



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 13th November in the New Town Hall

Apologies: Christine McCallum, Cllr John Docherty, Gillian Tetlow.

Present:

Ken Horsburgh, Billy Hughes, Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor,

John Bowman, Brian Ortmann, Alex Innes, Councillor Bill Porteous,
Councillor Linda Holt.

In Attendance: West Braes Project

Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved:

Proposed: Billy Hughes

Seconded: John Bowman

Matters Arising:

Telecoms Mast: It was reported that contractors acting on behalf of the operator O2 and Scottish Power had arrived on site and proceeded to dig a trench in the area adjacent to the New Town Hall. A cable was laid to take power from the Session Street supply to the proposed site for the mast. It was noted that the trench was left open and unguarded for a week before it was backfilled. The area adjacent to the work has been left in a mess and the area will need to be properly restored, in addition a fence was damaged. It has proved impossible to establish exactly who authorised the work as both O2 and Fife Council are denying all knowledge. The whole episode is totally unacceptable, and Councillor Holt has indicated she will pursue the matter on our behalf. One final twist to the scenario is that O2 are supposedly still in the process of carrying out a feasibility study regarding the suitability of the site and in addition have written to residents as part of the consultation process. **LH to contact Fife Council Enforcement**

Traffic Survey: After a meeting with the School and Parents Group a survey was to be carried out. Several potential safety issues had been

raised following the reopening of the Petrol Station. It was noted that the red painted area at the Pumps entrance has now been repainted. However, there was concern that the survey had still not been carried out. One area of concern is the number of vehicles being parked inappropriately in and around the area by parents collecting children. It was felt that it might be a good idea for the school to be informed and to ask them to highlight the safety issues. **Cllr LH to get update**

Cycleway: It was noted that following a flurry of activity during early October to arrange a meeting all has gone quiet. We believe that this meeting needs to take place. **Cllr LH to follow up**

West Braes Project:

A presentation was given in which they outlined their plans for Reinstatement of the Swimming Pool. They have made significant progress, we were shown detailed plans as prepared by their consultant engineers. As well as merely repairing, and where necessary, improving the structure of the pool they also envisage significant earthworks, landscaping and improved access in the surrounding area. They outlined the requirement that disabled access had to be addressed and there were significant health and safety issues which needed to be satisfied. The general feeling was that this project, if it comes to fruition, could only be of benefit to the village. However, the project is ambitious and will require them to raise significant funding. In addition, the proposal needs to go through the planning process for the appropriate consents to be obtained. It was noted that what they are proposing is all on Common Good Land and as such needs to involve consultation with the Community Council. The plans will be available for the public to examine during the Weekend of the 18th and 19th November. We were also given a brief outline of a possible Phase 2

Abbeywall Road:

We need to establish if council officials have visited the site. The crack in the wall appears to be getting worse, there is no evidence that the requested strain gauges have been installed. We also need to continue to pursue the issue of maintenance of the banking. **KH to Chase Cllr JD**

Roads: To date nothing has been done regarding repairs to South Loan. This is the main road into the High Street Area and needs urgent attention. In his report Cllr Bill Porteous noted from a document, which he advised was "work in progress" that repairs to the carriageway and pavements in University Avenue are scheduled for 2018/19.

We requested that he check on the situation regarding South Loan.

Cllr WP

Playparks:

There has been no update regarding the various outstanding issues, namely Skate Park and roundabouts. **Cllr WP to contact Alan Bissett**

Church Tower Survey:

Scaffolding has been erected to enable a survey to be carried, opinion was expressed that any repairs should be carried out at the same time.

Parking Issues:

Repainting of yellow lines had taken place although there are areas which have yet to be done. We need to establish when this will take place.

Cllr JD

Chairman's Report: There was nothing of note to report.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £2029.01 at 30th October.

Secretary's Report:

As requested a copy of the CC minutes will be sent to the library. The police are running an After Dark Campaign, a copy of the poster will be put in the Notice Board. There were several consultation workshops and community events intimated during the month.

Planning:

There were 15 new notifications during the month of October and 5 approvals.

New Town Hall Committee:

The issues regarding the proposed telecoms mast have already been reported. It was reported that bookings have increased, and a wedding reception has been booked.

Local Councillors' Report:

In addition to the points raised previously it was highlighted that people should be aware that High Speed Fibre Broadband is generally available, to check the website is ww.scotlandsuperfast.com/yourstreet

It is worth noting that although this service may be available you need to contact your current provider to upgrade, it is not automatic.

AOCB:

The chairman expressed thanks to the members of the Community Council who were present at the War Memorial on Sunday the 12th November.

A short presentation was made regarding the potential benefits which will come from the proposed Fishermen's Memorial. Following this the CC members with no vested interest discussed the matter and agreed that a donation of £250 was appropriate and should be made to the Fund.

Next Meeting: Monday 11th December 2017