



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

Website: www.aboutpittenweem.org

Minutes of meeting held Monday 11th April 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.

Opening of Meeting:

The Chair **K.H.** called the meeting to order at 7pm. and welcomed all present.

Present:

Community Council: J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle, J. Bowman, A. Innes. K. Horsburgh and W. Hughes who came in later owing to work commitments.

Fife Council: Cllr D. MacGregor.

Guests: None

Members of the public: one

Apologies: Cllr J. Docherty, Cllr E. Riches

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: J. Taylor **Seconded:** C. McCallum

KH. Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies, he then invited the members of the public to discuss their topics with the committee. Nicola Thomson had come along on behalf of **Pict** to update us on the re-vamp of the Crazy Golf area. They have received a substantial grant from the Locality Fund to help acquire equipment to cut the grass and tidy up the area. R. Bremner has offered to renew the concrete and cement areas and other members are helping to get the area ready for the summer. They have also applied to the Common Good Fund for a grant to purchase a wooden shed and have also applied to **FC** for planning to erect a wooden shed alongside the putting area to store equipment and hopefully use it for selling soft drinks and snacks throughout the summer. They are also to have discussions in relation to the lease for this particular part of ground and their five-year plan. There is to be a site visit with **FC** to further discuss the final arrangements for the above project including maintenance and paint colours.

Notice Boards: It has been agreed that **B.O.** and **M.W.** will install new notices etc. as and when required. Once again one of the boards has been vandalised by a member of the public who obviously has no conception of how notice boards should be used. They used heavy duty tape to stick an A4 sheet to the outside of the notice board, this is the second time this has happened and now we have two frontages marked by this tape. The notice was as

follows: addressed to the Community Council **DECEMBER MINUTES ARE STILL UP IN THE NOTICE BOARD. WEST WYND CLOSED FROM DEC. 2015 TILL SEPT. 2016,**

LIBRARY FACING CLOSURE; POOR QUALITY PHOTOCOPIES OF OLD PHOTOGRAPHS IN

WHAT SHOULD BE A PUBLIC NOTICE BOARD: we came across these photographs whilst cleaning out a cupboard at New Town Hall. If any member of the public has better quality old photographs they would like to put into the notice board then please hand them into a committee member or bring them along to a meeting.

FINALLY THE NOTICE ENDED – COME ON, PEOPLE OF PITTENWEEM DESERVE BETTER AND EXPECT BETTER.

All I can say about this is, if the phantom notice board vandals would like to present themselves along with their supporters at our next meeting to discuss what we as a **CC** Committee should be doing they are more than welcome to attend. The police have been informed about this deliberate vandalism and have assured us they will look into it.

West Braes/West Shore: a meeting is to take place with **FC** and **CC** members to discuss the plans and what belongs to who since Common Good Ground is involved at West Shore. The toilet block out West Braes has been completely revamped outside but the inside is a mess and is not fit to be opened in its present state so this has to be looked at. The cleaning of the toilet block has been awarded to an outside cleaning company. The swings have been renewed and fitted with new seats.

West Wynd: we have discussed with **FC** who inform us that the householder has taken responsibility and has applied to their insurance company. Work has been stopped by Historic Scotland because they now have a vested interest in the wall and surroundings. It is out with our hands, we can only keep going back to **FC** and get them to chase up the powers that be.

Police: The **CC** members that put their names forward to be trained on the speed gun have decided not to go ahead with the training. It was agreed that we would ask for an update of crimes in the area to be e-mailed to us if no one was able to attend the meetings.

Library Closures: we are fully aware of this problem and have had discussions with both councillor's, council and public members, again there is only so much we can do. **Pict** and members who have come to discuss this problem at our meetings know we are prepared to do what we can to assist. Nicola Thomson explained that Georgina Stutchfield is in charge of the committee for the library and that they have applied for £5,000 funding from **FC**. Cllr Macgregor explained that funding could be applied for via Asda through their charges for carrier bags and the agreement of donations to public causes from these funds. Contact is polly.jones@asda.co.uk

Marygate: **S.P.** is still having some problems with the lighting but it is greatly improved to previous months.

High Street Power Points: MW has been chasing up **FC** to get a date from them for completion of the last bollard installation, J. Coleman has said they hoped to get it completed in the next few weeks. They were asked to give a quote for meters and time switches which will be discussed at a later date.

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Breakwater/Harbour: Work has re-started on this project. There is still a hole somewhere in the middle near the ladder. The workers are working round the clock to get this project finished

Wee Roadie: Work in progress, Mr McArdle still to have a site meeting with CC Committee.

Old Town Hall: nothing to report

Scottish Water: nothing to report

P.I.B. Not much doing at the moment. The boat plaques have been removed from tubs because of damage by vehicles reversing into them. It was noted that Archie Melville who was in charge of the pay back scheme has been replaced by Clive Allan. It was suggested that **PIB** should get them to paint their tubs before planting begins, the pay back boys will not be available till end of May. It was also suggested they should be asked to tidy the road sides up to the bridge, they did it a few years ago and it made a huge difference.

Road Repairs: Abbeywall Road, burst drain has now been repaired.

Church Bell: Mr McArdle did not come along to the last meeting. Someone else had looked at it and it needs a new wooden wheel which would have to be made.

Road Signs: FC has been contacted to go ahead and order new road signs for the three roads coming into Pittenweem. The new signs will have the Crest on them. It was pointed out that it is a Crest and not a Coat of Arms. The Crest is controlled by the Heraldry for Scotland and CC has sole priority to use it. Anyone using it must first get permission from the CC.

Common Good Fund: KH received a letter asking for the **NTH** new boiler grant request is considered by the **CC**. It was discussed and unanimously was agreed the grant should be paid to **NTH**. Committee for installing a new boiler.

Hall Closures: A list of proposed hall closures was printed in Courier recently. East Neuk has more halls than any other area but they are all used regularly. Closures will have to go to a consultation meeting with the Councillors and they are adamant that they not want to see any closures. **NTH** was under the relatively safe column for retention.

Benches: only one left still to be returned, not sure where it is to be placed as yet. It was noted that position for this bench should be left to the people of Pittenweem to decide, not to **FC**.

Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields: nothing to report

East Neuk and Landward: meeting 10th March 2016. First responders training taking place across Scotland. Still issues about Scottish Ambulance Service not sending volunteers to a broad category of calls.

An update on superfast Broadband was discussed. Update on Health and Social Care Integration. Discussion on Encap and Libraries. St. Andrews University secured funding for the development of cycle route, £4,500 for a feasibility study. East Neuk Villages will all be linked and also up to Arncroach.

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Planning: No application was considered to require our attention, and no member of the public contacted us with any comment

Parking bottom of Abbeywall Road/Harbour: Have been told parking in this area is nothing to do with us.

Pittenweem Arts Festival: no word of any meeting as yet. It was agreed that a fee should be asked from the Arts festival for the use of the playing field that is Common Good Ground and monies go into the Common Good Fund.

PICT: Nothing to report

Dog Fouling: warden has said not to approach anyone but to get a witness, take a note of details and e-mail to warden, something should then be done within seven days.

Secretary's Report: MW thanked AI for doing the minutes in her absence.

Councillor's Report:

Cllr. D.McG, Still no date for first meeting with Arts Festival. Would like to make it clear that none of the councillors are happy at the idea of closing halls within the area. East Neuk Community Forum 16th June at Cameron Hall.

Cllr J. Docherty: changes to Health and Community , documentation should be coming out shortly.

Treasurer's Report: In bank £1827. Accounts to be handed into the auditor for end of year accounts.

NTHC: Grant applied to Locality Fund but no grant monies given for cladding of office building, paid out of NTH account. Grants applied for to renew central heating boiler system. Looking into renewing lease on a long term basis, advised to get legal advice before signing anything. It has been suggested that the hall and office could be used if Library was closed.

NTH Trust: This has been passed by the Committee and is now waiting on OSCAR Passing it and payment should be made in the near future.

Website: We had hoped to have a dedicated address such as "secretary.pittenweem@fife.gov.uk" set up, but the system does not allow this type of use.

Such a permanent title is preferred or essential in registering for The Data Protection Act since the person applying using their personal address is deemed the "data controller", of the organisation registering to processes personal data.

What happens if they leave? There is an added footnote that says the registered person does not have ownership of the application made on behalf of an organisation even though they are using their personal provider and landline to do so.

Far easier if all secretaries were given a permanent contact address, then all that need change would be the password should there be a change of members.

Common Good Ground: nothing to report

Fisherman's Memorial: At a meeting on 15th March, a proposal was made to disband the CC subcommittee and start afresh with new committee in own right to run itself. It went to a vote and KH proposed separation after paper work up and running, WH seconded it.

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A.O.C.B.

Community Resilience Bulletin: update on what other areas are putting in place in case of emergency flooding or any emergency, coping with road blocks etc

Temporary Traffic restrictions in Anstruther during Harbour Festival

It was talked about the poor mobile coverage in the area and in what way could this be improved.

Mobile phone services should get as much if not more priority than is being given to broadband services.

Rumour has it that the recycling plant has been sold to private enterprise and that people will have to pay to use the facility, nothing has been reported via **FC** to the **CC** on this subject.

It was mentioned that a hedge in Charles Street was overlapping the pavement. **MW** is to contact Lyle Smith at **FC** regarding this.

Zebra Crossing will be situated in Anstruther in Roger Street at Royal Hotel and down the front at the Old Post Office Building.

It was mentioned about the signing of minutes once approved but apparently this is no longer necessary.

New Town Hall AGM date 11th May at 8pm in New Town Hall.

Time Finished: 8-45pm Next Meeting: Monday 9th May 2016 at 7pm

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, **Cllr DMcg** Cllr Donald Macgregor, **Cllr JD**, Cllr John Docherty **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **SP** – Scottish Power, **CGF**- Common Good Fund, **NTHC**-New Town Hall Committee, **NTH**- New Town Hall