



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K. Horsburgh,
Vice Chair: W. Hughes,
Minute Secretary: M. Wardlaw ,
Contact Secretary: J. Taylor,
Treasurer: B. Ortmann

Minutes of meeting held 9th February 2015 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.

Opening of Meeting:

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00pm and welcomed all present.

Present:

Community Council: K. Horsburgh, W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, J. Bowman, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, A. Inness.

Fife Council: Cllr D. MacGregor, Cllr J. Docherty, Cllr E. Ritches

Guests: Pat Turner (police)

Members of the public: Two

Apologies: Cllr Docherty, H. Coggle

KH wanted the following to be noted for the current minutes.

David Stutchfield resigned from the post of treasurer and also as an opted in Community Councillor Member at the end of the last meeting. He was asked and agreed to stay on for a month till a new treasurer was elected and most of the paper work handed over. That has now been done.

KH would like to thank David for his sterling job as treasurer over the past few years, to thank him for standing in as secretary until he himself was available full-time to undertake the position from David Birrell, and for stepping into the Chair person's seat when Ken Brereton became ill and had to resign at short notice.

KH would also like to thank Ken Brereton for his time he spent on The Community Council Committee first as an ordinary member and latterly as Chairperson.

KH and all the committee members would like to thank Ken and Marcia and they wish Ken a speedy recovery.

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: J. Taylor. **Seconded:** W. Hughes.

Police Report:

Sgt. Pat Turner (Community Ward Sergeant) has taken over from Sgt. Anderson although Sgt. A is still based in St Andrews. This new arrangement commenced on 12th January 2015.

Sgt. T is responsible for St, Andrews, East Neuk and Landward area. They have two dedicated police officers for each area and in the East Neuk we have Tracy Elder and Gillian Tetley. They will be making themselves known to people living in this area and to give them the chance to chat to people and get to know more of the local knowledge of what happens in each of the towns that make up the East Neuk, they will be seen walking more as opposed to driving vehicles.

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The stop and search pilot in Fife which was discussed a few months ago has completed and found very useful in some areas. The local area has very few crime reported activities, with none in the last month for Pittenweem.

JT reminded him we were to have an answer to Ken Brereton's worry about the records accrued from a refusal to the stop and search. When it was first discussed it was said that everyone stopped guilty or not would be asked for their full details and the committee wanted to know what would happen to these files in due course when the pilot was finished.

Sgt. T was going to try and find out for us and will report back soon by e-mail.

KH mentioned speeding especially on Backgate, and the problems with people still parking on double yellow lines in the Marygate. It was noted that one of the cars sitting on double yellow lines may belong to a retired policeman. It has already been discussed with **FC** about changing the right of way at the top of Abbeywall Road but to date nothing has been decided. Sgt. Turner said he would mention the above points to Tracy and Jill and get them to look into these matters and report back. It was noted that the police will not attend every month but every 2nd or 3rd month.

Members of the public wanted to discuss the Adamson's Bakery application for outside stairwell and balcony. They had put in objections to this application because it was going to be looking directly into their garden. The application was refused when it went to planning but the owners have decided to appeal. Neighbours have not been notified, and only discovered the appeal when they checked on line.

Cllr Riches has agreed to look into the planning on this application and report back.

Matters Arising:

KH reported that the sending of e-mails rule was working most of the time.

*We are leaving Fiona Sword to re-contact us if she wants to come along and do a presentation.

KH reported that repairs at Pan Braes had been done but it is still a bit muddy.

Cllr Riches mentioned that money that could be ear-marked for roads just was not there, it came from the monies raised from recycling plastics. The rate paid for recycled products has very much been reduced therefore the income available for road repairs has been reduced.

*There was a discussion about monies paid out by **FC** in compensation to motorists as a result of car damage resulting from pot holes.

KH to check out road repairs reported as sub-standard in University, Q.Eliz. Rd, West Braes, Sandycraig Rd, South Loan and if possible take photographs to forward to **Cllr MacGregor** who will then take it up with **FC**.

KH also wants checks done on yellow lines in University Terr/Ave.

*Corner light at the bottom of Bruce's Wynd has been replaced.

*Power Points in High Street; Planning have now asked for a block plan, this has been forwarded by KH

*Everyone was asked to take note of any jobs that they thought would be suitable for the 'pay back' boys to do and report back at the next meeting.

KH and **AI** are meeting with Archie Melville and Craig Hutton (Project Officer) of the payback scheme on 19th Feb. to look at what is required to be done. **KH** provided a tracker sheet to show what had been requested and what had been completed by the 'pay back' boys since last year. The 'pay back boys' do the manual work but we have to supply the materials required to do these jobs. At present there are 35 benches placed throughout Pittenweem requiring work done; paths need attention within the cemetery. It was noted that after the "pay back boys" have completed a job they attach a plaque so that people know who has upgraded or maintained property they have been working on.

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KH reported that although we had received funds for the refurbishment of the West Braes Playpark we are still short of the amount required to commence on this project at the moment. The monies received to date will be kept in the account and **KH** will keep in touch with Andrew Ferguson and Ashley Birrell. Money for the new notice boards has been awarded from the Common Good Fund, the invoice for the boards has to be given to Laura McQueen who is our contact for this grant and she will settle the account direct with the company the notice boards have been ordered from. It was suggested we ask Robin Bremner to erect these boards when they arrive. **KH** was to speak to Robin and get a quote.

KH chased Nicholas Williamson about the repairs to the 'sea wall at the west end of West Shore – locally known as 'the little roadie'. Some of the coping stones towards the west part of the wall are uneven and loose. Closer to the middle, the stones in the body of the wall are bulging out seaward and at the east side, some of the boulders have already been dislodged.

The reply from Nicholas W. re the church bell says it is on Common Good Ground, therefore a grant from **CGF** would need to be applied. **KH** has now forwarded details to Michael McArdle at **FC** to deal with. He has asked again for a fully up to date copy of Common Good Property in Pittenweem. Errors from last years update have still not been rectified.

KH has also asked **FC** for a copy of accounts. He will be attending a meeting in Glenrothes so if anyone has any queries please address them to **KH**.

Secretary's Report:

MW and **JT** had a meeting with H. Coggle (**PIB**). They went over the basics of setting up a committee and covered the general points of keeping accounts. An open meeting was agreed to be held on 19th Feb. in New Town Hall at 7pm where the election of office bearers would take place if the current supporters of **PIB** were agreeable to become a sub committee of the Community Council.

Only two members **KH** and **JT** submitted copies of their notes to back up the minutes, this has proved to be very useful since when several people are talking it is sometimes difficult to pick up all the details so

PLEASE would everyone jot down what you have asked or said and send it to me, if possible within the first ten days after a meeting.

A small notice needs to be installed into the notice board regarding key holders.

Zurich Insurance Policy proposal sent by Debbie Cassells (we need to do a risk assessment on anything we may do)

Treasurer's Report:

BO reports that **DS** has handed bank statements and current cheque book to him via **MW**. He still has other paper work to hand over to me before I can issue a report.

The Royal Bank of Scotland account in Anstruther has been updated and is up and running, although an extra signee has yet to be added.

Planning Report

KH handed over the chair to W. Hughes vice chair since he had an added interest in one of the planning applications that was to be discussed.

JT reported 3 new applications received since last meeting: (Status: Pending Consideration)

19/01/15-Full BC-vehicular access at 22 Milton Place;

26/01/15-Full BC-Alterations at 24 High Street: including, filling in of a front door, alterations to roof, installation of replacement doors and windows, new roof lights and replacement of rainwater goods:

02/02/15-Full and Listed BC alterations at 15 Bruce's Wynd: internal alterations, and replacement windows and doors :

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Applications Permitted this Month; (retrospective) Coastline Community Church, 21 Session Street, -
Installation of Flue. Permitted – no conditions

Applications Pending and of Interest: No update notes yet on 'Gerrards'.

Fund Raising Committee:

Monies handed over to Rachel House was £140. Nothing else to report.

Councillors Report

Cllr MacGregor and Cllr Riches updated us on progress with new Waid Academy. Recent inspection at school was very good, with good rapport between staff, parents and children being noted.

Wider learning groups and special needs all got a very good result. Senior pupils seem very confident in their manner and are a credit to the school.

The Catchment area for the Waid covers Lundin Links, Leven, Kennoway and Balmullo.

Arts Festival Liaison Group: Nothing to report, **KH** expecting to get invite to the next meeting.

Eastneuk Landword Forum: Nothing to report.

Common Good Fund

Notice Board funds have been approved so thank-you to our local **Cllrs** who have supported us on this.

Cllr DG said one Councillor remarked on the cost, jokingly asking what materials they were made from.

Other matters for the common good fund has been mentioned in earlier discussions from this meeting.

KH is thinking about going along to Glenrothes to sit down with the appropriate people to discuss the fund.

Cllr Riches suggested that **KH** should forward a list of items to be discussed to the person in Glenrothes so they get a chance to look out the paper work prior to a meeting being set up.

Pittenweem in Bloom

Cllr MacGregor wondered if **PIB** could advertise and recruit at the weekly coffee mornings. Not really, since the events are being run for other causes.

At a previous meeting **DS** had suggested the allotment poly tunnel could be of use for bringing on plants, and **Cllr Docherty** offered to co-ordinate with **FC** in obtaining plants. These points are to be followed up.

A.O.C.B.

It was mentioned that the car repairs being carried out on the street at Viewforth place had stopped, the person now has a workshop in Anstruther.

Ron Hughes wants to raise funds for a memorial for Pittenweem to commemorate lives lost at sea.

KH has asked him to come along to the next meeting and give us a talk.

Close of Meeting: 8-30pm **Next Meeting:** Monday 9th March at 7pm

Margaret Wardlaw Secretary