



## **Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council**

### **Meeting Held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 in the New Town Hall**

**Apologies:** Cllr Linda Holt, Billy Hughes, Christine McCallum

**Present:** Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor, John Bowman, Brian Ortmann, Alex Innes, Cllr John Docherty, Gillian Tetlow.

Note: Ken Horsburgh has returned to be a member of the Community Council.

**Visitors:** There were three members of the public in attendance.

### **Minutes of the January 2018 meeting:**

Two members of the community council objected to the minutes as presented and as a result the minutes as they stood could not be adopted. After discussion it was established exactly what was the issue and an adjustment was made which they found acceptable. The revised version was then presented for adoption.

Proposed: Brian Ortmann

Seconded: Jim Taylor

### **Matters Arising:**

Telecoms Mast: This is now a fait accompli as approval was given for erection of the mast. The Community Council raised concerns not necessarily with the mast itself but the lack of information and involvement from Fife Council during the whole planning process.

Abbeywall Road: As there has been no further feedback on this Cllr Docherty suggested that a site meeting with Council Officials and members of the Community Council would be the best way forward. He agreed to try to set this up. **Cllr JD**

Parking Issues: This is an ongoing problem in the village and it is difficult to envisage how these can be totally resolved. However, the problems are worst at holiday times and weekends. There are in addition critical problem areas namely at West End of High Street, and South Loan. Both are used as main access routes into the village. We would request that at the very least South Loan should have double yellows on one side over its

entire length. Agreed that we request that someone from Fife Council should visit to discuss the issues.

**Police:** Reported that there are still issues with break ins at the recycling site. However, it is understood that CCTV will be installed which may also have number plate recognition. It was reported that a set of ladders had been stolen from a garden and there was also an incident involving an individual which required a police response. Lee Robb will be joining the local Community Police Team.

**Community Trust:** David Stutchfield indicated that the group involved with the proposed Cycleway would like to make contact with the Community Council. There was also a request from Leuchars Army Base for contact details for Community Council.

At the last meeting of the East Neuk Forum only three Community Councils had been represented, does this have a future?

**Community Library:** It was brought to our attention that this also operates as an information centre. Therefore, they asked if we could pass on any relevant information which they would put on their notice board. We agreed that they could put a note of Library Opening Times in our Notice Board. For information Cllr John Docherty will be holding his regular surgeries in the Library.

**Roads:** Despite having contacted Kevin Smith two months ago regarding essential repairs to South Loan we have still had no reply. **Cllr JD**

The state of the road from Pittenweem to Ovenstone was also highlighted, the verges have been damaged and need to be reinstated and the resultant excess dirt on the roadway removed.

**Playparks:** We had a request from Cllr Bill Porteous to put this in the agenda as he was giving us an update. Regretfully he failed to attend the meeting. We will keep this on the agenda.

**Arts Festival:** A meeting of the PAF Traffic Management/Transport Sub Group is scheduled for 12<sup>th</sup> March. We feel that attending this meeting without being fully aware of the plans and scope of this year's festival will serve no useful purpose. We have suggested that Jean Duncan meet with us at some suitable date. Cllr John Docherty agreed to contact her regarding availability. **Cllr JD**

We will contact James Urswell regarding the 12<sup>th</sup> March meeting **KH**

### **Treasurer's Report:**

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £1700.76 on the 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018.

### **Secretary's Report:**

Funding of £1.1million has been announced between Fife Health & Social Care Partnership and MacMillan Cancer Support to develop a new service for those affected by cancer. An Engagement Event is scheduled to take place in Cupar on 28<sup>th</sup> February.

The Fire and Rescue Community Asset Register is looking for volunteers with specific skills to register.

The location of Grit Bins was updated, and the information sent to Cllr Bill Porteous as requested.

### **Planning:**

There were thirty-two notifications, but nothing of significance.

### **New Town Hall Committee:**

They are still waiting for updates on the new lease agreement. Still waiting for agreed repair work to be carried out. Have been notified that the water tower and chimney will not be removed. Encouraging that bookings are increasing.

### **Local Councillors' Report:**

Cllr John Docherty will hold surgeries in the library. Surgery dates will be posted in the Notice Board.

### **AOCB:**

A change of opening hours for the Recycling Centre has been rumoured but so far, no notification has been received.

The number of dog owners who are not lifting their dog's dirt is becoming a problem. This situation is exacerbated by a noticeable lack of pavement sweeping

**Next Meeting: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018**