



Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council

Meeting Held Monday 11th Sept in the New Town Hall

Apologies: Ken Horsburgh, Cllr Linda Holt, Cllr John Docherty,
Gillian Tetlow.

Present:

Billy Hughes, Margaret Wardlaw, Christine McCallum, Jim Taylor,
John Bowman, Brian Ortmann, Alex Innes, Councillor Bill Porteous.

In Attendance:

Minutes of the May 2017 meeting were approved:

Proposed: Christine McCallum

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, regrettably it was reported that there has been no progress on this. It was agreed that contact would be made with the Traffic Department. Waiting for a report back from Cllr John Docherty

Cllr JD

Skate Park and Playparks: We are still waiting for an update from Alan Bisset requesting an update on the replacement Skate Park. It was confirmed that the roundabout at West Braes is now deemed to be beyond repair but we have now been informed that a replacement will be put in place. It was reported that the roundabout at the playpark behind James Street is beyond repair there is at present no funding available for a replacement. The damaged rubber matting also needs replaced but the cost is out with limits of what can be authorised locally. It was reported that the fence had once again been damaged, Fife Council will not carry out repairs

and suggest that as the CC erected the fence it is their responsibility. John Bowman has offered to take a look and he will repair if possible. **Cllr JD**

Road Repairs South Loan: this has been logged with FC. So far nothing has happened. **Cllrs JD & WP**

Abbeywall Road Banking: There appears to have been no further progress in reaching a resolution to this. There is considerable strength of feeling within the CC that this area is both unsightly and unsafe. Being on the route of the Fife Coastal Path it reflects badly on Pittenweem Previously it was suggested by FC that this belonged to the house at 55 Abbeywall Road however this seems an extremely unlikely scenario. 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. It was suggested that strain gauges would be applied to the crack in the wall so far there is no evidence that this has happened. **Cllr JD**

Signage: Concerns were raised about the number of signs appearing throughout the Burgh. It was felt that the legal position needed clarification. About signs there is also the situation regarding the display of the "Royal Burgh of Pittenweem" on the road signs. It was reported that a meeting is to be held at FC concerning this issues as other Royal Burghs have similar issues. **Cllr JD**

Traffic Survey: At the July meeting it was reported that as result of a meeting with the school, parents group, Fife Council officials and local councillors that this would be carried out. We require an update. Concerns were raised about the entrance to the reopened petrol station. Vehicles entering effectively must cross the footpath however, the question of road markings needs to be addressed. Inappropriate parking by parents is adding to the issues and WH agreed to speak to the school to increase awareness amongst parents. **Cllr WP**

Arts Festival:

The Wash Up meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday 20th September. CC will be represented by KH, MW and AI. Several issues were raised and it was suggested that members of the CC make the above representatives aware of them before the 20th.

Common Good Update:

This is an ongoing situation, there was nothing new to report.

Insurance Policy:

We have had feedback from FC about the additional costs of covering the identified assets. However, it was unclear who would pay the extra premium. Needs clarification before we decide.

Rubbish Bins:

As was previously highlighted there is a seasonal problem with seagulls. We have requested that several the larger "seagull proof" containers be provided during the summer months. It was suggested that ideally, they be placed in the Shore area, High Street and West Braes.

Telecoms Mast:

It has come to our notice that an 18metre mast is proposed for an area in the vicinity of the New Town Hall. However, at this point there is a lack of detail as to the proposal.

Chairman's Report:

In the absence of KH there was nothing reported.

Treasurer's Report:

The monthly bank statement shows a balance of £2102.74 at 29th August.

Secretary's Report:

Concerns have been raised regarding the display of CC Minutes in the Notice Board. There had been a mix up in communication regarding the procedures this has now been resolved.

It was brought to our attention that concerns have been raised regarding the lack of proper consultation with the CC regarding the route etc of the proposed cycleway from Anstruther to Pittenweem. A meeting has been arranged to rectify this oversight.

Planning:

There were 16 new notifications during the month August and so far, 17 in September.

New Town Hall Committee:

Have received the first draft of the 25-year lease agreement. As the numbers on the committee had fallen too low there had been an initiative to recruit new members. Pleased to report that new members are now in place from regular users of the hall.

Local Councillors' Report:

As Councillors Linda Holt and John Docherty were at the Anstruther meeting and Councillor Bill Porteous was only present until 8 pm nothing was reported.

Fishermen's Memorial:

There had been a presence during the Arts Festival during which £2500 was raised. A coffee morning is arranged for Wednesday the 13th September.

AOCB:

Several who attend events in the Community Church have asked why they were not allowed access through the New Town Hall ground from the car park. This is not within the remit of the CC and it was suggested that the Community Church should make a direct approach to the New Town Hall Committee.

Weedkilling in the various Wynds does not appear to be being carried out by FC.

Next Meeting: Monday 8th Oct 2017