



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K Brereton, Vice Chair: B Whittome, Secretary: K Horsburgh, Treasurer: D Stutchfield

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Minutes of meeting held on 10th February in Pittenweem New Town Hall

Opening of Meeting :

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00pm and welcomed all present.

Present:

Community Council: K Horsburgh, J K Querido, D Stutchfield, J Taylor, M Wardlaw, B Whittome

Fife Council: Cllr D MacGregor, Cllr J Docherty

Members of the public: 13 (including guests)

Apologies: Cllrs Riches, K Brereton, H MacGregor, B Hughes

Guests:

Save a Pub for Pittenweem campaign: Alex Bowman and Susan Wilkinson

Pittenweem in Bloom: Helen Coggle

In welcoming our Guests, BW invited Susan Wilkinson to give an introduction to the 'Save a Pub for Pittenweem Campaign' which she did and was assisted in the dialogue by Alex Bowman, the previous tenant of the Larachmhor. The points are summarised as follows:

- One pub shut (Larachmhor on 26/1) and one for sale and as such is detrimental for the burgh.
- Community is concerned and are considering options, including a Community Buy Out.
- Swiss owner of Larachmhor decided to close the Larachmhor for a quick sale.
- Various options were openly discussed, including potential grants rather than funding. DS advised that as a Community Council we have no powers to hold property and are only in receipt ourselves of circa £600.00 a year so are restricted in that regard.
- KH said that firstly we as a Council and the indeed the public should look to register objections to any request for change of use.
- DS proposed that in preparation of such an event, that KH as Secretary be given approval at this meeting to lodge such an objection. JKQ agreed and this was unanimously carried.
- Various bits of advice were given by KH and Cllr DM on how to object.
- DS gave advice on how to establish 'a Trust' and as such the next step is for the 'campaigners' to hold a public meeting.
- KH to give various bits of info to the 'campaigners' including names of Local Councillors, web links for Fife Development Services (Planning) etc.

Matters were left at that and Susan and Alex thanked us for being given the opportunity to speak to us.

BW then invited Helen Coggle to speak regarding Pittenweem in Bloom. Points are summarised as follows:

- Currently looking to plant up circa 500 Begonias that were supplied by Fife Council which were previously planted opposite the Craws Nest Hotel in Anstruther.
- Still looking to plant some wild flowers on the sloping bit of ground at Abbeywall Road but there are concerns about vermin infestation. (Cllrs DM to chase up Fife Council re vermin control)
- Plans are to have a boat planted at each end of the burgh and KH will look to get Iain Barbour's support to obtain suitable plants for these.

That summarising the points, BW thanked Helen for attending and moved on with the Agenda.

Approval of previous Minutes:

Proposed: Bev Whittome **Seconded:** Margaret Wardlaw

Matters Arising and outstanding actions:

- Blocked Gulley Drains: Cllr JD to chase up the clearing of the remaining blocked drains.
- Play Park Equipment Funding for £5,000.00 from The Common Good Fund and £18,000.00 from the Fife Environment and Communities Fund: KH met the Common Good Fund people today in Glenrothes with JT. This outstanding request for £5,000.00 was raised and we await feedback. Alan Bisett has sent KH documentation to complete for the £18,000.00 which KH is working on as he is still outstanding some information.
- Street Sign for James Street: Missing sign replacement still outstanding, Cllr DM to chase (again).
- Notice Board repair work update: JT, nothing has happened yet.
- Pittenweem Allotments: No further progress as sheds and fences need erecting before allocation and that hasn't happened yet.
- Grit bins: Still no sign of any grit bin(s) in Waggon Road – KH last chased Alistair Drummond on 4/2. AD advised bins should be out in next week or two. These are for StAbbs Cr and top of Water Wynd and also to look at the siting for the one for Wagon Rd. One for Bruces Wynd to be considered for this autumn.

Pittenweem Arts Festival Liaison Group:

As there hasn't been a recent meeting of this group, there is nothing to report.

Councillors' report:

- JD to engage again with John Mills re caravan at New Cemetery Car Park.
- DM advised lights fault outside No8 University Avenue was reported – it has been sorted.
- DM to chase up reports of rubbish being dropped and left uplifted in South Loan and Marygate by Fife Council's refuse collectors.
- There is to be a high level meeting on Wind Turbines on 26/2
- DM advised that the pavements have been inspected in Queen Elizabeth Rd, West Braes and Sandycraig Rd following his reporting the state of them for us. Unfortunately Fife Council that although they are unsightly, cracked and eroded in places that there are no current safety defects. Similarly with the state of the road at University Ter, unfortunately the repairs were not found to be of high priority but will be considered in a patching program if funding permits, later in the year.

Planning Issues:

- JT advised that no new local matters have been advised from the Crystal Server this month.
- Late Representation Process: KH advised that he in turn has been advised that once an application enters the agenda process, that no further representations will be recorded on Fife Councils website.
- 21 James Street, 13/03879/FULL: KH confirmed he had registered PCC as a Statutory Consultee and advised the agreed letter of objection was posted on the appropriate Fife Council website. KH asked for and received unanimous agreement from all those present to ratify the objection which was agreed amongst the Councillors by email prior to tonight's meeting. BW advised that she had invited one of the objectors to attend tonight but they couldn't make it.

Treasurer's report:

DS advised the Bank Balance is £1176.65 after receiving the Annual Grant of £601.60 and prior to a cheque for £60.00 for hall rental being presented which KH co-signed at the end of the meeting for DS.

Secretary's report:

- Bench painting / Community payback Scheme: Meeting held where KH and JKQ met Ruth Crighton who coordinates and agrees the Community payback work in the local communities and we are awaiting feedback on what we requested (clearing shrubbery, paths and various painting of benches and fences.)
- Landscaping of New Cemetery: KH chased Liz Murphy on 5/2 for an update and coordinate activities with the Community Payback people who have agreed to supply the labour required for the landscaping.
- New Cemetery Car Park: KH raised with David Reddie and is awaiting feedback (we presume there is an issue with the drainage causing the surface water not draining away)
- War Memorial: KH has been quoted £275 + VAT to clean the War Memorial at the Parish Church from J Y Thompson in Leven. KH to now submit a grant request to the War Memorials trust for 50% funding of these costs.
- KH now liaising with MW and is to submit funding request from the Area Budget for £5,000.00 for the installation of three power sockets in the High Street. Planning permission is required and this will also be submitted. MW advised that the Fund Raising Committee will be looking to fund Christmas tree / decorative lighting once the installation has been completed.
- Parking on double yellow lines at Marygate: KH asked to keep pushing the police for resolution.
- Blue Plaques: KH advised he had completed 'paper' on blue plaque background, criteria etc. and will send to JKQ to add in four photographs of the three blue plaques and the Porteous riot plaque.

Pittenweem Community Fund Raising Committee:

MW updated as follows:

- Sunshine on Leith raised £432 and less anticipated expenses of £96 a profit foreveing is expected to come out at around £336.
- The next Farmers Market has 16 tables taken where Ardross Farm Shop are taking two tables.
- Minutes from 21/1 meeting are appended to the PCC minutes.

Common Good Fund:

Feedback is still awaited the action points from KH and JT's meeting with the Common Good people. Since then however KH has compiled a list of moveable artefacts and burgh regalia he has identified from various documents, records and community feedback to ascertain their whereabouts.

AOCB:

- State of street lighting: Replacement of the decorative lamps being handled by Angus Broadhurst remains outstanding
- Cherry Tree at top of water Wynd has been replaced by Iain Barbour's team.
- KH to prepare a notice to show what the CC's objectives and main priorities are.

Close of meeting:

In the absence of any other competent business, the meeting was closed at 21.15 pm

The date of the next meeting was set for 10th March 2014.

Kenneth Horsburgh

Secretary