**MEETING OF BRIDGE OF ALLAN COMMUNITY COUNCIL**

**HELD ON TUESDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2017**

**(held in Honeyman Hall of Bridge of Allan Parish Church)**

**Present:**

Sandra Davidson (Chair); Nicos Yarrow (NY); Janie Meikle Bland (JMB); Leslie Harkness (LH); Michael Burt (MB); Marie Gardner (MG); Siobhan Hencher (SH); Vicky McDowell (VMcD); Mike Watson (MW); Ian McCusker (IMc)

**In attendance:**

Lucy McCormick (notes)

**Apologies:**

PC Currie (Duty Officer)

**B1366 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of meeting held on 17th January were approved (Proposed: Marie Gardner; Seconded: Vicky McDowell)

A point on the previous minutes was raised:

* No. B1363 on previous minutes: Museum Hall Plaque. Regarding the e-mail that was sent out by Graham and Sibbald to residents and landlords, result is that 4 of the 15 apartments have responded positively and the remaining either responded negatively or not at all. The Factors have confirmed that support is required from all therefore it is recommended that proposal is dropped due to lack of support.

**B1367**  **Chicken Run Littering/ Fouling**

Resident raised issue regarding a substantial amount (approx. 150) of alcohol bottles (mainly Frosty Jack cider & approx. 144 plus others such as Carlsberg) being dumped on the path beside the UCP factory known locally as ‘the chicken run’. Only one shop in BoA sells Frosty Jack. Issue of dog waste also raised.

**Actions:** CC will raise with Duty PC regarding alcohol containers. CC to request an individual from Stirling Council to attend next Community Council Meeting to determine how best they can work with the Community to resolve issues such as dog waste and dumping of alcohol containers.

**B1368 Police Report**

Current priorities in the Bridge of Allan area continue to be Anti-Social Behaviour, Violent Crime, theft, road safety and Community Engagement and Reassurance.

**ANTI-SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR:**

Overnight from 30/1/2017 to 31/1/2017 a car parked in a driveway at Well Road, Bridge of Allan was extensively scratched. All enquiries are complete and the culprit has not been identified.

On 12/2/2017 a minor disturbance took place within an address at Carmichael Court, Bridge of Allan. The accused has been traced and issued with a formal police warning.

**DRUG MISUSE** - No reported drugs misuse.

**VIOLENT CRIME:**

On 17/2/2017 an assault took place in the area of Beacon Croft, Bridge of Allan. A male has subsequently been charged for this and a report has been submitted.

On 6/2/2017 a domestic assault occurred in Castleview Drive, Bridge of Allan. The accused was held in custody to appear at Stirling Sheriff court on the next lawful day.

On 18/2/2017 an assault took place in an address at Avenue Park, Bridge of Allan. The suspect is known and will be charged in due course.

**HOUSEBREAKINGS/CRIMES OF DISHONESTY:**

On 25/1/2017 a rucksack was left unattended and was subsequently stolen at University of Stirling. All enquiries have been completed and there are no suspects.

On 17/2/2017 a mountain bike was left unattended outside Tesco, Henderson Street, Bridge of Allan. This bike was subsequently reported as being stolen. Enquiries are on-going to identify the suspect.

**ROAD SAFETY** - No incidents reported.

**OTHER INCIDENTS OF NOTE** - There are no incidents of note.

**B1369 Presentation on Giant Hogweed** (delivered by Bill Sexton (BS) – Scottish Wildlife Trust)

Presentation covered instances of injuries, extent of issue (rapidly spread by seed and a single plant can produce 20,000 seeds) and extent of issue in the area (in particular near M&S in Dunblane). BS keen to raise awareness and get CC onboard with the extent of the issue in the area. Forth Fisheries Trust is supporting the cost of the spray in 2017 however concern raised about future funding. Currently spraying is being undertaking my 2 individuals.

**Action:** BS to send picture of what plant looks like when young and then awareness can be raised with Schools. SH keen to meet up with Bill Sexton to discuss further.

**Action:** BS asked if CC could help support cost of spray (£50 per container). Agreed CC will provide funding for 2 containers by full show of hands (CC has supported this previously)

**Action:** CC to consider what else pragmatically that can be done to support this issue.

**B1370 Planning update** (Mike Watson)

* Airthrey Kerse - positive response sent to Reporter.
* Park of Keir - still with Minister, decision outstanding.
* No other planning updates provided.

**B1371 Community Council Branding and New Website**

CC are looking to upgrade their website to make more user friendly especially with wider community to facilitate more engagement. Funding has been received from Stirling Council to support the re-branding. MB showed some rebranding options (images) based on iconic images of BoA with varying colours. Further consideration to be given what colours can be reproduced easier, what colours replicate well in black and white, positioning of the ‘of’ on the Logo and ensure no confusion with other groups i.e. sports club who use bridge logo.

Preference on colours circulated put to vote via show of hands - 7 in favour of blues and greens and 3 in favour on yellows and oranges.

**Action:** MB to put on website to gage broader community feedback and report back to CC.

**B1372 Safe Routes to School (JMB)**

JMB provided an update on 2 significant steps forward 1) JMB met with University Research student who has been appointed to look at transport and travel in and around the Campus and will be looking at what it would take for students to use other transport options other than cars and 2) Teacher came with 2 pupils at the last CC meeting. Primary 5 Teacher called an Active Travel Meeting for all schools which JMB also attended to encourage active travel planning of walking and cycling to school. Next meeting of Active Travel working group will be held 7 March 2017.

JMB looking for other interested group to engage in developing the plan. Other groups raised could include - Buggy walking group, Church Groups, Nurseries, Walking Groups.

**B1373 Chair’s Report (SD) –** no further update

**B1374 Treasurer’s Report (MG)**

MG provided a Treasurer’s Report update. Key points noted below:

- Discussion of the Common Good Fund. Point was raised that at the Provost meeting the MUGA was granted a higher amount than the CC itself had agreed to award.

**Action:** MG to progress the process with Stirling Council via Andy Davies.

**Action:** MG asked all CC members who have raised funds to respond on the Terms and Conditions. CC members to confirm if they have been adhered to and if not why not and copy MG in.

- £2.2k is the amount available in the General Fund. Money has been set aside for the CC Branding & Website.

**B1375 Resident’s voice**

* Concerns raised about pedestrian crossing on Henderson Street (next to Country Pursuits) and safety of it especially in comparison to the new crossing on Cornton Road which is a lot more noticeable. A resident had recently fallen on it. There is also a drain issue at the crossing and on bin day, bins are parked adjacent to the crossing and lights from shops and building means that the crossing is not as clear and noticeable as it should be. Resident described it as an accident waiting to happen.

**Action:** JMB to raise issue with Travel Officer at Stirling Council. JMB also encouraged resident to raise directly as well.

* LH confirmed that Mark Fitzpatrick from Stirling Council has accepted an invite to the next CC meeting to discuss parking enforcement measures. This should be extended to covering other issues such as dog fouling and alcohol can/ bottle rubbish.
* Conflicts of Interest register to be created and policy statement on Conflicts of Interest to be developed to ensure CC are operating a level of impartialness and level of integrity. Draft produced and will report back at next CC meeting.
* Issue raised of ghost line still evident on road near Fire Station.

**Action:** MB has raised previously however will raise again.

* Flood Group still requiring support with the bridge and falling trees.
* **Action:** Agenda point at the next meeting to be Christmas Lights and new committee.

**Meeting closed at approximately 9pm. Next meeting will be held on Tuesday 21st March 2017**