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Minute Secretary: M. Wardlaw, Treasurer: B. Ortmann.**

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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.**

**Opening of Meeting:**

The Chair person **KH** is on holiday so the Vice Chair **WH** called the meeting to order at 7.00pm. and welcomed all present.

**Present:**

Community Council: W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle, J. Bowman and A. Innes

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

Guests: None

Members of the public: One

Apologies: Cllr E. Riches and K. Horsburgh

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** C. McCallum      **Seconded:** B. Ortmann

**WH.** Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies. K. Edwards from Funky Scottish was meant to be here tonight to discuss the possible changing of the one way system to allow hopefully more people to find the High Street. She also wanted to discuss the lack of signage in James Street to businesses in the High Street.

**Matters Arising**

**Police Issues:** Nothing reported back from last meeting with T. Elder. It was mentioned that A. Wyse had his house broken into but nothing further to add.

**Library Closures:** **J.T.** has done quite a bit of work on this and has been in contact with Peter Marshall from Colinsburgh library. Copies of their presentation has been sent to all members of **CC.** **Cllr D. Macgregor** confirmed consultation was now closed. Results will now be analysed, then presented to the scrutiny committee before it is passed onto Cllr Leslie then finally to the Exec. **Cllr JD** sent a letter to Stuart Cross chair of Fife Cultural Trust but has had nothing back to date. This was not done by Fife Cultural Trust, reason given was that a member of staff had left and there was too much pressure. Basically at present it will wait for the findings and then high-light the issues. One proposal made was to put the closure back for two years to allow a proper analysis to be done on each library. **Cllr JD** carried out

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his own EQIA,s on the proposed changes affecting Colinsburgh, Crail and Pittenweem. His summary is as follows: The areas where changes are to be implemented, if these measures are passed, would have a detrimental effect on the following protected characteristics. Age (young and old), Disability, Pregnancy and Maternity, Religion and Belief. The changes when actioned would be negative to these identified groups trying to maintain a lifestyle that allows them to contribute to the community/society in which they live in. He has offered to have meetings and suggested that a rep. from each **CC** be involved.

**Old Town Hall:** To date no reply from Mathew Ferguson regarding our queries and concerns regarding the state of the Old Town Hall. **Cllr JD** is going to follow this up.

**Scottish Water:** **WH** phone Mr Henderson, Galbraiths, Estate Agents in Cupar for Scottish Water. Who owns path through Still Park? The path has always been right of way in past. **AI** thought that in the past this would possibly have been owned by Pittenweem Town Council. The reason the question has come up is because some time in the future Scottish Water want to do test bores. **WH** spoke to someone who had actually phoned up **SW** to say we are now into Nov. you were supposed to come back with an answer back in Sept. He was told by **SW** in these matters 'wheels turn very slowly'. We will wait and see if anything else comes out of that. **E-Mail from AI:** to clarify the issue of who owns the footpath in Still Park, the situation as far as I am aware is that from the property belonging to 4 Still Park to the West Wynd this was owned by the old Pittenweem Town Council as was the ground on either side of it. When this passed to FC and they sold off the ground to either side of the path but not the path itself. As for the situation at the bottom I know that both numbers 3&4 own the land outside the house the only proviso was that they had to allow a footpath right of way over their land, the exact position was not specified. The reason I am aware of the above is that no 4 was in my family for several generations before I sold it about 10 years ago.

**Pittenweem in Bloom:** Sara Rangolam was asked by Heather Cunningham to come along to the meeting and speak on her behalf. Sara arrived unannounced thinking the CC and PIB. knew all about it. Heather was looking for someone to take over the Christmas light co-ordination. Heather was trying to get her involved and she has spoken to the school and shop keepers for the 26<sup>th</sup> Nov. this date is not suitable since **PIB** are collecting an award in Anstruther. It was agreed that Helen and Sara would sort out the lights and carol singing since the **CCFRC** could not confirm that their lights would be ready for 27<sup>th</sup> Nov. **PIB**. Have been awarded an award from East Neuk of Fife Preservation Society of Buildings and Environment Award 2015. This is to be presented to them on 26<sup>th</sup> November. Query in constitution if **PIB**. Collapses, they have to say where any monies they hold goes to. To date this has not been included in their constitution. **MW** suggested that monies could go into the Fund Raising Account and would be used for future requirements within Pittenweem. There will be a floral display evening on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7pm. in the Church Hall.

**Road Repairs:** Scottish Gas will be doing an upgrade of gas services throughout Pittenweem and there will be some disruption to traffic and will last for up to 12 weeks. Roads involved

are Milton Place/Marygate/Queen Elizabeth Road/Sandycraig Road/Westbraes. Marygate will be closed either side of Priory Court in two phases week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> January until March to allow works to progress. This will include a parking suspension in Marygate for the duration of the works. Hopefully when this is completed road repairs will be then completed which have been put on hold till this work was completed.

**Notice Boards:** MW commented that the height of the locks means that we need someone tall to place notices etc. into them. BO was approached and he has agreed to place notices when requested.

**High Street Electrics:** MW, CM and JT had a meeting with Jim Coleman from FC regarding the bollards and installation of electrics. He has taken on board the request to have this completed for the lights to be up before Christmas. MW has a meeting with a rep. from R.B.Grant electricians to discuss the installation of the actual lights next week.

**Church Bell:** reply from Michael McArdle, Building services were asked if they could replicate the broken wheel. To date, they haven't yet managed to re-produce the wheel but have been asked to advise us on progress. (Dated 15<sup>th</sup> October.)

**Road Signs:** MW had printed of road signs that KH had taken and forwarded to everyone. We have asked FC for quotes to renew the signs but to date have not had much joy. If we want anything special like the coat of arms etc. then we would have to get our own quotes for these. It was agreed it would be nice to have something like that at either end of the main road but just a new plain sign coming into Charles Street from the recycling site would be good. There is still the matter of missing street signs, James Street, West Wynd, Waggon Rd and the foot of Water Wynd. We have been told hopefully that these will be done later this financial year. WH suggested that we ask to get the country side one done and then see what happens after that. KH has written to Colin Stirling but he is on holiday at present.

**Common Good Fund:** nothing to report.

**Bins:** FC have made two checks since it was reported bins were being left out on Abbeywall Road, to date they have found no bins lying out on south side of the street, but have noted domestic bins at the house to left of entry to 'fish shed' which are on house premises. They noted two commercial bins are sometimes at left of entry but they do get moved.

**Fishermen's Memorial:** JT brought up the press release but WH decided that this topic should not be discussed till KH was there which would be the next CC meeting. It went to a vote so this matter will now be discussed at the December meeting.

**Defib Signs:** New signs have now been put up.

**Harbour Wall:** Contractors are being allowed to leave their materials till they come back to it next year. Basically they will remove all scaffolding etc. from the pier and disappear till Spring. It will take between 10-14 weeks to complete work when they return. Cllr JD is going to contact them to find out exactly what is to happen with all equipment etc. East Shore is congested- boats, equipment etc. piled up in front of the Gyles and part of the middle pier is partially blocked. Ownership of this ground is now in question. Harbour master has control

of the middle pier but may not be able to do anything regarding the grey area relating to the old harbour head.

**Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields:** nothing to report.

**East Neuk and Landward:** Nothing to report.

**Planning:**

Applications for month to 09/11/2015

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**Planning Applications:**

Permitted

1. Ref. No: 15/03211/CLP | Received date: Tue 08 Sep 2015 | **30 Milton Road** | single storey extension to rear of house | Status: Permitted - no conditions |

2. Ref. No: 15/03351/FULL | Received date: Tue 22 Sep 2015 | **8 Sandycraig Road** | roof replacement & alterations to existing detached garage | Status: Permitted - no conditions | there were no comments from neighbours although roof height to property border marginal.

Pending

1. Ref. No: 15/03654/FULL | Received date: Fri 23 Oct 2015 | **4 Mayview** | changes to plans for single storey extension and dormer extension to rear of house (amendment to 13/03398/FULL) | Status: Pending Consideration

**Scottish Building Warrant**

Approved

SBW. No: 15/02280/EXT | Received date: Mon 07 Sep 2015 | Extension to house to form new vestibule, sunroom and toilet - **54 University Avenue** | Status: Approved |

Completed

SBW. No: 14/00927/ALT | Received date: Wed 07 May 2014 | Alterations to Dwellinghouse - Conversion of Gallery to Dwellinghouse - 27 High Street | Status: Completion Accepted |

Pending

1. SBW. No: 15/02814/ALT | Received date: Thu 29 Oct 2015 | Alterations and Conversion of Back Shop Premises to Form Domestic Dwellinghouse - 4A Market Place | Status: Pending Consideration |

2. SBW. No: 15/02830/ALT | Received date: Fri 30 Oct 2015 | Alterations to Dwellinghouse at 4-6 High Street | Status: Pending Consideration |

3. SBW. No: 15/02811/CC6 | Re-submission Received date: Fri 30 Oct 2015 | Property Inspection Services report on Internal alterations - **8 Kirkgate** : Pending Consideration |

Other

SBW. No: 15/00988/EXT | Received date: Tue 28 Apr 2015 | Single Storey Extension to Dwellinghouse to Form Enlarged Kitchen - 44 University Avenue | Status: Withdrawn

**Play Park Fence:** The foam matting had been repaired. The middle gate was needing to be looked at, it was thought the hinges were not strong enough, the station pole might need some attention. Jock Rennie has looked at it and said we should get **FC** to look at since it was them that put the rubber mats down. We seem to be at cross purposes here and this needs to be looked at again.

**Benches:** Missing benches – will be replaced eventually. Moving tubs - moved by bad parking of vehicles. Lucky Jim's seat, supposedly it is in Larachmohr's garden at present. **WH** is going to speak to the owners to see if they do have it and if so would they be willing for it to be

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placed up on the West Braes. Benches missing at East Shore, originally there were five benches and three were removed by the harbour master as they were reported as damaged. They were to be repaired and returned, as yet nothing has been returned. Moir Gibson said they would be repaired and returned. In total there are three missing benches at present.

**Parking at bottom of Abbeywall Road:** Other point down the shore is car parking, road on the left at bottom of Abbeywall Rd. people are parking half out on the road. **WH** suggested that roads dept. should be asked to look into this matter before an accident happens. **Cllr JD** offered to look into this for us.

**Abbeywall Road:** **JT** has made a few enquiries. He suggested was it possible to ask for a grant and get someone in to make any necessary repairs. The wall is bulging in places, it is old therefore would Historic Scotland come and check it out and advise? **FC** does not want to become involved with it. To be continued!!

**Sea Wall:** **MW** has been asked if there is a completion date and if everything would be put back as it was when the work is finished. Contractors are still working along at the Cunningham's. Soil has been removed but no one is quite sure where that has been taken to or how it will look when finished. It should be finished by mid-December. The coastal path has been re-routed via High Street.

**NTH Trust:** Nothing

**PICT.** They are holding a Craft and Collectibles Fair on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November 10am till 2pm.

**Councillor's Report:** **Cllr D. Macgregor**, only thing picked up from the minutes, not just you but various other **CC** and members of the public have contacted Cllr Ross, leader of administration about library closures, to date he has not replies to anyone, have tried the chivvy him into a response but nothing so far.

**Cllr J. Docherty:** Letter from LCED, not sure who it came from. Basically they want a contact to be recognised from each **CC** regarding Health & Social Care Integration Board. They need a person as a contact to relate any changes to a service or if the **CC** would like to see a change made to a service in NHS Fife or Social Services. The contact person can relate the **CC** opinions and give feedback etc. from the communications group, this is all completed via e-mail. There will be a presentation by Health & Social Integration board for Health and Social Care Integration Board to East Neuk Forum in the near future. **MW** asked for a show of hands for anyone who would be willing to take on this position, unfortunately no one put their hand up.

**Treasurer's Report:** Funds in bank are £7076.15. Expenditure in last month has been a gift to JK Querido for helping restore the map for the notice board. Presume pay-back people are finished for the year, there are still some small bits to be finished off but this can be carried over till next year. There is still quite a bit of paint left over but again this will be used up in the New Year.

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**Secretary's Report:** I would like to apologise to the committee for omitting reports from Councillors, Treasurer and Secretary. They were typed up but for some reason disappeared into my computer. No one noticed this error when draft was sent out.

**Website:** Is now up and running and will have all the **CC** news installed. The web site address is:

<http://www.fifedirect.org.uk/CommunityCouncils>

When the above opens, run down the list to Royal Burgh of Pittenweem. When that opens click on "Publications".

**Tolbooth:** It was noted the L. Low had a write up in the Courier regarding Pittenweem Witches and the tower. Check to be made regarding keys for the tower.

**Common Good Ground:** It has been brought to our attention the ground ear marked for future housing, some of it is **CGG**. A map was shown but some grey areas, to be discussed at next meeting. **Cllr JD** suggested we check out the Scottish Land Registry

**Bus Services Changes:** **BO** was asked to high-light the new changes on bus time-tables relevant to Pittenweem and place into the notice board.

**CC Survey:** no one completed it yet, **Cllrs.DM.** and **JD.** feel we should complete this form.

### **A.O.C.B.**

**BO** complained about parking in Backgate, new yellow lines have been implemented but people are still parking.

**AI;** parking is a major issue throughout Pittenweem.

**JT** spoke on behalf of Karen Edwards, one way system does not bring people into the centre, if reversed back to two way it would help visitors find the High Street and also might regenerate the centre. More signs both at the harbour and James Street telling people how to get to the centre and what sort of shops are available. **Cllr DM** will bring it up at next **FC** meeting for plans for next year, he will mention road changes, possible exiting at top of South Loan. It was mentioned about placing a traffic light on East side of South Loan exit, this works in other towns.

**Time Finished: 9-45pm    Next Meeting: Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December**

### **Abbreviations:**

**KH**-Ken Horsburgh, **JT**- Jim Taylor, **BO**- Brian Ortmann, **AI**- Alex Innes, **CM**- Christine McCallum, **HC**- Helen Coggle, **WH**- Billy Hughes, **JB**- John Bowman, **MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water **CGG**-Common Good Ground  
**Cllr DM** – Donald Macgregor, **Cllr JD** – John Docherty

