

Blackness Area Community Council
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 18th September 2019 Boat Club

Attendees: Community Council members: Martin Watt, Karen Walker, Dorothy Garrow Members of the public: 11 Attending – Police Sergeant Phillip McIntosh	
1. Apologies Helen Brown, Cllr David Aitchison, Dave Lawson	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
Previous meeting minutes approved	
3. Community Police Report	
Police Sergeant Phillip McIntosh (new to the area) reported that since the last meeting, there have been no incidents of antisocial behaviour, crimes of serious violence, drug issues, crimes of dishonesty or road safety incidents other than one incident of careless driving on the castle road. Members of the public did comment on the frequency of cars speeding on the HES castle road. Per a previous BACC request, the sergeant also summarised RTA collisions for the year to date (minor incidents not included): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • January 2019: 2 car collision near 44 Mannerston • April 2019: 1 vehicle accident on A903 160m south of junction with the A904 (drunk driving) • May 2019: 3 vehicle collision at the Champany junction. The rocks on edge of A904 opposite the Rouken Glen Garden Centre was raised as a possible accident waiting to happen and an action for Cllr DA to follow up again with FC was suggested as this is not a police matter.	DA
4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
None	
5. Councillors' Update -	
None	
6. Fibre Communications Update	
A government notice says that it is policy to roll out fibre communications to everyone. Fibre optic cables will eventually replace all copper lines. Terry Rowland suggests that a sub group is set up in order to survey people locally for feedback – <i>this will be mentioned in the next newsletter.</i> Steve Granger to be invited to discuss further.	TR
7. Newsletter	
Merv Archibald offered to pull a newsletter together which will include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xmas events • Hall Ceilidh • Fibre optic information • Airport information • Lobster Pot events • Car parking in the village • Mannerston Café events (Alan Faulds from Mannerston Café offered to donate paper for publication of the newsletter.	MA AF
ANY INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE SENT TO MA BY 2ND OCTOBER 2019	ALL
8. Community Projects	
Poles for the flying fox are now up but safety matting has to be installed and allowed to grow over before the equipment is ready to use. There may also be one or 2 other smaller items that FC have available to also install including a 'free rider'.	

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<p>The BACC and members of the public wish to extend a HUGE thank you to Helen Brown for all of her efforts and perseverance in achieving the improvements to the play park – this could also be included in the newsletter.</p>	<p>Thanks to HB from ALL</p>
<p>7. Planning Update</p>	
<p>No 18 Mannerston application (P/19/0375/FUL) to demolish and rebuild has been recommended for refusal by FC planning department however the case is to be reviewed on 23rd October by the Planning Committee (unusual for a single house application). The planning dept will have provided a report which has been circulated to all FC councillors which enables them to request that it be discussed further. Members of the public can attend this meeting. MA commented that the application made contravenes current planning policy and is contrary to the local development plan and hopes to attend the above meeting.</p> <p>The prominence of the site is a real concern locally and the discussion mentioned that that the proposed house is out of character, out of scale (the proposed house is x5 times size of the original unextended house and the double garage alone is substantially larger than existing small holding houses) and there is concern regarding the inadequate drainage infrastructure for such a large residence.</p> <p>Callum Ford asked the meeting for feedback regarding the possibility of building a B&B just outside the village on current agricultural land. The idea is at very early stages and whilst those at the meeting would welcome a young family (2 young children) and a new business to the area, there was some concern that a new build on agricultural land might open the flood gates for others. MA strongly recommended that CF speaks to FC planning dept as soon as possible.</p>	<p>ALL interested parties (including MA)</p>
<p>8. Flight path matters</p>	
<p>Edinburgh Airport has begun a new Airspace Change Programme and has made a statement of need application to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) who regulates such airspace changes. All applications are assessed under the new CAA rules and include the requirement for EAL to consult with local communities. For this reason, a workshop is to be held on Monday 23rd September - a BACC member will attend (KW). Other engagement workshops/meetings will be coming up over the next few months. Processing the airport expansion plan may take 3 years and MA has kindly volunteered to represent BACC throughout this time period. MA is also on the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB). It was proposed and accepted that the existing BACC Aviation sub committee be updated to include DG and KW along with MA – other volunteers are welcome and this will be included in the newsletter.</p>	<p>KW</p> <p>ALL affected</p>
<p>10. Budget</p>	
<p>No report.</p>	
<p>11. AOCB</p>	
<p>Nan Wylie and others at the meeting expressed their delight and thanks that the community bus now includes a route from Blackness to Linlithgow. It was agreed that this is an “outstanding service” and that all drivers are warm, friendly, and helpful and take an obvious pride in their job. NW to provide some words of thanks for the newsletter.</p> <p>The Lobster Pot is moving the music and quiz night to a Tuesday so that it</p>	<p>NW to MA</p>

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<p>doesn't clash with the BACC Wednesday meetings. <i>Dates to be included in the newsletter</i></p> <p>Parking – the Scottish Ambulance services are having difficulty in getting to patients in the village due to irresponsible parking and the First Responders continue to struggle to do their job. It is recognised that space is limited in the village and that any old ideas such as the church option may be worth revisiting or new ideas such as creating spaces beyond the church on the main road in to the village but widen it such that the spaces don't infringe on the road or consider residents permits or seek parking options outside the village. Speak to HES? Issue to be included on the next meeting's agenda.</p> <p>Hanging baskets due to be taken down for the winter and Nan Wylie to check for storage options.</p> <p>Carried forward for DL - <i>Map of the village should be made available perhaps added into the next newsletter</i>, DL has a map and will scan and pass to HB</p> <p>A give way sign has now been erected at the exit of Mannerston Café.</p>	<p>MA</p> <p>Include on next agenda and ALL to provide any ideas at next meeting</p> <p>NW</p> <p>DL marked with new properties, scan and pass to HB</p>
<p>Meeting closed at 9.00pm</p>	
<p>Date of Next Meeting and AGM; 16th October at 7pm the Boat Club</p> <p>ALL BACC MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO ALL LOCAL RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS.</p> <p>IN ORDER FOR THE BACC TO CONTINUE, NEW VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED.</p> <p>PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY AND COME ALONG ON THE 16TH OCTOBER.</p>	