

Blackness Area Community Council
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 15th April 2020, Via WebEx

Attendees via WebEx during Corona Virus restrictions: Community Council members: Martin Watt (chair), Karen Walker (minutes), Terry Rowland, Dorothy Garrow Flight Path Matters Sub Committee member: Merv Archibald	
1. Apologies	
Annie Meikle	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
Previous March meeting minutes now approved (MA & TR) and can be forwarded to FC for publication.	KW
3. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
KW to pursue Sue Gairns for contributions from the Hall Committee for the defibrillator battery Other matters addressed per section below - **please see parking & planning	KW/SG
4. Coronavirus Community Help	
David and Lorna Morrow have joined the Covid-19 sub-committee. There has not been as much demand for help as expected and any calls to the help line have been dealt with by the local volunteers. It is assumed that neighbours are helping those who do need help as hoped which a sign of our community pulling together. BACC would also like to express their particular thanks to Annie Meikle who is volunteering with the NHS to do patient transport and collecting prescriptions when she can for residents during the pandemic.	THANK YOU TO ALL VOLUNTEERS AND NEIGHBOURS
5. Community Police Report	
No report received from Community Police Officers. Covid-19 email received 26/3/2020 to say that due to the impact on resources and demand, Police Scotland will not be sending out Police Reports to CCs. BACC members are pleased to note that the police visibility is apparent and their vigilance in checking on the village is appreciated.	THANK YOU TO POLICE SCOTLAND
6. Councillors Update	
No councillors present	
7. Village parking	
**AM called KW pre-meeting to explain that HES staff are on furlough but are still aware of the parking problems normally experienced in the village and are still very keen to address the issue on their return. BACC look forward to hear from HES when things are back to normal. The parking sub group does seem to have lost steam however it's difficult to canvas opinion whilst social distancing is going on. MW to contact Kath to see if anything can be done during this lock down period.	On hold MW
8. Planning	
**Wrt plans to ask to meet with FC planning department – MW and KW to liaise in order to send a letter via email to Douglas Duff & the Planning Committee Councillors ask if we can meet virtually soon or after lockdown. Suggested that BACC ask to include the following in the discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the latest updated statutory guidance for the Local Development Plans; • feedback from the Institute of Landscape Architects (ILA); • conclude the no 18 Mannerston matter; • explore the possibility of reviewing no 18 as a test case. **MA to speak to Martyn Day MP when Coronavirus restrictions allow.	MW & KW MA
9. Flight path matters	
MA and KW attended the monthly EANAB (the Board) meeting on 1 st April 2020 which was held on line. The next meeting is to have an Independent	

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<p>Commission on Civil Aviation Noise (ICCAN) presence so that we can share information and gain knowledge.</p> <p>The Board are still awaiting the further data requested from EAL (to better understand the relationship between take off profiles and noise footprints and to enable discussions of aircraft locations in 3D). However, as all EAL staff members are now furloughed, this issue cannot be resolved until EAL staff return.</p> <p>As part of their current Air Change Programme application, EAL have submitted additional information on the Design Principles Development process for consideration by the CAA in late April 2020 – EANAB are awaiting to hear if this application will stay on track with this timeline or be delayed/deferred.</p>	
10. Budget	
<p>**A donation has been previously agreed to ensure ongoing functioning of the village defibrillator. KW/DL to liaise with Sue Gairns to work out how much each will donate towards the £150 needed – suggested 50/50 split. DL to provide information on how much is currently left in the BACC budget.</p>	DL/SG/KW DL
11. Community Projects	
<p><u>Blackness Community Hall:</u> Family Ceilidh: Saturday 25th April 2020 is postponed due to the current Coronavirus situation but can hopefully be rescheduled.</p> <p><u>Play Park</u> Closed due to the coronavirus outbreak. Suggestion is to have a big celebration when Coronavirus guidelines allow opening of the flying fox and possibly having a BYO picnic too. <i>(post meeting note: FC ask that BACC liaise with parks dept regarding any plans and timing of such an event).</i></p>	
12. AOCB	
<p>Could anything useful be done with any BACC budget that is available?</p> <p>Can BACC do anything to help local businesses get back on their feet post Covid-19 restrictions?</p> <p>MW got a spare key cut for the BACC announcement cabinets in the village and will drop it in to the school (once open) to be kept as a spare.</p> <p>No benches have been removed from the village by FC following a query from a member of the public.</p>	ALL ALL MW
<p>Meeting closed at 8.15pm.</p>	
<p>Date of next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 20th May 2020 via an online communication platform.</p>	

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USEFUL INFORMATION

COVID-19 Community Response

HelpLine:

Email: Blacknessc@googlemail.com

Phone number for those without internet access: **0754 624 1006**

Please see “**Blackness Community**” on Facebook for the latest updates.

If anyone can volunteer or a local company can offer any help,
please contact a BACC member or email blacknessc@googlemail.com

Please check on your neighbours, particularly if they are elderly or vulnerable
but remember to maintain a 2 metre space when talking to anyone
and remember to WASH YOUR HANDS. Thank you.

Blackness Defibrillator Locations:

24 hour access: on the external wall of the Boat Club

Castle open hours: HES shop at Blackness Castle (currently closed due to the coronavirus).

USEFUL CONTACTS

BACC elected members	Martin Watt (Convener)	blacknessc@googlemail.com
	David Lawson (Treasurer)	
	Dorothy Garrow	
BACC co-opted members	Karen Walker (Secretary)	
	Anne Meikle	
	Terry Rowland	
Sub-committee members	Merv Archibald	Flight Path Matters
	Helena Paul	Flight Path Matters
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