

Blackness Area Community Council
Meeting Minutes: Wednesday 17th June 2020, Via WebEx

Attendees via WebEx during Corona Virus restrictions:	
CC members: Martin Watt (chair), Karen Walker (minutes), Terry Rowland, Dorothy Garrow. Sub Committee members: Merv Archibald, Chris Grady (in place of Kath Burlinson)	
1. Apologies – Annie Meikle, Kath Burlinson, Cllr Aitchison (technical issues)	
2. Approval of Previous Minutes:	Action
May meeting minutes approved and can be forwarded to FC for publication.	KW
3. Actions and matters arising from previous minutes	
Bank account details forwarded to SG & DL for the defibrillator battery donations. Notice boards: to look at prioritising pertinent info & ensuring minutes are on at least 1 village board. Missing bench: the memorial bench to the west of the village has been removed much to residents' disappointment. BACC/Police to follow up. No response from FC re planning letter sent 9 June. A response from the Chief Planner on 10 June states the Scottish Government cannot intervene however BACC will continue to inform them of any further correspondence so that they can observe and possibly become involved when it is appropriate. BACC to FU.	Closed MW & KW TR/AM TR/KW/MW
4. Coronavirus Community Help	
Neighbourly support and appreciation of those who are helping has enabled everyone to get through these challenging times. Thank you. If you know of anyone locally who needs help with getting online so that they can keep in contact with their friends and family, please contact fairerfalkirk@falkirk.gov.uk or a BACC member.	THANKS TO ALL
5. Community Police Report	
No crimes or road/speeding incidents. A suspect has been identified and reported for the Theft by Housebreaking in April 2020 at the Champany Inn.	
6. Councillors Update	
Cllr Aitchison provided a brief pre-meeting update – FC funds are running tight due to C-19. A local resident has contacted him regarding the parking (to be invited to attend a BACC meeting).	KW/AM
7. Village parking	
Parking on the road leading in to the village was noted to be particularly busy on Sun 14 th June despite the pub & castle being closed; this resulted in dangerous blind manoeuvres at the bottom corner. Cars can park 2 wheels on a footpath so long as wheelchairs and prams can pass (owners risk their cars being damaged). Two incidents on the 14 th were also noted where cars hit the wall trying to turn on the castle road. Police are aware of ongoing parking issues and will make efforts to carry out regular patrols to ensure that safe parking is adhered to. Hoping that HES staff may return soon to provide conclusions from their parking meetings held earlier in the year & also enable some dialogue to open regarding gate opening hours. The sub-committee will try to convene as lockdown eases to discuss options and ask if anyone has any ideas or contributions, please contact Blacknessc@googlemail.com	Parking Sub-Committee ALL
8. Planning	
No new planning applications.	
9. Flight Path Matters	
MA and KW attended the monthly EANAB meeting on 3 rd June at which there was a presentation from EAL. The complaints department is being run by a skeleton staff. EAL will not fund the minutes secretary and as other CCs were not willing to contribute, shortened minutes will be taken by volunteers per meeting. EANABs Annual Review is still in progress. It was acknowledged again by all CC members how much more tranquil it is in the area with the lower frequency & intensity of flights though noted any flights are very noisy possibly due to older planes.	
10. Budget	
BACC budget update to follow. <i>Post meeting update - Current balance is £2,466.08 (29 May 2020) & includes FC grant of £296. Deduction pending: £50 cheque for defibrillator battery</i>	DL
11. Community Projects	
No actions.	
12. AOCB	
B9109 white lines and SLOW sign have been refreshed. Agreed that ad hoc meetings with CC or subcommittee members may be convened over the summer as required for urgent issues.	BACC
<i>Meeting closed at 8.35pm.</i>	
Next meeting: 7pm, Wednesday 16th September 2020, venue tbc.	

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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
	Kath Burlinson	Parking
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	Lorna Morrow	Covid-19
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