



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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Minutes of Meeting held via Zoom
on Thursday 11th June 2020 at 7pm

NOTE: These Minutes are published in proof form and will be adopted at the first full meeting held after the lockdown order is lifted.

Present: Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor, Linda Lauder, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, and Lynn Balfour.

Councillors: Cllr. Linda Holt, Cllr. Bill Porteus.

Apologies: Cllr. John Docherty, Susan Wilkinson, Martin Butters, Anne Butters, and Gary McClure

Public Attending: No members of the public attended.

Opening of Meeting:

The Chair welcomed everyone, and noted that the meeting would be recorded. All present confirmed there was no objection to the meeting being recorded.

The Chair also welcomed Lynn Balfour to the meeting as minute secretary, and confirmed that draft minutes will be sent directly to the Chair by Tuesday 16 June for checking, then for circulation to members.

Minutes Approved: Proposed by P. Mills Seconded by J. Wood.

Councillors Report:

Cllr BP reported on the continuing situation in Pittenweem with anti-social behaviour. It was noted that Police Scotland are working hard to deal with this. **Cllr BP** noted that he is working with **Cllr LH** and with the Fife Council Housing department to take this matter forward.

Cllr LH joined the meeting and noted that PC Holmes was invited to attend the **PCC** meeting to provide an update on steps being taken to address anti-social behaviour in Pittenweem, however he was unable to attend. It was noted that these problems are ongoing.

Matters Arising

Holiday Lets

It was noted that people do not appear to be adhering to the rules around holiday lets during the Covid situation. However no further complaints have been received on this matter since the last meeting.

West Braes Project

Cllr BP reported that the West Braes Pool project is moving forward. Planning permission has passed and everything is in place for works to start once Covid restrictions are lifted.

Out of Hours

PM provided an update about the OOH service in St Andrews and noted that it has been used more extensively during lockdown for assessing patients. However, it is due to revert back to the former restricted hours shortly. It was noted that there has been no communication with the Health Board during the lockdown period about this. It is likely there will be an update following a further meeting.

Tollboth Steeple

Cllr LH noted that not much has progressed with this lately, however there is awareness that a decision on funds is needed to get work started quickly, as the type of work needs to be carried out during the summer months. It was noted that the clock has stopped, but there doesn't appear to have been any action to fix this.

Multi Use Cycle path

Nothing further to report since last meeting. Agreement is in place for this to go ahead, however there is frustration as nothing is progressing due to the lockdown. **Cllr BP** noted that particularly during the Covid situation, there is a desire to increase cycle paths more generally, and this may be a means of getting action. There is a programme called 'Space for People', and Pittenweem may be considered as part of this, although nothing is guaranteed.

Yellow Lines

Cllr LH provided an update about the yellow lines received following the last PCC meeting and reported that all non-emergency roadwork has stopped due to the lockdown, therefore no progress has been made. **Cllr LH** agreed to chase this with FC, with anticipation that roadworks might restart in several weeks.

Primary School

No further update on primary school Head teacher to note

IT Equipment

There has been discussion about procuring a laptop for use by the **PCC**, particularly now that we are looking for a new secretary. It was agreed that this discussion should wait until a future meeting so that it can be discussed in full with more members of the **PCC** present.

Recycling Centre

It was noted that the Pittenweem Recycling Centre reopens on 16 June 2020, however bookings must be made in advance. **PM** reiterated that a case was made highlighting that it seemed unnecessary to close recycling centres in the first place. It was agreed that **Cllr LH** would send information about the reopening, and the associated rules around this to **MW** for placing in the noticeboard.

ATM

The lockdown has meant that no progress has been made regarding the installation of an ATM in Pittenweem. It was noted that the owner of the Pittenweem Hub has confirmed willingness to have a machine located within the Hub, so this may be a possibility once lockdown is lifted.

Speeding

It was noted that at the previous **PCC** meeting, there was a discussion about an injured cat as a result of speeding on the main road. **MW** was informed that Police carried out a speed check at the east end of Pittenweem, no problems were reported. It was agreed that a speed check should also have been carried out at the west end of Pittenweem, and **Cllr LH** agreed to make this request to the Police and also alert Colin Stirling in **FC**.

Rodents

There have been no further reports of suspected rodents.

Police report

It was noted that a Police report had not been received.

Scam and Food Hygiene

MW noted again that there are food hygiene courses and classes available about how to spot and stop scams. Both are open to the community when lockdown is removed. Interested parties should contact M. Wardlaw mwar7777@aol.com or 312362. **MW** will ask for posters to be placed in the noticeboard.

MW added an additional item to the agenda, which was an email from **SW** with the following points:

- Concern about fishermen working on the piers, and public taking access during the lockdown, preventing social distancing. It was noted that barriers and notices were previously in place, but these restrictions have now been lifted by **FC**.
- There was a problem with discoloured water in Pittenweem. **Cllr BP** confirmed there was a break in the supply, which was subsequently fixed.
- The Motorhome Project is ongoing and there have been trials at Elie and Kingsbarns. Both car parks are to be resurfaced and a new toilet block installed at Kingsbarns.
- To consider 'Spaces for People' fund and how this could be utilised.

Planning:

JT reported that he had previously mentioned the West Braes Pool project had received planning permission with conditions and had suggested members look at certain sections of the approval.

During the past month, there were fourteen application updates, seven of which were approvals/permitted.

Treasurer's Report:

AB not present however the Chair was able to report that the **PCC** bank statement as of 27 May 2020 was £460.57

Secretary's Report:

LL noted information had been received about the 'Citizen's Rights Project' which examines EU citizens' rights after Brexit.

Chairperson's Report:

MW provided the following updates:

Ex Cllr. D Macgregor died on 3rd June. He was a regular at PCC meetings during his years in office; he also he did five years as the FC representative with PNTHC. During his time as Councillor and Rep. he advised and helped many members of the Community.

Helen MacGregor, a past member of PCC passed away on 26th May. Helen also assisted with the fundraising during 2012-2014 and later. 4

MW noted information had been circulated about Covid including updates to the number of cases and mobile testing unit locations. The only unit in Fife was in Glenrothes from 8-14 June. It was noted that antibody tests are proving difficult to access.

Scottish Water has indicated that residents should be mindful of water use due to a potential shortage. It was also noted that there had been problems with a discoloured water supply, which now seemed to be resolved.

It was noted that electricity bills have been notably higher, perhaps due to the current lockdown period.

A.O.B.

Cllr BP highlighted the good work of the ENCEPT group during the Covid crisis, particularly around shielding. It is anticipated that most of the work of the group will come to a natural end towards the end of June, and although the work will not cease, presence will decrease. **PCC** members noted thanks to **Cllr BP** for his involvement in this. Thanks were also recorded to the Pittenweem Hub for providing an excellent service to the community. Once the Covid situation is improved, it was agreed that formal thanks should be passed on from the **PCC**.

Cllr BP noted concern from the community about the Anstruther Lifeboat Station, and what **FC** plans to do with this. The community would like to retain this for community use. Discussions are ongoing.

LL reported on behalf of **SW** that there is a Coop Local Community Fund that helps pay for local projects. **MW** noted an application has been submitted for the New Town Hall for a future project. It was agreed that this funding opportunity should be added to the noticeboard to let the community know about it.

Cllr BP asked **PCC** members if they were aware of any reports of social distancing measures being ignored at the Anstruther Coop, following concern from Anstruther Community Council. **PCC** members were unaware of concerns.

Cllr BP will be following up with the local manager.

MW Closed the meeting at 8:00pm by thanking everyone for attending.

Next Meeting: Thursday 9th July 2020 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start.

Abbreviations:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council. MW - Margaret Wardlaw, JT - Jim Taylor, LL – Linda Lauder AB - Anne Butters, MB - Martin Butters, PM - Peter Mills, SW - Susan Wilkinson, GM - Gary McClure and JW - Jim Wood.

Cllr LH - Councillor Linda Holt, Cllr - JD Councillor John Docherty and Cllr BP - Councillor Bill Porteous. FC – Fife Council.

OOHS - Out Of Hours Service, MUP - Multi Use Path, PAF - Pittenweem Arts Festival, NTH - New Town Hall. WBP – West Braes Project.

CGF – Common Good Fund, PNTN – Pittenweem New Town Hall.