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The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem & District Community Council

Minutes of Meeting held on Monday 14th March 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall

Present:

Community Council: K.Horsburgh, W.Hughes, J.Taylor B.Ortmann, H.Coggle, J.Bowman, A.Innes
Fife Council: Cllr D.MacGregor
Guests: None
Members of the Public: None
Apologies: Cllr J.Docherty, Cllr E.Riches, M. Wardlaw, C. McCallum

Approval of Previous Minutes:

Proposed: J Bowman **Seconded:** W Hughes

Matters Arising:

Notice Boards: It was felt that clarification was required as to appropriate use of this facility. It had always been the case that any use deemed as commercial was inappropriate and the feeling was that this should continue to be the overriding criteria.

West Wynd: Following the landslip and the subsequent closure of the Wynd there was concern regarding what appeared to be lack of progress in resolving the situation. A reply has been received from Fife Council advising that the Temporary Prohibition of Use will be operational from 11/03/16 to 01/09/16. This does appear to be excessive however considering that the landowner has accepted responsibility and appears to have involved his Insurer who will insist that remedial work is carried out to an appropriate standard the timescale is understandable. We believe that a contractor has been appointed by the Loss Adjuster.

West Braes: Now that the works have been completed **KH** wrote to Blair Falconer at Fife Council raising a number of issues which still need to be resolved. These include a damaged bollard in the car park area, damaged to the fence, road subsidence on the road to the West Braes car park. In addition to the above, materials including fencing have still to be removed and the tidying up of the Mid Shore Transfer Site is not satisfactory. Whilst a reply to the initial letter was received it was in many ways not satisfactory and KH agreed to e-mail Blair Falconer following the meeting. By way of clarification the newly grassed areas will be maintained by Fife Council.

High Street Electrics: It was reported that we are still waiting for Fife Council to complete

Police: They did not attend the meeting but on the matter of speeding, particularly in the area adjacent to the School, there have been two speed traps and they have also deployed the "dummy traffic officer" at the entrance to the village.

Library: We were pleased to note that Pittenweem Library Group have been active in their campaign to save the library from closure. A well-attended meeting was held on the 18th February. They will meet with a representative of Fife Council on 16th March to discuss the way forward. It is planned to keep in touch with other groups including Crail, Colinsburgh and Lundin Links.

Marygate: The power issues affecting the street lamps have still to be resolved by Scottish Power. It was agreed that we would discuss this once again in a month's time to review the situation.

Road Signs: At the last meeting we agreed to establish with The Heraldry Society of Scotland the situation concerning the use of the Burgh's Coat of Arms, we have now had confirmation that this is acceptable and accordingly agreement was reached to incorporate it on the new signs. **KH** will order three sets of signs.

Pittenweem in Bloom: During the past month there have been two coffee mornings each of which raised in excess of £400 less hall costs. It was reported that most of the tubs were in need of a repaint. It was confirmed that there was still paint left from last year's Community Payback and this would be made available. Agreement was reached that **BO** would contact Archie Melville regarding the possibility of once again using the above scheme to amongst other things carrying out the work for PIB

Treasurer's Report: Up to date accounts were presented showing funds at 29/02/16 standing at £1937.46. During the past month the only significant expenses were the purchase of magnets for use on the notice boards and the poppy wreath for the Royal British Legion.

Councillor's Report: **Cllr DMcG** gave a short summary of the Fife Council Budget Meeting held on 25th February, as has been widely reported this was dominated by the need to save money. Amongst other items was a decision to defer road repairs for a year and a saving of £100000 from the Music Budget.

Town Halls: As a result of the above, Fife Council are actively considering the selloff of Town Halls, however in many cases the halls are part of the Common Good. It is worth noting that Pittenweem Old Town Hall is Common Good but that the New Town Hall is Fife Council. It appears that individual decisions as to disposals will be debated locally.

Planning: **JT** gave an update, the following have been received:

Building Warrant:

15/02280/EXT Extension to form new vestibule, sunroom & toilet-54 University Avenue. Work started.
16/00435/EXT Alterations and Single Storey extension-30 Milton Road. Approved
16/00453/NDC Alterations to Convert Shop to Art gallery-16 High Street. Pending
13/00855/EXTA03 Alterations to Kirkclatch Cottage, amendment to original layout, removal of bedroom & toilet doors-26 Milton Road. Approved

Planning Application:

16/00053/FULL Formation of balcony-3 Glebe Park. Permitted no conditions.
16/00614/FULL Alterations and first floor extension to rear of dwelling house including installation of rooflights- 64 High Street. Pending Consideration.
16/00296/FULL Re-roofing of 2 dwellinghouses-11/12 Waggon Road. Pending Consideration.
15/04082/FULL Change of use from fuel filling station to hand car wash including installation of splash screens-James Street. Pending Consideration.

15/04082/FULL, the final item on the planning list was subject to detailed discussion. It should be noted that due to a conflict of interest neither JT nor BO participated in the discussion. Careful consideration was given to all aspects of the proposed change of use to try to arrive at a balanced consensus. The final agreed position was that we as a Community Council had serious misgivings concerning several aspects of the proposal. We had previously registered as a Statutory Consultee and it was agreed that we would write to Planning outlining our position.

Post Office: We have been informed that there are going to be changes both to the layout and to some of the services offered.

Breakwater: Work is scheduled to re-commence on the 28th March and is expected to continue for around 12 to 16 weeks (depending on weather conditions) Locations of site compounds etc. is likely to be similar to last year, as will be restrictions on public access.

Tower Mint: To commemorate the upcoming 90th Birthday of the Queen the aforementioned company is to commission a special coin. We considered if it was appropriate that we as the CC purchase and present to primary school pupils. However the item appeared to be of poor quality and we were of the opinion that this initiative was not something that we as the CC should support.

AOB:

Roadworks at the corner on Abbey Wall Road were giving concern, mainly the lack of any traffic control on what is a blind corner, but in addition there appeared to have been no notification prior to work commencing.

On-going Use of the Church Tower: a recent news item in the Courier suggested that tours of the Church Tower were still being carried out. Previously safety concerns have been raised and we were of the opinion that they were to be stopped.

Fishermen's Memorial Committee: a meeting of the subcommittee is scheduled for the next few weeks.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th April at 7:00pm

Meeting Closed at 8:20