



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 12th June in the New Town Hall

Apologies: John Bowman

Present:

Kenneth Horsburgh, Margaret Wardlaw, Christine McCallum, Jim Taylor, Brian Ortmann, Billy Hughes, Alex Innes, Councillor Linda Holt, Councillor John Docherty, Councillor Bill Porteous.

In Attendance:

Gillian Tetlow, James Urswell, David Stutchfield

Minutes of the May 2017 were approved:

Proposed: Billy Hughes

Seconded: Margaret Wardlaw

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 and this has been passed to the roads maintenance team to action. Concerns were also raised about parking at the Market Place out with the marked bays.

Skate Park: We are still waiting for a response from Alan Bisset regarding the proposals for replacement. Also need answers when the roundabout will be returned, led to believe repairs have been made. **Cllr JD/AB**

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

Church Bell: once again there has been no action. **Cllr JD**

Abbeywall Road Banking: maintenance of this area needs to be agreed and addressed. **Cllr JD/IB**

Handrail top of School Wynd: repair has still not been carried out **Cllr JD**

Community Policing: Gillian Tetlow

Since April there have been several incidents reported. Once again, the recycling centre has been targeted. Fife Council are aware that security is an issue and looked at improvements but cost is the issue. In Milton Place windows were broken at a house as well as various issues relating to vandalism. A group calling themselves the Pittenweem Ultras have been involved in incidents of antisocial behaviour. There have also been issues with kids climbing onto the roof of the New Town Hall and damage to the fencing in the playpark. The issue of camper vans overnighing at Midshore was mentioned particularly offensive was the fact that some were seen to deposit the contents of their toilets over the sea wall. Also, worthy of mention was that Bike Ability training had been carried out at the Primary School.

Pittenweem Arts Festival: James Urswell

We were informed of the arrangements they have put in place for the duration of the festival. As usual they covered topics including Residents Parking Permits, stewarding at the car park, a request for Fife Council to supply parking attendants, and bin emptying arrangements.

Members of the Community Council as well as elected members expressed concerns on many topics. Recognising that James was unable to give answers to many of the issues there was a sense of deep disappointment that no board member of PAF was willing to attend. It was also noted that the last Liaison meeting had been called at very short notice and despite a request to reschedule, the meeting had gone ahead without representation from PCC.

Removal of all signs after the event needs to be addressed as there are still signs in the village from last year's event.

Arrangements for rubbish collection are inadequate it was suggested that first thing in the morning and last thing at night on a daily basis is required.

During the Festival, it was noted an increased incidence of vehicles travelling the wrong way down the one-way system in High Street. The need is for more prominent signage at the foot of Lady Wynd.

A suggestion was made that PAF needs to include in their Action Plan arrangements should there be any funerals to the cemetery during festival week.

The annual issue of exhibitors not removing cars to designated parking areas was highlighted.

The Residents Parking Permit system in operation is deeply flawed and is open to abuse. In all streets covered by the scheme there are numerous examples of vehicles showing a permit but who are patently non-residents of that street.

The lack of employment opportunities for locals at the festival was once again highlighted. PAF had not kept their commitment about keeping us informed in order that we could advertise these positions on the notice board.

PCC and the elected councillors are strongly of the opinion that to improve dialogue an invitation from PAF for a representative from both bodies to attend a PAF Board Meeting would be a positive step.

PCC were sent a copy of the Application for the Use of Public Parks and Open Spaces for this year's festival. We needed clarification as to why the organising group was shown as University of St Andrews. If this is incorrect it would suggest that this application itself is therefore null and void which raises a whole series of issues.

PICT: David Stutchfield

David informed us that PICT have registered a note of interest with Fife Council regarding the premises at the Gyles known as the Old Men's Club. They would propose taking over the running of the latter premises which are part of the Common Good. Their intention would be to run it as a low-cost venue for the use and benefit of the whole community.

Chairman's Report:

There is continuing discussion on a number of significant issues concerning the Common Good Fund. Will keep the committee updated.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £2282 at the 31st May. It should be noted that during the month £195 was spent on purchasing materials for the work carried out under the Community Service Payback Scheme.

Secretary's Report:

During the month, we had received notification of several initiatives none of which are of interest or concern to the village. It was also noted that the Fife Access Forum was to be held on 13th June for anyone interested.

Planning:

There were 22 new notifications during the month but nothing of note.

New Town Hall Committee:

The AGM was held last week, no changes to the committee. A decision was made to go with a two-tier system ref. the new constitution. The Hall now has its Entertainments, Music and Health Certificates in place. Facebook is up and running for bookings. New curtains are now ready to be put up.

Local Councillor's Report:

It was reported that there were changes to the application process from local community grants. Basically, this means they will be decided at area level. The amounts to be granted for various activities remains unchanged. It was noted that Crail also want to use the "Royal Burgh...." on their road signs, apparently, they intend to contact PCC to liaise on this.

All agreed that we should pursue the issue of charging for the use of Common Good assets.

Fishermen's Memorial:

The information leaflet has been agreed and is at the printers. Have signed up with MyDonate for online donations.

AOCB:

The issue of lack of weed control on the pathway in Still Park was mentioned. It appears this is adopted and as such should be maintained by Fife Council.

Next Meeting: Monday 10th July 2017