



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 12th March 2018 in the New Town Hall

Apologies: Cllr John Docherty

Present: Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor, John Bowman, Brian Ortmann, Ken Horsburgh, Alex Innes, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr Bill Porteous.

Adoption of the Minutes of the February 2018 meeting:

Proposed: Ken Horsburgh Seconded: Margaret Wardlaw

Matters Arising:

Abbeywall Road: It was reported that this had been affected by the recent severe weather but that the work is in the schedule. As this has dragged on for a considerable length of time it was suggested that a site meeting with Council Officials and members of the Community Council was needed. Cllr John Docherty will try to arrange this. **Cllr JD**

Parking Issues: This is an ongoing problem in the village and it is difficult to envisage how these can be totally resolved. 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. It was noted that on several occasions delivery vehicles had been unable to access the Town Centre by way of South Loan. The point was made that the current situation could not be allowed to continue as by the same token emergency vehicles would be unable to respond to an incident in the High Street area. We would request that at the very least South Loan should have double yellows on one side over its entire length. Cllr Linda Holt will contact Fife Council to arrange a visit to discuss. **Cllr LH**

Cycleway: There was concern that we had had little or no useful information about the proposed cycleway from Anstruther to Pittenweem. Despite reports that we had been kept informed this had not in fact been the case. Rather than send delegates to meet with the steering group it was felt that it was most appropriate if someone from the group addressed the full Community Council. Cllr Linda Holt will request that they attend the next meeting of the Community Council. **Cllr LH**

Roads: We had a reply from Kevin Smith regarding our concerns about the state of the South Loan. According to him their measure for determining priority for repairs suggested University Terrace was of greater importance. Whilst not denying that this latter road did need some remedial work the fact remains that South Loan is the major route into the village and should be treated as such. We were in full agreement that the decision on priorities was incorrect. Concern was also raised about the Pittenweem to Ovenstone road where the verges have been destroyed by farm vehicles and lorries using the Recycling Unit. The verges need to be reinstated and the excess dirt removed from the road. Clarification was also sought regarding the situation on repairs to non-adopted roads such as Session Street, it is believed there are limited funds available.

Playparks: Prior to the previous meeting we had a request from Cllr Bill Porteous to put this in the agenda as he wanted to give us an update. regretfully he did not attend the February meeting. On this occasion he had to leave before the subject was debated. We will keep this on the agenda.

Arts Festival: A meeting of the PAF Traffic Management/Transport Sub Group was scheduled for 12th March, now rescheduled for the last week in April. We felt that attending this meeting without being fully aware of the plans and scope of this year's festival would serve no useful purpose. However, our request that Jean Duncan or a member of her board meet with us at some suitable date has been rejected. This was a particularly disappointing response and Linda Holt has agreed to write to Janice Laird accordingly.

Cllr LH

Secretary's Report:

There was nothing of note to report during the last month.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £1690.76 on the 19th February 2018.

Planning:

There were twenty notifications, nine new and seven permitted. Items of note were cameras at the harbour and a shop in the fish market.

New Town Hall Committee:

It was reported that the contractors digging the trench for the new telecoms mast had damaged the drain from the heating system. Despite writing to Scottish Power and Fife Council about this there had been no reply. Latest information is that work to erect the telecoms mast will start in August/September. A car boot sale will take place on 31st March, donations would be welcome.

Local Councillors' Report:

A list of proposed Stagecoach bus service alterations for consultation was available. None of the services affected are relevant to the local area. Police Scotland have issued a press release concerning incidents which took place overnight on the 6/7 March. There were reports of vandalism and disturbances on the above date.

AOCB:

It was noted that we have been informed of changes in administration of the Floral Grant. We await clarification on this, but it is likely that only one sum will be allocated per village. Currently we receive two namely to Pittenweem in Bloom and to the New Town Hall.

There was concern that the sign for the Town hall at the end of Session Street was not sufficiently visible, the position needs adjusting.

Next Meeting: Monday 9th April 2018