

**Blackness Area Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, The Lobster Pot**

<b>Attendees:</b> Community Council members: Martin Watt (chair), Karen Walker (minutes), Dorothy Garrow, Terry Rowland, Members of the public: 6 Attending: 1 x Police Sergeant	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Anne Meikle, Dave Lawson & 2 members of the public (DL and GM)	
<b>2. Approval of Previous Minutes:</b>	<b>Action</b>
Previous meeting minutes to be revised	<b>KW</b>
<b>3. Community Police Report</b>	
No incidents to report other than one minor 2 car RTA on 29 Nov 2019 on the A904 at Paddockhall Cottages (no injuries).  There have been no further sightings of the black 4x4 vehicle spotted last month in the early hours of the morning however residents should stay observant during the dark winter months and particularly when houses are full of Christmas presents.	<b>ALL</b>
<b>4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes</b>	
The map of the area for local residents (and for delivery drivers) is still outstanding but rather than try to distribute a paper map, it was suggested that a copy go in the village noticeboard for reference and can also be provided by email. This led to a discussion on who has a key for the noticeboard and Jan Ferguson has offered to retrieve the key from the Primary School (not thought to be used) and be the primary key holder. Any requests for access to the notice board should speak to Jan or email BACC.	<b>AM/DL</b>  <b>JF</b>
<b>5. Village parking</b>	
A BACC letter was sent to views are considered at any HES internal meetings in early 2020. Nothing has yet been heard back and it was agreed to send a short follow up email to ask what their ideas are which might help to improve the situation in the village. Graeme Sinclair, the HES manager of the castle, has indicated previously to AM that HES are happy to meet with BACC. To follow up with GS to arrange his attendance at a BACC meeting. Further discussion took place about parking in general, the ambiguity over ownership of West Terrace and the further pressure of parking in the village due to the installation of the barrier on West Terrace. The castle gate also increases parking pressure on the village but it is understood that this was put in place for security reasons and has proved effective. It was agreed that it would be ideal if all areas of the village could be represented at coming meetings and a notice will be put up in the notice board.	<b>KW</b>  <b>AM</b>  <b>BACC</b>
<b>6. Planning</b>	
RE No 18 Mannerston Holdings - feedback and general consensus was that the BACC letter sent to FC on 2 Dec 2019 was well written and raised all relevant points. It was also noted that the Falkirk Herald and the Linlithgow Journal & Gazette had both published articles with reference to the controversial planning approval. The email response from Mr Duff at FC on 9 Dec 2019 does not provide answers to the questions raised in the letter and cites “material planning considerations” – it was agreed that the draft letter circulated at the meeting should be sent to ask for clarification of the “material considerations” that led to the approval and seek answers to our questions.	<b>KW</b>

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<p><b>7. Flight path matters</b></p>	
<p>The Air Space Change Programme (ACP) application to the Civil Aviation Authority is currently in progress and by 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2020, Edinburgh Airport (EA) will have submitted its Design Principles package. This followed on from its Statement of Need. The ACP includes a navigation system change and an increase of runway capacity which will enable an increase in the number of flights.</p> <p>There have been a number of workshops on design criteria and the Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (includes MA &amp; HP) has been seeking data from EA to help the Board understand EA's need for the increase in runway capacity. Along with other Board members, MA is to attend a meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> December with EA and aviation specialists to further this process. Depending on the outcome, it may fall to community councils to put pressure on the CAA, MSPs and MPs. BACC to follow up if required.</p> <p>A meeting attendee queried how much noise monitors cost but as they are £20k upwards, this is cost prohibitive for individuals or BACC to install one in the Blackness area. Dalgety Bay does have a 2<sup>nd</sup> hand type 2 monitor in place.</p> <p>All residents in the Blackness area are reminded to phone or email when disturbed by aircraft flying overhead and these contacts will be added to the useful numbers table on future BACC meeting minutes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>T: 0800 731 3397</b></li> <li>• <b>E: noise@edinburghairport.com</b></li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACC</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL</b></p>
<p><b>8. Councillors Update</b></p>	
<p>Cllr DA not present</p>	
<p><b>9. Budget</b></p>	
<p>DL not present but it is thought that the play park bill to FC has been paid. Whilst it is prudent to maintain some money in the BACC bank account, residents should please flag any possible local projects that could be helped financially.</p> <p>TR motions that a new BACC printer should be purchased (including some spare cartridges) – to be discussed with DL at a future meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>BACC</b></p>
<p><b>10. Community Projects</b></p>	
<p><u>Community Hall:</u>  The Carol Service on 10<sup>th</sup> December was cancelled however the Xmas Fair on 14<sup>th</sup> December was very busy and went well and is likely to be on again next year.</p> <p>Spring Ceilidh: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – <b>save the date</b></p> <p><u>Play park:</u>  KW to ask HB to attend an early 2020 meeting for an update.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ALL</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>KW (HB)</b></p>
<p><b>11. AOCB</b></p>	
<p>Broadband - One property in Cauldcoats has been told that they will be getting fibre broadband in February 2020. They have already been sent a replacement router. TR suspects a new cabinet is to be installed by Open Reach to provide an improved fibre to cabinet connection, however we are not aware of any other householders in Cauldcoats having been notified of this development and BT and Open Reach were unable to clarify the situation.</p> <p>Meeting venue – although some attendees would prefer the boat club because of difficulty in hearing all that is discussed, it was agreed that due to the cold</p>	

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weather likely in January, that the meeting will be held again in the Lobster Pot but with a different table arrangement to be requested to enable better acoustics.	
Meeting closed at 8.35pm.	
<b>Date of next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in the Lobster Pot</b>	

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