

**Blackness Area Community Council**  
**Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020, The Lobster Pot**

<b>Attendees:</b> Community Council members: Martin Watt (chair), Karen Walker (minutes), Dorothy Garrow, Terry Rowland, Annie Meikle Members of the public: 5 including Sue Gairns from the Community Hall Committee Attending: 1 x Police Officer (GMcD)	
<b>1. Apologies</b>	
Dave Aitchison, Merv Archibald, Malcolm Brown (HES)	
<b>2. Approval of Previous Minutes:</b>	<b>Action</b>
Previous meeting minutes for November and December 2019 now approved and can be forwarded to FC for publication.	<b>KW</b>
<b>3. Community Police Report</b>	
There has been 1 Road Traffic Collision recorded for December 2019. This occurred in Nosirrom Terrace and an offence in relation to Fail to Stop was reported in relation to this. This resulted in damage to a parked car and it was suggested that this be flagged to HES. No other incidents or crimes to report. It was clarified that parking is now decriminalised and is therefore under FC jurisdiction. It was asked what the law states regarding cyclists as those cycling 5 abreast up Mannerston and on other roads has been seen frequently. Law to be checked.	<b>AM</b>       <b>GMcD</b>
<b>4. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes</b>	
AM provided a map of the holdings which MW will print and laminate for the notice board. He will also try to find a village map too.	<b>MW</b>
Jan Ferguson has yet to retrieve the key from the Primary School (not thought to be used) and once in her possession, she will be the primary key holder.	<b>JF</b>
Helen Brown will hopefully attend February's meeting to provide a short update on the playpark. KW to ask.	<b>KW</b>
<b>5. Village parking</b>	
AM understands HES are holding internal meetings in Jan & Feb 2020. Nothing has yet been heard back and it was suggested we send a short follow up email to ask what ideas HES have which might help to improve the situation in the village. However, since AM is in contact with staff, feedback might be better routed through her (see also new sub-committee below). 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. In addition to HES representation, AM suggested we also ask if the newly appointed communities' person at FC can also come along. As noted at a previous meeting, MW stressed that all areas of the village should represent their views and continue to provide input to help to resolve the issue, for example, how many parking spaces do residents estimate to be needed? SG suggests a separate parking meeting might be useful and leafletting the village to flag the need for input from all of those concerned. Agreed that we need HES input but that in the meantime, a sub-committee (Annie, Mags & Kath {limited time}) agreed to liaise to discuss general principles and gather any ideas (e.g. residents permit parking) and arrange a leaflet drop. Parking will be kept as the first discussion point on the BACC agenda to encourage people to come along.	<b>AM</b>       <b>AM</b>       <b>AM</b>       <b>Parking sub-committee</b>

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<b>6. Planning</b>	
<p>RE No 18 Mannerston Holdings – KW called Douglas Duff at FC on Mon 13 Jan to chase BACC’s email of 5 Jan re query on “material considerations”. His secretary was to ask him to get back to us for today’s meeting however nothing has been received. To be chased if nothing comes through before our next meeting.</p> <p>The implications for no 18 now being granted are of great concern and will be discussed again in the future &amp; further approaches to FC made if required. KW explained the difficulty of keeping up with the planning emails to check for applications in our area and TR has agreed to help keep an eye on future applications in the Blackness Area.</p>	<p><b>KW</b></p> <p><b>BACC</b></p> <p><b>TR</b></p>
<b>7. Flight path matters</b>	
<p>Edinburgh Airport Noise Advisory Board (EANAB) met with Edinburgh Airport Ltd (EAL) in Dec 2019 to better understand the data upon which EAL base the justification of their need for additional runway capacity. However, despite the helpful workshop, EANAB remained unconvinced that the data justified the need for runway expansion and therefore wrote to EAL on 1 Jan 2020 with copies to the Civil Aviation Authority (CAA) and Independent Commission for Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN). EANAB will continue to work with EAL in an attempt to reach a shared interpretation of the data, but considered it important that the CAA were aware of EANAB’s concerns, whilst considering EAL’s Stage 1 submission (Step 1B (Design Principles) package) submitted on 3 Jan 2020. KW and MA attended the monthly EANAB meeting on 8 Jan 2020. Unless any new information comes to light, EANAB will upload its position and analysis of the data (which in its view demonstrates there is no justification for increased runway capacity) to the EANAB website after 18 January thereby making this information available to the public next week.</p> <p>The CAA will decide if EAL’s submission passes or fails at the end of this month -- KW asked for the agreement of BACC to submit a letter to the CAA expressing our concerns that BACC (in agreement with EANAB) does not agree with the need for an increase in runway capacity and also that the regulatory process (CAP1616) does not allow for local objections/input during phase 1 (but we should try anyway) before the 31 Jan deadline. A vote was taken and only one member of the public does not agree with this approach. The rest of those attending, including the BACC members, all agree that a letter should be sent to the CAA and to contact relevant MPs/MSPs asap.</p> <p>TR asks that a draft template letter be circulated to those who wish to write personally to the CAA &amp; MPs/MSPs.</p>	<p><b>KW/MA</b></p> <p><b>KW/ALL</b></p>
<b>8. Councillors Update</b>	
Cllr DA not present	
<b>9. Budget</b>	
<p>Donation to cover £48 cost of the December Xmas Fair is to be clarified/discussed with DL.</p> <p>Note: no venue fees are incurred by BACC when meeting in the Lobster Pot.</p> <p>AM asked if a donation might be made towards the battery required to ensure ongoing functioning of the village defibrillator. All agreed that a donation should be made and the amount will be discussed with DL. SG indicated that the Hall budget may also be able to make a contribution to the battery.</p>	<p><b>DL</b></p> <p><b>DL/SG</b></p>

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<b>10. Community Projects</b>		
<p><u>Community Hall:</u>            SG raised a list of minor maintenance things to be done to the hall (e.g. gutters cleared). The Hall Committee is seeking volunteers to help with such jobs. Although the school does use the facility (it is rented for dinners &amp; activities), <b>the hall is owned and run by the Community</b> and can be rented for other activities out with school hours by anyone for £12/hour.            The Hall Committee is issuing a plea for other volunteers to join the committee which only meets once a year (there are currently only 3 members) to help keep our Community Hall going.  <b><i>If anyone can help, needs further information or would like to rent the hall, please contact Sue (<a href="mailto:suegairns@btinternet.com">suegairns@btinternet.com</a>)</i></b>. Thank you.</p> <p>Date for your diary: Spring Ceilidh: Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2020</p> <p><u>Play park:</u>            KW to ask HB to attend the February meeting for an update.</p>	<p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p> <p><b>KW</b></p>	
<b>11. AOCB</b>		
<p><u>Defibrillator</u> – a reminder that there is one <b>defibrillator located on the wall at the Boat Club</b> available at all times and another (available during open hours only) located in the HES shop at Blackness Castle.            A demonstration of how to use the defibrillator may be arranged and details will follow.</p> <p><u>Phone Box</u> – due to lack of use, the public phone box may be removed by BT however it was highlighted that with poor mobile phone coverage in the village, this may be the only way of calling for an ambulance or for the defibrillator release code in an emergency. This information will be submitted in support of keeping the phone box active.</p> <p><u>Fire &amp; Rescue plan/survey</u> – information request/return required by FC.</p> <p><u>Carol Singing Service</u> – WELL DONE to Angela Wilcox for arranging the impromptu carol singing service in the village just before Xmas. The event raised £95 for Shelter Scotland and was so well received that there are plans to do it again this Xmas . <i>Thank you Angela.</i></p>	<p><b>INFO</b></p> <p><b>KW</b></p> <p><b>DG</b></p>	
Meeting closed at 9pm.		
<b>Date of next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2020 in the Lobster Pot</b>		

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