



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

Website: www.aboutpittenweem.org

Minutes of meeting held Monday 12th December 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.

Opening of Meeting:

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

Community Council: K. Horsburgh, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, J. Taylor and A. Innes,

Fife Council: Cllr D. Macgregor and Cllr J. Docherty

Guests: Gillian Tetlow (Police)

Members of the Public: Three

Apologies: H. Coggle, J. Bowman and Cllr Riches W. Hughes said he would be late.

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: C. McCallum **Seconded:** A. Innes

KH opened the meeting by welcoming all who attended. He reported **Cllr JD** might be a bit late and Billy Hughes hoped to be here for about 8pm (he didn't make it) and Cllr D. Macgregor has to leave for another meeting at 7-30pm.

Police:- Gillian Tetlow attended the meeting. She gave a breakdown of crime figures since their last visit. There had been an incident on a fishing boat; car damaged at the garage forecourt; altercation in University Terrace and an incident at Station Park reported - enquires being made about these. There has been a careless driving conviction. The recycle plant seems to be broken into at least once a week. The police say it is covered with CCTV cameras and security is adequate but people are still managing to get in under the fences and target mainly small electrical appliances and car batteries. It is costly replacing the heavy padlocks on the containers but to date no one has been caught.

The police have been talking to schoolchildren about safety on the Internet, and handing out posters re-drink driving in pubs. Anyone with questions can contact Gillian Tetlow.

Library Update: The new committee (Note not Pict) are to take on a five-year lease on the library and have enquired about the rest of the building that is in need of repair. They are now aware that the building is a Common Good Asset. Wrong information had been given earlier in the year regarding buildings belonging to **FC** but the mistakes have now been rectified and there will be updated information available in the New Year.

The new committee wondered if the CC knew of any help or contacts. **KH** said there might be a £2000 budget; but Andrew Ferguson is the person to contact regarding repairs to Common Good property. **KH** went on to say the railing at the bottom of the outside stair

has been partially repaired since he played the health and safety card, but the fire escape, part of which is second hand still needs to be looked at.

The building needs freshened up on the outside but it is a listed building (grade 2?) **KH** has requested "estates" to do plumbing and electrical work but nothing has happened to date. Best to try **FC** and there is also Historic Scotland who may be able to suggest something else. There is little more that can be done at present. To date **FC** has not done anything in the way of repairs.

East Neuk and Landward: David Stutchfield reported that the EN&L committee had been invited to see over the new Waid. He said "They were very impressed with the overall workmanship, it was a cracking building."

A local farmer wants to erect a wind turbine close by and asked if anyone would like to join in shared ownership with the project. D.S. will report back on any further development.

Councillors Report: Cllr D. Macgregor said there had not been very much to do with Pittenweem recently. He reported about the New Madras College on the original site that is owned by the University. Vandalism to vehicles in Boarhills but someone was caught.

Cllr J. Docherty said something about an executive meeting later in week regarding the Madras School site, a Brian Poole from Education is spokesperson.

Arts Festival: Follow up meeting: **KH** thanked all three **Cllrs** for attending and to **Cllr JD** for chairing the meeting. The **CC** were looking for three main objectives 1/equal opportunity employment for jobs during the festival, 2/ charge for the Common Good Car Park and 3/to try and get everyone to work together.

The meeting opened by inviting PAF to circulate paperwork that summarised their income. It would be good if the Festival could work closer together with all organisations during the festival. A past survey with results was mentioned. We asked for someone from their committee to come along and sit on **CC** committee but it has not been accepted. They do consider Equal Opportunity, but all jobs are advertised in St Andrews University at present. Hopefully that will change for next year's festival. If people don't apply for the jobs at least we have tried. They turned down our request for fees for use of **CGG**, so we will now put the proposal forward to **FC** to try and get some monies back into the public coffers to benefit other projects.

Skate Park: nothing back from A. Bisset so still work in progress. Children's roundabout has been removed and so far not returned.

Cllr DM left us at this point to go to another meeting.

West Wynd: lamp post still to be replaced.

Defibrillator: **KH** is to arrange for Gillian to come along on 9th January to give a demonstration/ training session. Posters have to be put up throughout village.

PICT: no update

Notice Boards: on going.

Marygate: Replacing of street lighting has not started yet.

Old Town Hall: Discussions on hold

High Street Powerpoints: Timers have been installed at last, and all lights working.

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Christmas Light Switch On: We had our switch on, on the 8th Dec., it was a huge success, Pittenweem Primary school children came down with their teachers and started off by singing carols, Santa arrived and switched on the lights. He then made his way to his Grotto in Funky Scottish (Thankyou to Karen Edwards the owner.) where the children queued up to meet Santa and receive a present, we handed out fifty-six in total.

Coastline Community Choir arrived and sang carols outside. We had a huge raffle with a lot of lovely prizes donated by many of the local shops and businesses. We also had a table with a large number of Tombola prizes. Mulled wine, fruit juices, soft drinks and nibbles were available for everyone to help themselves.

All in all it was a very successful evening. In total we made £332 and gave a small donation to Pittenweem Primary School, Pittenweem in Bloom and the Coastline Community Church. The CC agreed the lights should be on from 4pm till midnight each day until the end of January when they will be switched off. If there is a special event to be held in the village and you would like the lights switched on, contact M. Wardlaw 01333312362.

D. Stutchfield reported comments made to him by some of the local people - it really brightened up the High Street - best thing that has been done for the village for a long time - the lights were the best out of all the villages - and asked David to thank the **CC** for their efforts on their behalf. The Fund Raising Committee would like to say a "big thank you" to all who donated, bought at and attended all our events to raise the money for the installation of the Christmas lights.

P.I.B.: MW reporting on behalf of Helen Coggle : **P.I.B.** had their social evening/floral demonstration on Wed. 7th Dec. it was the biggest turn out I have ever seen for this event and stall holders were amazed at how much they made in the evening. Very successful, another valued contribution to our village.

Road Repairs: nothing local, but bad hole at Buckie House corner discussed.

Church Bell: nothing done - FC say they do not have the equipment or the expertise.

KH to speak to A. Ferguson.

Main Road Signs: in progress

Common Good Fund: nothing to report.

Charles St/James St: ongoing, cannot change the disabled parking space

Planning: 26 notifications in month. 3 commented on by public, 1 noted for discussion 16/03755/FULL - Installation of replacement street lighting columns, control pillars and ancillary works Marygate and Priory) | **Too few and in wrong areas**

16/03625/TCA - Cutting protected trees a Conservation Area - 15 Priory Court | Status: Application Permitted - 24/11/16 | **Should not be happening**

16/03990/FULL - Erection of two 25kW wind **turbines (25 metres to blade tip)** and associated infrastructure including underground cabling - Farmhouse Easter Grangemuir | Status: **New** 07/12/2016 | **Too close to buildings**

Dog Fouling: Signs for Play Park still not been done. Complaints have been made about dog fouling in University Terrace; Cllr JD reporting to dog warden.

Treasurer's Report: £2307.41 in bank at 1/12/16

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Secretary's Report: we are looking for someone to take minutes at our meetings, anyone interested please contact **CC**.

N.T.H.O.: nothing to report, but **MW** asked **Cllr JD** if the **NTHO** could apply for a grant for the following year before the end of the current financial year. The answer was yes.

Common Good Ground: nothing to report

Common Good Property: nothing to report

West End High Street: It was reported that two works vehicles at No 64 were on roadway and another large van was trying to get through bringing traffic to a stand still. Same problem at "Black's fish shed" most weekends. Report to police and see what happens. It has been reported several times in the past.

Has to be treated as a "must do" not a "can do"!

Fishermen's Memorial: meeting now every month; focusing on becoming a charity; looking at fund raising ideas; will use the notice boards if that is okay.

A.O.C.B.:

Parking : harbour caravanette parking, many signs already there but they cannot be enforced. Only one says "No Overnight Parking".

Pay Back Scheme: **BO** contacted Catriona Henderson. She said to send in the list of work required, get materials and get back to her when we want the work done.

Graveyards: a lot of work is to be done on graveyards - no more info given.

Abbeywall Road: nothing has been done about getting shrubs planted on the banking.

Priory Park: (Toddie Field) **JT** reported Janice Christianson (involved with 'Keeping the Priory Court Area Green', has been in touch with **FC** regarding the removal and cutting back of trees in the area. She wants to keep it as it is and wondered if the **CC** would be willing to help them out with this project.

Housing Plans: **KH** asked **Cllr JD** how do we take it forward. When can we re-apply again to put something onto Fife Plan. Plan is going nowhere at present, they say there is adequate housing in Pittenweem, the ground earmarked for building belongs to four different owners, and there is the problem of access. Talks in past: Janice Christianson engaged with the people working on this and suggested building a relief road along the old railway line and then bringing it down to join road at 30mile limit at Milton Place. Person to contact in planning is Katie Hughes.

AOCB:

Airport Flight Paths - doesn't concern us at present.

TV programme "The Council", has not gone down very well. Not a good advert for Fife.

JT reported the Rowing Club were showing an interest in taking over the Old Men's Club and asked if the **NTH** and **Old Men's Club** (used for street cleaners at one time) were listed as Common Good Property. Old Men's Club is but **FC** considers the **NTH to be** their property.

AI reported a streetlight not working in Calmen's Wynd.

MW reported the sign for James Street is again in poor condition.

Time Finished: 8-35pm

Next Meeting; Monday 9th January at 7pm.

Abbreviations:

KH-Ken Horsburgh, **JT** – Jim Taylor, **BO**-Brian Ortmann, **AI_** Alex Innis, **CM**-Christine McCallum, **HC**-Helen Coggle, **WH**-Billy Hughes, **JB**-John Bowman, **MW**-Margaret Wardlaw, **Cllr DMcg**-Cllr Donald Magregor, **CllrJD**-Cllr John Docherty, **FC**-Fife Council, **CC**-Community Council, **PIB**-Pittenweem in Bloom, **CGF**-Common Good Fund, **CGG**-Common Good Ground, **NEF**-North East Fife. **NTHO** – New Town Hall Organisation, **PICT** – Pittenweem Community Trust, **CGP** – Common Good Property