



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 10th July in the New Town Hall

Apologies: Billy Hughes, Brian Ortmann, Cllr Bill Porteous

Present:

Kenneth Horsburgh, Margaret Wardlaw, Christine McCallum, Jim Taylor, John Bowman, Alex Innes, Councillor Linda Holt, Councillor John Docherty.

In Attendance:

Ginny Mackie re. Library

Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved:

Proposed: Christine McCallum

Seconded: Margaret Wardlaw

Library:

Opening Hours were confirmed as Monday 14:00 to 19:00, Wednesday 13:30 to 17:00, Friday 9:30 to 13:00. It was suggested that according to demand the opening hours may change. The library will open for 3 weeks prior to the Arts Festival. During the week of the festival it will be used as a venue and the artist will donate, which will pay the electricity for the next year. A grand opening is planned, at which it is hoped that a well-known author will be present, date to be confirmed. There are still ongoing issues with the fabric of the building. **Cllr JD**

Matters Arising:

Car Parking: this is an ongoing issue particularly at the West End of High Street at the junction with West Wynd. Repainting of yellow lines has been requested, regretfully it was reported that there has been no progress on this. It was agreed that contact would be made with the Traffic Department. **Cllr JD**

Skate Park and Playparks: PCC have written to Alan Bisset requesting an update on the replacement Skate Park, still waiting for a response. It was confirmed that the roundabout at West Braes is now deemed to be beyond repair. It was reported that the roundabout at the playpark behind James Street has also been damaged and currently represents a Health & Safety hazard. The damaged rubber matting has previously been reported and was to be inspected, still waiting for the report from this. **Cllr JD/AB**

Road Repairs South Loan: this has been logged with FC **Cllr JD**

Church Bell: Pleased to report this has now been repaired, still a minor issue with the ropes

Abbeywall Road Banking: This was followed up by Cllr JD along with Kevin Smith. It appears that at least part of the banking may in fact belong to the house at 55 Abbeywall Road. This needs to be further investigated. There are in addition concerns about the state of the wall, it was suggested it needs to be inspected as a matter of urgency. **Cllr JD**

Handrail top of School Wynd: repair has now been carried out

Still Park: Confirmed that this has been adopted by Fife Council.

Arts Festival: Discussed separately.

Common Good Issues: This is ongoing. KH in touch regarding this.

Pittenweem Arts Festival:

Following the attendance at the last meeting of James Urswell there were several important issues raised which we requested he take back to the organisers and to which we wanted answers. It was noted that there had been no response at all and it was agreed that this was totally unacceptable, although not unexpected.

Signage:

It appears that there has been an explosion of signage for various venues. It was agreed we should explore what if any regulations exist to control this. **Cllr JD/KS**

Rubbish Bins:

There is a problem with seagulls particularly during the summer months. Areas most affected are at the Harbour, High Street and West Braes. Is it not possible to get a number of the larger bins as in Anstruther?

Cllr LH

Chairman's Report:

As Previously reported there is ongoing dialogue with Council Officials about Common Good Assets, we will be updated as soon as there is anything to report.

There are concerns that the current insurance cover may need to be revised to include assets and their value. Items to be include are the lights in Market Place at £3000, Power Bollards at £3700 and the Notice Boards at £4410.

Issues with camper vans is an ongoing problem particularly in the Harbour and Mid Shore area but also at West Braes. The unlawful emptying of "waste" is particularly distasteful and needs to be stopped. Difficult to know what options are available to us but we need to keep this under review and explore the options. Although it does nothing to address the situation in the village we are aware that other villages including Kingsbarns and Elie are experiencing similar problems.

Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer was absent however the monthly bank statement shows a balance of £2147.72 at the 30th June.

Secretary's Report:

During the month, we had received notification of several initiatives none of which are of interest or concern to the village.

Planning:

There were 17 new notifications during the month of which 5 were new. Of the rest 7 were passed. The Pharmacy had their Licence for the sale of Alcohol passed although we had not officially been notified

New Town Hall Committee:

A new hall keeper, Duncan Montador, has been appointed. The first draft of the revised constitution has now been prepared. Notified that they now qualify for 100% exemption for Council Tax. Will have a Traders Licence effective from the end of August. Next meeting 20th July.

Local Councillors' Report:

At the request of the Parent Council a meeting had been held with Fife Council and the Local Councillor to address safety concerns at the school crossing. These have become more of an issue with the reopening of the petrol station. It was agreed to update and replace the crossing in light

of. A speed survey outside the school will also be carried out. A new Travel Plan will be produced as the current one is out of date.

Following the reported closure of the RBS in Anstruther a Community Banker, Darren Liddle, has been appointed to cover the NE Fife Area. His remit includes:

Hosting regular events to educate customers

Conduct Financial Health Checks with customers to help them with new products & services.

He is available to be present at CC meetings it was suggested we invite him to a future meeting of the PCC.

Fishermen's Memorial:

Ongoing, currently trying to arrange a meeting date suitable for the elected councillors to attend.

AOCB:

Recent contact had been made regarding planned filming in the village.

A Sensory garden is to be developed at West Braes.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th Sept 2017