Merv to the plans.	
<b>8. Flight path matters</b>	
Update from Merv was as follows Edinburgh Airport Ltd (EAL) have submitted a new Air Change Proposal (ACP) to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA). The CAA rules for how ACP's are processed are now much tougher and should mean the Noise Board that Helena and I sit on should have a better chance of promoting the affected communities' interests. We'll keep you updated. - the Noise Board are in the process of educating themselves on the	

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<p>technicalities of air traffic control so they can make more effective proposals/comments on ACP matters. Members therefore met with the local controllers at Edinburgh who control flights up to 7000 ft a couple of months ago. Above this height planes are controlled by NATS, whom we met with earlier this month.</p> <p>- see <a href="http://www.eanab.org.uk/">http://www.eanab.org.uk/</a> the Noise Board website for details of a recently posted independent report by an aviation consultant To70 to study flights to/from Edinburgh Airport to see what has changed in its flight paths over recent years.</p>	
<p><b>10. Budget</b></p>	
<p>No report. Reminder for DL to pay for the hall hire  Update from Sue Gairns. The community hall ceilidh made a profit of £500. It was sold out and a great night was had by all. The hall committee will be making a donation to the Blackness play park. We will be meeting soon to discuss this</p>	<b>DL</b>
<p><b>11. AOCB</b>  HB update all about recent email from groups, neighbourhood watch, bus stakeholder group, and a local history project.</p> <p>As there will be no newsletter before the break it was agreed to email all in the contacts with the following:  Dear All  Following our Community Council meeting last week it was agreed to update those on the mailing list with some of the issues and opportunities arising from the meeting and to ask everyone to consider joining the group or a least attending the next meeting, which will now be on 18<sup>th</sup> September at the Boat Club due to the summer recess. The viability of this group depends on more people joining us.</p> <p>Planning  There are some upgrading works planned for the castle planning reference number P/19/0370/FUL  18 Mannerston Holdings have applied to demolish and rebuilt the house quite a dramatic change the deadline to view and comment if you wish is fairly soon again you can view on Falkirk Councils Planning Portal ref P/19/0375/FUL</p> <p>Play Park  We are pleased to announce that the long awaited 'Flying Fox' will be installed around September time subject to Falkirk Councils schedule. We did not unfortunately raise enough for the full scheme with the slide and trampoline but we will gain a 'free rider'.</p> <p>Local Interest Groups  We have been contacted to see if BACC or any local people are interested in joining the following groups if you would like more details please email us back:  Neighbourhood Watch – with Police Scotlands Falkirk Local Authority Liaison Officer  Falkirk Council Bus Stakeholder Group  The Great Place Project – a landscape, industry and work heritage project in the Falkirk area.</p>	
<p>Meeting closed at 8.15pm Date of Next Meeting; <b>18<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7pm the Boat Club</b></p>	