



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

## Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

### Meeting Held Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2017 in the New Town Hall

**Present:** Kenneth Horsburgh, Margaret Wardlaw, Christine McCallum, Jim Taylor, Brian Ortmann, John Bowman, Billy Hughes, Alex Innes. Councillor John Docherty.

#### Minutes of April 2017 meeting were approved:

Proposed: John Bowman

Seconded: Jim Taylor

#### Resignation:

During the month Margaret Wardlaw indicated that she wished to stand down as Minute Secretary and tendered her resignation to that effect. Alex Innes was unanimously elected to the vacant position with immediate effect.

#### Matters Arising:

**Car Parking:** This is an ongoing issue throughout the village however; there are particular concerns in the area at the west end of High Street at its junction with West Wynd. The double yellow lines are regularly ignored and on many occasions inappropriate parking effectively prevents through traffic. It was agreed that we would invite the police to attend our June meeting to discuss possible remedies. Recent instances of vandalism will also be discussed. **KH**

**Skate Park & West Braes:** Despite ongoing dialogue we seem to be no nearer to getting any answers from Fife Council. The other issue that needs to be resolved is the missing roundabout in the play area. This was removed for repairs many months ago but has still to reappear. **KH**

**Road Repairs:** Concerns were raised regarding the situation in Marygate. The old street lamps have now been removed but the repairs to the road have not been carried out. The pavement has also still to be finished. The state of the road at the bottom end of South Loan was also discussed, this is the main route into the High Street from the Main Road and the number of potholes is a disgrace. Parking bays at the west end of Mid Shore need to be repainted as they were covered up during repairs to the area. **KH copy to Cllr JD**

**Church Bell:** The saga continues, contact will be made once again. **KH**

**Signs on Main Road:** We hope to be able to enhance the new signs with additional signage regarding the status of the village as a Royal Burgh.

**Planning:**

During the month, there were 18 notifications including 6 new and 7 approved. The painting of a house at 27 Marygate, a building within the Conservation area brought a number of complaints - but neighbours did not follow up their complaints when it went to retrospective planning and it was allowed.

It was agreed that in future weekly notifications would be displayed in the notice board on an ongoing basis. The feeling was that this was a more effective way to keep the village informed. Obviously any discussion on contentious planning issues will continue to be included in the minutes.

**Pay Back Scheme:**

We have managed to enlist their resources to tackle several issues within the Burgh. Tidying up of the banking in Abbey Wall Road has already taken place. However, a permanent solution to the problems in this area needs to be found. Unfortunately Fife Council are adamant this area does not belong to them and therefore is not part of their remit to maintain. We are strongly of the opinion that the area is an eyesore and the amount of spillage of loose earth, as well as overhanging vegetation, is also a hazard to users of this the only continuous pavement on this road. Ian Barbour to be contacted once again. **Cllr JD**

**Councillors Report:**

Because of the recent Local Elections there were no reports.

**Treasurers Report:**

Balance at the end of April was £1906.04. Payments during the month amounted to £181.67.

**Secretaries Report:**

As previously indicated Margaret Wardlaw is standing down from the role, but will continue as an active member of the Community Council. The Chairman thanked her on behalf of the Community Council for all the work and effort she had put into the role during her time.

**New Town Hall Organisation:**

It was reported that they have applied to change to a SCIO, the main reason being that Fife Council has made it a condition of lease that they must be an incorporated body, but members will also be better safeguarded in future. This process is still at an early stage as there are several issues that still need to be considered. A music and entertainments licence has been granted, subject to minor repairs being carried out by Fife Council and themselves. The Heating system is now complete, still waiting for the painter and builder to come in and tidy things up. The changes will make a real difference as they look for new clients to make use of the facilities. They have been issued with an updated Health & Safety Certificate for the kitchen.

**Fishermen's Memorial:** Nothing to report.

**Corn Bunting:**

All site preparation work is complete and seeding is now due to take place.

**Arts Festival:**

The Liaison Meeting took place on 27<sup>th</sup> April. It should be noted that we were only given a few days' notice and due to prior commitments were unable to attend. We did request that an alternative date should be sought but our request was ignored. It is worth pointing out that we were not the only interested party who could not attend. We have been informed that James Ursel will attend our July meeting to discuss transportation issues. It was agreed that this is much too close to the actual festival and we will request that he attends the June meeting at which the Police will also be present.

**KH**

**AOB:**

Request from Waid Parent Council to contribute towards a stained-glass piece of art as a gift to the new school. The gift would be from Parents/Carers and Friends of Waid Academy. Agreed that we would contribute £100 to this project.

It was reported that the rubber matting in the play park is in poor condition and represents a significant risk of injury to children using the area. **KH to Alan Bisset**

Request from JK Querido to put a notice in the Notice Board about the upcoming Pittenweem Garden Scheme, request was approved.

**Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2017**