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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.**

**Opening of Meeting:**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7.00pm. and welcomed all present.

**Present:**

Community Council: K. Horsburgh, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle, A. Innes, J. Bowman

Fife Council: Cllr. D. Macgregor, Cllr J. Docherty

Guests: Gillian Tetlow (Police)

Members of the public: One

Apologies: Cllr. E. Riches, W. Hughes.

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** J. Taylor **Seconded:** C. McCallum

**KH.** Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies. He then requested that everyone paid their respects by having a one minutes silence to the late Ernie Bryson who recently passed away, he had been a very prominent person within the community, not only holding office as chair at past **CC** meetings he had also been very involved with the Football teams both in Pittenweem and further afield.

**Police Issues:** Gillian Tetlow came along to discuss police issues within Pittenweem. Crimes detected since October 2015 : Housebreaking –1- awaiting forensics, Theft –2 -Pittenweem Harbour - undetected, Attempted housebreaking –1 -undetected, Fraud, -1- suspect investigation ongoing, Assault,-1 -detected. A small child had been knocked down at the traffic crossing early January, no serious injury sustained. It was suggested that more needs to be done with the children regarding the crossing also more patrols with the gun needs to be in place. It was suggested that parents need to take a bit more responsibility and maybe letters sent to parents with suggestions would help. It has been suggested that 2-3 members of **CC** be trained to work the gun just to check number of people not sticking to the speed limit, no prosecutions can be administered but if it slows people down it is worth trying. The police are hoping to visit the school to talk to the children about road safety. Parking issues were also brought up again in detail, the double yellow lines at the top of

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Abbeywall Road which has been discussed now for years, Gillian has agreed to try and get someone to come and look at this ongoing problem. Fireworks being let off late on Christmas night, Gillian has agreed to check out regulations for letting off fireworks at private events. It was suggested that speed bumps on the Backgate might slow the traffic down. **KH** thanked Gillian for attending and updating the committee.

### Matters Arising

**Library Closures:** **Cllr DM** said that three councillors from our area attended the Scrutiny Committee meeting, they had about five minutes to do their presentation then **Cllr JD** mentioned Equality Impact Assessments, 16 EQIA's have now been carried out. Over Christmas and New Year, **Cllr JD**, looked over the EQIA's and has raised concerns about them with Rod Campbell MSP and Stephen Gethins MP for N.E.Fife. The fact also that the EQIA's amount to 242 pages, that the Fife Council Executive members for their meeting tomorrow to approve or disapprove the findings of the Scrutiny Committee regarding Library Closures/charges etc. have been given a Fife Wide 'catch all' EQIA of just two pages. The EQIA's, **Cllr JD** looked to show the impact they have on the elderly, the young, the disabled and faith groups. It will cost £570,000 to keep libraries open, an executive committee meeting to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> January, if 'close' is voted for, then it will go to a full council vote. If it goes through then they will have to look at how to fund it for another year.

**Old Town Hall:** **J.T.** spoke to Moir Gibson, nothing further to report. **MW** asked how much stuff was stored in the hall by the Railway Club, no one was sure, to be checked out.

**Scottish Water:** West Wynd collapse of wall, where the old well was, issues with new house built on corner site, how secure will the rest of the walls be in West Wynd. Query as to responsibility. **JT** is to contact Stuart Goodfellow to see when repairs will be completed. Members of the public complaining about lack of access to the High Street from that part of the town. School Wynd was also mentioned regarding bulges in the walls as was the back Gylie from the High Street to Bruce's Wynd. **KH** has agreed to send a report on all the Wynd's state of repair to **Cllr JD**. Theory is whichever side the bole-hole is on that is then who is responsible for the upkeep of the wall. We should also keep in mind the digging at the West Shore site that this could cause future problems as well.

**Pittenweem in Bloom:** They have received an enhancement grant of £229. They have requested 2 tubs to be moved but it has not been done as yet, **CC** grant is in question! No figure available for their last fund raising event.

**Road Repairs:** Lady Wynd, **JT** said 'no parking signs are up'. Debris left in Milton Place by the gas workers; wait to see what is left when they have completed the works.

**High Street Electrics:** The lights were finally switched on five of the trees on 21<sup>st</sup> December. **Cllr Donald Macgregor** did the honours by switching them on. **MW** is now chasing **FC** to get the electrics installed for the other two trees. The account for installation of lights to date has arrived £1,712.58, this will be paid this week. Quote given for last two trees has been accepted. **Cllr DM** thanked **CCFRC** for the bottle of wine and tea/coffee after the lights were

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switched on. **MW** has chased up **FC** for a rough estimate of what the costs to them will be for the installation of the electrics and the bollards.

**Toilet Block:** Nothing to report.

**Common Good Fund:** nothing to report.

**Church Bell:** **Cllr JD** will contact Mike McArdle (Council Officer) for an update regarding repairs etc. to the church bell.

**Notice Boards:** **BO** has a set of keys and is willing to put notices onto the boards, **KH** is to bring the other keys he is holding and distribute to other members who are willing to help **BO**, **CM** and **MW** are willing to hold keys.

**Fishermen's Memorial:** The committee are waiting to be told when the next meeting is to take place. **JT** asked if he could make a comment at the end of the meeting.

**Road Signs:** Since last meeting **FC** have agreed to renew all the signs, we now have to get permission from Lord Lyons to use the Coat of Arms . Jim Stormonth is going to look into this for **CC**.

**Sea Wall/West Shore:** **Cllr JD** is to ask Mike McArdle to attend next **CC** meeting if possible to give an update on the sea wall, also to be present to respond to the concerns of the **CC** members and members of the public attending the meeting. Great earth movements going on and it looks horrendous. When finished it will be as it is stated in the plans. No planning found for this project, it is in a conservation area.

**Payback Scheme:** Paint left will be used as when needed in this next year.

**Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields:** nothing to report.

**East Neuk and Landward:** Nothing to report.

#### **Planning Applications:**

Ref. No: 15/03654/FULL | Single storey extension and dormer extension to rear of dwellinghouse (amendment to 13/03398/FULL - 4 Mayview: Application permitted with conditions: 8/12/2015 : issued 14/12/2015

Ref. No: 15/04229/LBC | Listed Building Consent for internal alterations, installation of French doors and flue and removal of chimney - 22 South Loan  
Received date: Fri 18 Dec 2015 | Status: Pending Consideration

Ref. No: 16/00012/FULL | Formation of french doors - 22 South Loan  
Received date: Mon 04 Jan 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration |

Ref. No: 16/00053/FULL | Formation of balcony - 3 Glebe Park |  
Received date: Mon 04 Jan 2016 | Status: Pending Consideration |

#### **Scottish Building Warrant**

Ref. No: 15/00328/NBH | Convert garage/store into dwelling - 8A School Wynd:  
Received date: Wed 18 Feb 2015 | allowed Fri 18 Dec 2015

Ref. No: 15/02076/EXT | Extension to dwellinghouse - 64 High Street  
Received date: Wed 02 Sep 2015 | allowed Fri 18 Dec 2015

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**Play Park Fence:** nothing to report on the fence but it was mentioned that a member of the public was seen playing with his dog within the fenced off play area. **Dog warden's tel. number 0845-1550022.** **BO** is to contact the enforcement officer to ask for posters and to see if anyone could come down and look at the mess people are leaving behind their dogs. It is time the dog owners who do not clean up their dog's mess is prosecuted, there has been talk of trying CCTV. Public member suggested recruiting dog owners to keep a look-out for people who do not clean up after their dog.

**Benches:** Lucky Jim's bench has been located at the back of the Larachmohr pub, it is believed this bench was purchased with money donated by the public, this is to be checked out.

**NTH Trust:** Nothing to date **Cllr D.M** has said he will bring this matter up at their next meeting.

**PICT.** They have done a leaflet drop advertising talks to be held in the English Church. They also asked for potential helpers if required for the library.

**Councillor's Report: Cllr Macgregor** : informed the committee members that there would a turf cutting ceremony at 10am on Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> Jan. for the new Waid Academy but he doesn't know who is doing it. There will be a locality meeting held after this ceremony. **Cllr Docherty** has made comments throughout meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** In bank £7042.86. Cheque for £5,000 was handed over to the Fund Raising Committee to pay **FC** for Electric installation, this money was from the locality fund.

**Secretary's Report:** **MW** thanked members who responded to the minutes, also **Cllr Docherty** for supplying a written copy of his notes. It would be appreciated if **CC** members, guests or members of the public could provide a copy of their notes for me please.

**N.T.H.C.:** Dampness getting into office building. Getting quotes from local tradespeople to put a cladding on the outside walls. **MW** asked if money would be able to come from **CCGF**. Hall keeper and cleaner are resigning at the end of January so we are now looking for someone to replace them so if anyone knows of anyone who would be suitable please let me know.

**Website:** Nothing to report.

**Tolbooth:** Nothing to report.

**Abbeywall Road:** **KH** writing to **FC** to find out about the parking regulations for the harbour area at the bottom of Abbeywall Road. **JT** has tried to contact Moir Gibson but he has had no reply.

**Arts Festival:** nothing to report

**A.O.C.B.**

Talks of a cycle path being made from Pittenweem to Kilrenny. David Stutchfield on the committee. Public member explained what is hoped would happen with this but it is still in the very early stages.

NTH keys have been returned.

**Time Finished: 9pm    Next Meeting: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

**Abbreviations:**

**KH**-Ken Horsburgh, **JT**- Jim Taylor, **BO**- Brian Ortmann, **AI**- Alex Innes, **CM**- Christine McCallum, **HC**- Helen Coggle, **WH**- Billy Hughes, **JB**- John Bowman, **MW**- Margaret Wardlaw, **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **CLrDM**-Donald Macgregor, **CLrJD**-John Docherty