



**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 13th June 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.

Opening of Meeting:

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

Present:

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

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

Guests: P.S. Turner

Members of the public: Sarah Rangolam (Pict)

Apologies: H. Coggle and Cllr E. Riches ,

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: B. Ortmann **Seconded:** J. Bowman

Police:

P.S. Turner started by wishing **KH** a happy birthday. He was asked to start the meeting with a breakdown of incidents within the area. To date for last three months the following crimes are; total 11, consisting of vandalism, theft and road traffic offences, 3 cases of vandalism on Balcaskie Estate, wasn't sure if this came under Pittenweem, 1 gate damaged neighbour dispute, thefts 2 from re-cycle plant, batteries stolen on each occasion, diving gear from harbour area, this was important gear related to works in hand at the harbour and a notice board removed from outside shop in High St. **MW** commented on damage to new notice boards, Gillian and Tracy are looking into this matter. **KH** mentioned someone had placed a photograph into one board without permission therefore they had illegally gained access to the notice board. **P.S. Turner** took on board all comments. **KH** asked for feedback from the three day speed check done recently which included **PC Bob**. Arts Festival, **P.S.** said that traffic management went very well last year so the same criteria would be put in place again for this year. He pointed out that traffic wardens have nothing to do with the police but they do have rights that have to be adhered to. He finished by saying that all crime in N.E.Fife can be found on Twitter Landward, reports news when it happens.

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Sarah Rangolam, secretary for **Pict** came along to update us on what was happening with **Pict**. They have a committee meeting this Wed. They held an open day for the opening of the Crazy Golf on 28th May and raised £1500, report on feedback had been very good. They will be open week-ends at present but during summer holidays will hopefully be open every day. They are looking to employ someone full time to look after this during that period. The skate park has been closed owing to dangerous metal sticking out. A meeting is to be held on 14th June to discuss outcome whether **FC** can repair it and if it is worth repairing considering cost and usage.

It was noted that no one from **CC** had been contacted by **FC** or local Cllrs regarding this matter, all discussions had all been with **Pict**. Cllr Riches had contacted Robin Bremner as did Alan Bissett and discussed that the skate park would be removed from the site.

When asked by the **CC** why was this discussed with **RB FC's** answer was they thought **RB** was part of **CC**. They apologised for not checking who they were actually talking to but Cllr. Ritches made the contact **RB** should have explained whom he was acting on behalf of. If **Pict** had known about the skate park condition and it being down for removal they should have taken this into consideration before upgrading the crazy golf pitch.

The library have had some funding to keep it going till next year as a result of a feasibility study, that is all **SR** was able to say. **MW** asked if Georgina Stutchfield was still involved with the library since **MW** acting on behalf of **NTHC** had organised a meeting some time ago with **GS** to discuss the possibility of using the **NTH** as library and **NTH** office building as a computer hub. To date none of this seems to have reached the residents interested in the outcome of the library since some nasty comments have been circulating that the **CC** were not being supportive to this cause, which is totally untrue. There has been nothing mentioned in any of the **PICT** news regarding this offer of assistance from **NTH** Committee, **SR** said she would bring it up at their meeting on 15th June. No questions asked by **CC**.

Matters Arising:

West Braes: agenda for upgrading area, **CC** has been kept in the dark for some reason, Alan Bisset has been our contact in the past for upgrading the playpark so not sure why he was discussing skate park with **Pict** and Cllr Riches, whilst excluding **CC**.

West Shore: Everything been done to a fair standard except for the three parking bays, Blair Falconer thought everything was okay but work is still ongoing on the bays.

West Wynd: nothing started as yet, Mathew Price from Conservation reports that he has made decisions on how the wall has to be rebuilt and since it is a private matter between the owner and **FC** it is out of our hands. Will update when we can.

Notice Boards: nothing new. Explained our problem to **PS Turner**. (under police)

Library Closures: Cllr **D.M.** attended a meeting, **Pict** & **CC** cannot do anything to set up a library it has to be a charitable trust. Pittenweem New Town Hall Committee falls into this category and has already been discussed earlier in the minutes.

Marygate: lightening okay here but still problems in the Waggon Road area, lights are on 24/7.

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High Street Power points: Meeting with Jim Coleman, he is going to go back to supplier of the bollards and ask for new locks since access to the first two is impossible and the last one installed is the same, he tied the door closed with plastic straps. He is also going to install timer switches into the bollards which will mean the lights can go on anytime up to 11-45pm during festival and any other times we wish to have them on.

JC did not realise how bad the locks were but as he is so difficult to contact or get an answer from it means the last two trees will not have the lights installed till autumn. We have made the necessary enquires regarding clearing cars from parking area so that all the lights will be removed and redone. To date have not managed to get any figures from JC regarding cost.

Wee Roadie: Blair Falconer told us Nicolas Williamson was going to see to the repair of the old gas works wall and make good the mess that was left, this was supposed to be completed in June. **KH** to write and ask for update and time schedule.

Old Town Hall: **JB** reported handrail has not been repaired. **KH** has had a look at it and said it was a mess. Someone said it did not warrant repair. **Cllr JD** to look into it. Question asked should **AF** be using this building since the fire escape route has still not been cleared either. The railway club also use this building, passed it back to **Cllr JD**.

Scottish Water: nothing to report

P.I.B. Tub across from chip shop has been smashed and is to be replaced. The hanging baskets are in hand and the planting up of tubs is in the process of being done. A meeting will be held later this week.

Road Repairs: **KH** said he had seen someone in a yellow coat spraying paint onto parts of the road in Milton Place so obviously work is still in progress.

Hall Closures: A meeting was held at the Old Men's Club regarding this and Cllr Riches attended as did some Pict members. Neither **Cllr Macgregor** nor Cllr **Docherty** was there. Nothing had been sent to the **NTHO** Committee. No members from **CC** attended reason being no one really knew much about it till after it had taken place.

Church Bell: **FC** has been out to look at it, estimate of repair about £800 to replace wheel. Mr McArdle now on the case. **FC** waiting to hear from joiners regarding the replacement wheel and how it will be accessed for repair.

Road Signs: there seems to be a problem about putting "Royal Burgh" onto the new road signs. **KH** to go back to Gordon Hughes and ask for Crest and Royal Burgh to be put onto signs, he will attach a list of places that already have this on their signs. If they still refuse then we can get Royal Burgh signs and screw them onto posts ourselves. **Cllr JD** said it would probably cost about £200.

Common Good Fund: **KH** Provost Lawson picture missing since regionalisation.

Harbour/Breakwater: At Arts Festival meeting Cllr Riches commented that the work was behind schedule and over budget. **KH** reported that from his house window at least twenty loads concrete had been put into the end and they were struggling to put up the handrail. Work will be going on for some time to come.

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Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields: remove from agenda

Play Park Gate: KH said the gate had been repaired.

Benches: remove from agenda

East Neuk & Landward: see under Cllr's report and Cllr J. Docherty

Pittenweem Arts Festival: Breakdown on Funds last year, profit made £46,000. A liaison meeting was held on 24th May, KH and JT attended it on behalf of CC. They questioned the monies raised by car parking on Common Good Land, and why a percentage of these monies could not be paid into the Common Good Fund as a token of thanks to the residents of Pittenweem. Andrew Ferguson FC is going to discuss this with other FC members and report back to CC. CC referred to drinking of alcohol in the street, A.F agreed to reinforce venue hosts that consumption of alcohol would be kept indoors. Basically there would be little change in the overall way the festival is run this year from past years. Clarification needs to be made regarding traffic movement in the harbour area. It was inferred by the "traffic" spokesman in a reply to the complaint of people with drinks and food blocking the roadway, that pedestrians took priority over traffic. When asked where it said that, he stated that raising the street closure order was just for that purpose. No order seen says this. Clarification necessary regarding funds that have been paid into an account for PDSA. Answers hopefully when next wash-up meeting takes place. Local Councillors that were supposed to be asked to a meeting by e-mail on 8th June never received it. Philip Mould will attend July CC meeting.

NTH Trust: monies paid out £3,479.32, do not tie up with monies noted in minutes as awarded at May meeting £4,850. Point already taken it up with Andrew Ferguson.

It said in letter monies deducted for repairs, Cllr DM and Cllr JD questioned regarding this, they were going to look into it for us.

PICT: see under S. Rangolam.

Dog Fouling: nothing new to report

Planning: 12 updates have been received in month from 9th May to 13th June. Only the following was brought to our attention

16/01876/FULL | Siting of mobile catering unit | 2 Mid Shore (Temporary Address) | neighbour Consultation Expiry Date | Sat 02 Jul 2016.

We discussed the colours of the retail unit and the proposed position. Planning permission not been passed as yet.

More info is requested

Treasurers Report: Bank Account: monies in bank to date 27/5/16 £2364.86. MW asked about balance from last year but it was pointed out that monies were being held for the new road signs.

Secretary's Report: MW reminded CC committee members that because of new Fire Regulations they now have to sign in and out as does everyone else using the hall.

Meeting was held in Old Men's Club re Hall closers, nothing to report.

Councillor's Report:

Cllr D. Macgregor reported changes at re-cycling depot. **FC** was under pressure with lorries breaking down etc. and this was causing dangerous tailbacks on the road at the recycle plant with people wanting to drop stuff off. It has now been taken over by a private company, businesses will now face a massive hike to dispose of rubbish, and this increase is also a result of people coming from the Edinburgh side of the Forth to dump their rubbish. New gates have also been fitted to the site since there has been break-ins recently.

Cllr J. Docherty: Health and Social Care Integration Board are doing a presentation at the East Neuk and Landward Community Forum which is being held at Cameron Community Hall on 16th June, starting 6-30pm, all welcome.

NTHC: Re Lease agreement, need councillors on our side to try and get this done. Very poor communication with people in **FC**, they can't even acknowledge e-mails. **MW** asked Councillors to chase up some issues regarding the hall, the lease being the most urgent. Fiona Mitchell was going to do this some three months ago but to date nothing.

Asked Councillors when exactly **FC** will stop paying for hall upkeep/repairs. **Cllr JD** passed this to **Cllr DM** to look into. Thanked both Councillors for their support for the amount we received from Common Good Fund towards fitting new boiler into hall.

Website: Contact address for secretary up and running. Tested on **MW**. Format is same as used by other **CC for** contacts: Secretary.pittenweem.cc@outlook.com. Whoever is secretary will set a new password and share it with another committee member. Address will be placed on website for contacting purposes.

Common Good Ground: under report on West Shore.

Fisherman's Memorial: nothing to report

Street Signs: No through road sign needs to be replaced at top of School Wynd, pole broken when scaffolding at chemist was erected, sign for James St. needs replacing, as does Cove Wynd. No parking at anytime sign in Backgate needs replaced.. Sign in Waggon Road has been defaced.

A.O.C.B.

Philip Mould from **A.F.** was invited to come along tonight but he had a previous engagement so he is coming along to the July meeting.

A.I. Speed sign in Viewforth Pl. not working - needs repaired.

KH said it was suggested to bring in a 20 mph all way through Pittenweem, no one was in agreeance for this to happen. There needs to be a separate meeting to discuss this idea in full.

MW There have been reports of a lot of near misses at the corner at the bottom of Charles Street, especially with some of the tractors with long trailers. This road is very busy now compared to three years ago. **KH** to write to Stuart Goodfellow to look into this.

MW brought up an old complaint the lack of signs pointing down to the High Street naming facilities in the High Street from both ends of the town.

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Notices from Fife Council.

Road closures in St Monans

Capita Conferences

Colinsburgh & Kilconquhar Community Action Plan Open Day Invite

Paths for all

Rural Manifesto

Development Management Annual Customer Satisfaction Survey

Invite to Fife Community Networking Event

Fife Forum

Time Finished: 8-30pm Next Meeting: Monday 11th July 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, **NTHO** – New Town Hall Organisation, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **SP** – Scottish Power, **CG**- Common Good, **CGF**-Common Good Fund, **CGG**- Common Good Ground, **AF**- Arts Festival, **PDSA** - ?, **PS**- Police Sergeant, **RB** – Robin Bremner, **SR** – Sarah Rangolum, **GS** – Georgina Stutchfield