



**Chair: M. Wardlaw, Vice Chair: A. Butters, Treasurer: A. Butters:  
Contact Secretary: J. Taylor.  
Committee: S. Wilkinson, L. Lauder, M. Butters, P. Mills, P. Ward and G. McClure.**

### **Minutes of the Royal Burgh of Pittenweem Community Council Meeting**

**held Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in the New Town Hall at 7pm.**

**Present:** Margaret Wardlaw, Jim Taylor, Linda Lauder, Peter Mills, Gary McClure, Cllr Linda Holt, Jackie Johnson (Minutes)

**Apologies:** Cllr John Docherty, Cllr Bill Porteous, Anne Butters, Martin Butters, Susie Wilkinson, and P. Ward.

**Visitors:** Caroline Berry (Community Education Officer, Fife Council) Alison Graham (West Braes Project)

**MW** welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked the visitors for attending.

**Caroline Berry on Skate Park** – **Cllr LH** said CB had been asked to the meeting in the hope that she could be involved in getting a project off the ground as there is no skate board park in the East Neuk other than a very small one at Crail. Perhaps parents and students at Waid Academy could be approached? **Cllr LH** said she would be happy to be the named Councillor involved in such a project.

**CB** asked the meeting where the idea to build a new skate park had originated. It was stated that PCC had been chasing to have the park reinstated since it was first condemned.

**CB** then asked if there was a public demand for one. It was pointed out that skateboarding youths used various street areas at the moment, and **AG** added that a couple of young people had approached Nicola and David Thomson whilst they were working at West Braes Project.

**CB** said this would be a long-term project requiring significant commitment and funding, so it would be important to manage young people's expectations. She suggested that an initial meeting be set up with herself and a couple of young people and their parents who had expressed an interest. She asked if **AG** could

Speak to **NT/DT** to get some names. **ACTION:** Meeting to be arranged with **CB** via e-mail and set up in June before the school holidays begin.

**CB** outlined her wider remit to the meeting, explaining that she is responsible for Youth Work in the area as well as Adult Learning. Events coming up include a Silent Disco at St Monans and a Soup and Pudding Lunch in Anstruther. **MW** said that PCC would be happy to advertise these and future events in the notice board.

**Cllr LH** asked if **CB** would be happy for her contact details to be included in the minutes and she agreed that was fine. Contact:

**Caroline Berry** - Community Education Worker - East Neuk - Waid Academy  
Phone No. **03451 555 555 ext 444154**

**MW** thanked **CB** and **AG** for attending and they left the meeting.

### Councillors Reports.

**Cllr LH** - nothing to report that is not on the Agenda.

**Adoption of 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 minutes:** Proposed by **LL** and Seconded by **GM**.

### Matters Arising

West Braes Project: have received their funding. Great news.

Abbeywall Road: no updates.

**ACTION: Cllr LH to chase.**

Play Parks: no updates have been received from Fife Council as yet.

**ACTION: Cllr LH** to chase progress on funding for New Grange Play Park.

Refuse Bins: **MW** said **Cllr JD** was looking into the supply of commercial waste bins for businesses on the High Street. It had been noted that extra public bins had been put at the east end of High Street. **Cllr LH** queried whether these were seagull proof as Fife Council have said that this type of bin will be provided in all East Neuk coastal villages. She asked to be informed if this is not the case.

**GM** said there is a problem with an individual dumping business waste in bins around the area. **Cllr LH** asked for details so she could pursue the matter.

St Andrews OOHS: **PM** shared that at a meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> April it was reported that it has been agreed that there will be an Out of Hours Service at St Andrews but that this would be operated on very restricted hours with GP's only providing cover for 3 hours during a week day evening and 6-8 per during the week-end days, the remainder of the time being covered by non medical staff. There is to be an extraordinary meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> May to discuss these proposals.

Road Signs: **Cllr LH** commented on an e-mail report just received from Stuart Goodfellow of Traffic Management. **ACTION: Cllr LH** to investigate next steps regarding Local Services providing finger post signage.

Road Repairs: some, but not all of, the potholes on Session Street and David Street have been filled in.

Church Tower and Tollbooth: **Janice Laird** of Fife Council has confirmed that the Tenancy Lease held by **Leonard Low** was terminated. It expired some time ago but the keys were not handed in. **PM** said that the keys to the Tower have been lost.

Cemetery Gates: **ACTION: JT** to write to Fife Council to find out when the work is scheduled to take place.

Police Report: Got mail from a relief member to say that there was no report prepared since our contact was off work through injury. **Cllr LH** said that she has been very impressed by the new community policing staff appointed to NE Fife.

Secretary's Report: **JT** reported that he had received and forwarded on a number of communications from FC to the members.

**JT** said he thought both the Short Term Let Consultation and the Unconventional Oil and Gas Addendum Consultation were for individual consideration not for the PCC as a group. It was agreed that this was the case.

Paul Ward has given verbal notice that he will resign before the next meeting.

We received a letter of objection from a resident of Marygate regarding a rumour that changes were to be made to the direction of travel, or to create two-way traffic again in Marygate. A response was sent offering reassurance that **this** was not the case.

We have received the Annual Grant Application forms that need to be submitted by October.

Treasurer's Report: **AB** currently on holiday.

Planning Report: **JT** said that there had been 15 notifications since the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April of those listed 6 were approved, 3 new, 1 closed to comment and 5 reporting work started.

Objections regarding 64A High Street have been noted but the application is still recommended for passing.

There is an owner dispute on the land opposite "Bob's Garage" in James Street regarding an access to allow vehicles to get to the rear of a Marygate property.

**PCFRC: MW** reported that there is now £5314.54 in the account.

We have received quotes for new lights for the trees - £115 or £123 (less VAT & Carriage) per tree, depending on length of section chosen. It was agreed that the more costly 5m sections might be more practical.

**MW** suggested a spare set should also be ordered. These have to be set up in time for Pittenweem Arts Festival. There has been no reply from FC regarding the request for a cherry picker to help with the task.

It was unanimously **AGREED** to go ahead and order 4 sets.

**Scottish Resilient Community:** Gillian Duncan attended the meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> April, there have been no update communications since that visit.

**Multi User Path Update:** **PM** reported on a useful meeting held with the Anstruther Cycle Group on May 2<sup>nd</sup> where he again put across the PCC concerns regarding the planned proposal for the path between Anstruther and Pittenweem. He proposed a feasibility study to explore where best to route the cycle path if it is extended to Pittenweem and has also consulted with both Sustrans and Mr Ian Smith the Head of Sustainability, Fife Council.

**PM** reported that permission has not yet been given by landowners for the path to run between Anstruther and Pittenweem, and unless special extra funding is granted nothing much can happen at the moment.

**ACTION: PM** to invite **Ian Smith** to the meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> June to discuss a feasibility study which could then go out to public consultation.

**Pittenweem Arts Festival:** PCC are concerned that they have not been included in meetings with Fife Council this year. The local community *do* approach the PCC members regarding traffic and parking problems etc since there is currently no point of contact other than the Festival Office which only opens during the day. **LL** expressed concern that in 2018 traffic stewards were leaving at 3pm at which point drivers stopped following one-way traffic signs creating a safety issue.

**ACTION: Cllr LH** to write to **Janice Laird** raising concerns that the **PCC** cannot answer questions from the local community if they are not included in meetings or communicated with.

**Tolbooth Steeple:** on going debate with Fife Council as to how the repair should be funded. **ACTION: Cllr LH** to seek a reply in writing from Janice Laird as to what progress has been made with this.

**AOB:** An East Neuk Forum meeting will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm in St Monans Church Hall, Station Road. Colin Stirling Head of Traffic Management is to be in attendance to discuss the pros and cons of implementing more 20mph speed restrictions. (Meeting open to everyone)

**Meeting finished at 9-15pm**

**Next Meeting: Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 6.45pm for a 7pm start.**

**Abbreviations:**

**MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **SW**-Susan Wilkinson, **LL**- Linda Lauder, **AB**-Anne Butters, **MB**-Martin Butters, **PM** – Peter Mills, **GM**-Gary McClure, **JT**- Jim Taylor,  
**Cllr JD**-Cllr John Docherty, **Cllr LH**- Cllr Linda Holt, **Cllr BP**-Cllr Bill Porteous,  
**FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **NEFAC**.- Northeast Fife area committee **PCCFRC**-  
 Community Council Fund Raising Committee.

**Subject: E-mail report on Pittenweem Signage walkabout May 2019**

Further to the Pittenweem walkabout of 1<sup>st</sup> May I can confirm that the items on the list provided will be brought to the attention of the relevant sections within Fife Council.

The request for better signage on the A917 for the Town Centre is the responsibility of Traffic Management. This shall be developed as part of an ongoing wider scale signing improvement strategy for the whole of the East Neuk, including other villages. What should be kept in mind is that, due to narrow footways, we frequently have difficulties installing poles of sufficient size for larger sign installations.

Traffic Management are also responsible for the sign assembly at the junction of Charles Street with James Street and this will also be looked at independently of the above mentioned scheme. It should be noted that there are a number of tourist signs which are not the property of Fife Council, but are owned by the advertised businesses. This may limit the options available for a comprehensive redesign. Investigations are ongoing to ensure the businesses signed are still active.

The request for street nameplates has been forwarded to my colleague Alistair Drummond of the Roads Network Management section, as has the request for a replacement sign at the foot of Cove Wynd on East Shore.

A system of finger post signage could be considered, however funding for this would not be available through Transportation, although our final approval would be required on any proposed scheme. I understand that these types of projects are funded through Local Services. If such a project was agreed then a number of the existing signs for locations could then be removed, effectively decluttering the town of duplicate signage. Similar funding source could be available for the information board/notice board request for West Braes car park.

From the photographs I took I can respond as follows:-

The bus stops on Charles Street cannot be removed as they are used for Waid Academy school buses.

The damaged 'No Entry' sign on the east side of South Loan at High Street has been reported to the Street Lighting section for their attention/action.

The request for double yellow lines on the South Loan approach to the High Street has been noted. This shall be assessed and processed according to Council procedure. Informal consultation shall be carried out prior to reporting to NEFAC.

The damaged bollard at the top of Water Wynd has been reported to the Roads Network Management section for their attention. We shall investigate the possibility of installing a staggered guardrail to restrict usage by inappropriate traffic such as motorcycles.

The damaged 'One Way' sign on the corner of High Street with Kirkgate has been reported to the Street Lighting section for their attention/action.

I think this covers all of the points raised and shall keep you posted on progress on the Traffic Management issues as they progress. "

Stuart Goodfellow - Traffic Management