

## **FALKIRK ARCHIVES**

### **Local authority records**

#### **Bo'ness Harbour Trustees and Burgh Commissioners Finding Aid**

This finding aid contains lists of records of the various local authorities in the Burgh of Bo'ness prior to the establishment of Bo'ness Town Council in 1903

Bo'ness (Borrowstounness) was made a Burgh of Regality in 1668, a Burgh of Barony in 1748 and a Police Burgh in 1883. The Burgh was incorporated in 1903.

Local Government originated with the Bo'ness Harbour Trustees in 1744. The Trustees became Town and Harbour Trustees in 1843 with enlarged powers. In 1883 the Trustees were replaced by Police and Burgh Commissioners who were in turn replaced in 1903 by Bo'ness Town Council. In 1975 Bo'ness and the surrounding area became part of Falkirk District. Previously the surrounding area had been part of the County of West Lothian.

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**Bo'ness Harbour Trustees**

Bo'ness Harbour Trustees were established under the Twopenny Act in 1744. The Trustees were appointed with power to impose a duty of two pennies Scots...on every pint of ale or beer sold in Bo'ness for the clearing, deepening, rebuilding, repairing and improving the harbour and piers of Bo'ness. The duty was leviable for 25 years, renewed by Act in 1769, 1794, 1816 and 1843. Vacancies were filled by election by the existing trustees. The successive acts gave additional powers to the Trustees to levy rates on commercial premises and dwelling-houses, for the purposes of paying for lighting, cleaning and improving streets and erecting a town clock. The 1843 Act re-named the Harbour Trustees as trustees for the Town and Harbour and set a period of service and a qualification for election and electors. The Town & Harbour Trustees were replaced in 1883 by Bo'ness Police & Burgh Commissioners when the town became a Police Burgh by the adoption of the 1862 Police & General Improvement Act.

**Bo'ness Harbour Trustees**

<i>Accession No</i>	<i>Date</i>	<i>Description</i>
A818.001/01	1746-1752; 1787	Minute Book
A818.001/02	1788-1820	Minute Book
A818.001/03	1820-1838	Minute Book
A005.035/02	08 Feb 1815	Warrant for summoning a guard to conduct William Paterson (prisoner) from Westercraigs to Newbridge

**Bo'ness Town and Harbour Trustees**

A818.001/04	1839-1846	Minute Book
A818.001/05	1846-1852	Minute Book
A818.001/06	1830-1851	Minute Book
A818.001/07	1865-1872	Minute Book, Harbour Trustees
A818.001/08	1863-1871	Minute Book, Town Trustees
A818.001/09	1871-1876	Minute Book, Town Trustees
A818.001/10	1876-1879	Minute Book, Town Trustees
A818.001/11	1879-1882	Minute Book, Town Trustees. Includes inserts - advertising posters for elections and ballot results
A818.001/12	1882-1886	Minute Book, Town Trustees.
A818.001/13	1886-1891	Minute Book, Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A818.001/14	1890-1892	Minute Book, (Scroll), Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A818.001/15	1891-1894	Minute Book, (Scroll), Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A676.001	12 Jan 1872- 09 May 1877	Letter Book (wet copy) No 1 of Bo'ness Town Trust
A676.002	09 May 1877- 14 Jul 1880	Letter Book (wet copy) No 2 of Bo'ness Town Trust

A676.003	14 Jul 1880- 04 Apr 1884	Letter Book (wet copy) No 3 of Bo'ness Town Trust
A676.006	24 Jun 1878- 02 Nov 1882	Letter Book (wet copy) No 1 : Bo'ness Harbour
A676.007	02 Nov 1882- 20 Jun 1885	Letter Book (wet copy) No 2 : Bo'ness Harbour
A676.008	20 Jun 1885- 05 Sep 1889	Letter Book (wet copy) No 3 : Bo'ness Harbour
A676.009	07 Sep 1889- 06 Jan 1890	Letter Book (wet copy) No 4 : Bo'ness Harbour
A676.010	29 Jul 1899- 23 Nov 1901	Letter Book (wet copy) No 6 : Bo'ness Harbour
A005.006	1875	The Borrowstounness Town and Harbour Act, 1875
A005.031/01	31 Jul 1884- 31 Jul 1885	Annual report and accounts
A005.043	04 Aug 1845	Ms transcript of Petition for the Inhabitants of Bo'ness to the Justices of the Peace for the County of Linlithgow requesting the appointment of an additional police constable
A005.011	01 Jul 1847- 06 Aug 1852	Borrowstounness races account book (On permanent display at Kinneil Museum)
A005.036	15 Jul 1852- 06 Aug 1852	Kinneil Races account book. Contains notes of expenses
A1935.001	6 June 1864	Notice for contractors wanted for street cleaning and the removal of rubbish in Bo'ness, for the period 4 July 1864 to 31 May 1865
A005.031/02	Jun 1877	Memorandum, Bo'ness Harbour Commissioners to the Public Works Loan Commissioners for secured loan of £30,000 for harbour
A005.051	Oct 1878	Report on proposed main sewer outfall at Bo'ness
A058.054	Sep 1866	Plan, Bo'ness Harbour Pierhead. Scale 1"=4ft
A116.002	08 Jun 1878	Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock Entrance - Sections No 1. Contract No 4 Drawing No 16, Plan No 0198, Scale 1"=4ft Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 11th, 15th November 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures
A116.003	08 Jun 1878	Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Cofferdam - Section No 2. Contract No 4 Drawing No 10, Plan No 0192, Scale 1"=4ft (enlarged section) Scale 1"=20ft (sectional elevation) Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures

- A116.004 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Cofferdam - Section No 3. Contract No 4 Drawing No 11, Plan No 0193, Scale 1"=4ft (enlarged section) Scale 1"=20ft (sectional elevation) Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures
- A116.005 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Cofferdam - Section No 4. Contract No 4 Drawing No 12, Plan No 0194, Scale 1"=4ft (enlarged section) Scale 1"=20ft (sectional elevation) Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures
- A116.006 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Stairs Contract No 4 Drawing No 19, Plan No 0201, Scale 1"=2ft Annotated "Edinburgh 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures.
- A116.007 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Entrance Section No 2 Contract No 4 Drawing No 7, Plan No 0199, Scale 1"=4ft Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures
- A116.008 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Entrance Section No 3 and details. Contract No 4 Drawing 18, Scale 1"=4ft (cross section) Scale 1"=1ft (details) Annotated "Edinburgh 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures
- A116.009 08 Jun 1878 Plan of Bo'ness Harbour and Dock. Railways and bridges. Contract No 4 Drawing No 20, Plan No 0202. Scale 1"=2ft (enlarged sections) Scale 1"=30ft (section of approaches) General scale 1"=4ft (bridge) Annotated "Edinburgh 2nd November, 1878. This is one of the plans referred to by us in the deed of contract executed by us as relative thereto and of even date therewith" various signatures

## Bo'ness Police and Burgh Commissioners

In 1883 the Bo'ness Police and Burgh Commissioners replaced the Town & Harbour Trustees. Bo'ness became a Police Burgh with powers to establish police, sanitation and water services, lighting and other local authority functions. In 1903 the Commissioners were replaced by Bo'ness Town Council.

A818.001/13	1886-1891	Minute Book, Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A818.001/14	1890-1892	Minute Book, (Scroll), Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A818.001/15	1891-1894	Minute Book, (Scroll), Town Trustees and Police Commissioners
A818.001/16	1894-1896	Minute Book, Police and Burgh Commissioners
A818.001/17	1896-1900	Minute Book, Burgh Commissioners
A818.001/18	1900-1903	Minute Book, Burgh Commissioners
A005.028/02	31 Aug 1882	Report on a scheme of drainage for the town of Bo'ness
A676.011	1884-1888	Letter Book (wet copy) No 4
A676.012	1888-1892	Letter Book (wet copy) No 5
A676.013	1892-1894	Letter Book (wet copy) No 6 (wrongly labelled as No 5)
A676.014	1894-1896	Letter Book (wet copy) No 7
A676.015	1898-1900	Letter Book (wet copy) No 9
A676.016	1900-1901	Letter Book (wet copy) No 10
A676.069	1894-1903	Letter book (wet copy) : F.CAP letters. Contains letters to the Local Government Board (Scotland)
A005.023/07	22 Nov 1893	Notice of Burgh Extension
A005.035/01	15 May 1894	Copy interlocutor by Sheriff Blair in petition of Commissioners Borrowstounness for Burgh extension
A005.038	Dec 1893	Tabulated statement of details in connection with proposed extension of the Burgh of Bo'ness