



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

**Chair: K. Horsburgh, Vice Chair: W. Hughes, Secretary: J. Taylor
Minute Secretary: M. Wardlaw, Treasurer: B. Ortmann.**

Website: www.aboutpittenweem.org.

Minutes of meeting held Monday 12th October 2015 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, W. Hughes

Fife Council: Cllr. D. Macgregor.

Guests: Tracy Elder (Police)

Members of the public: Two

Apologies: Cllr. J. Docherty, Cllr. E. Riches, A. Innes, J. Bowman

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: B. Ortmann **Seconded:** W. Hughes

KH. Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies, he then invited our guest Tracy Elder from Fife Police to give an update of what has been happening in Pittenweem. She did say quite a lot had been going on with Facebook which was slightly exaggerated regarding crime in the area. Reported, 1 theft of a purse from bakers shop, suspects were unknown and no one charged as yet and two houses had broken windows etc. as a result of mistaken address, arrests were made regarding this incident. Van reported during Festival in Water Wynd was legally parked at owners house and the last incident was at the Old Telephone Exchange where an attempted break-in before and after the Festival was reported, no entry was made into the building although windows had been broken with the aid of props from the school playground, again no one has been located for this crime. None of the said mentioned crimes were related to the Arts Festival. Careless car parking during the Festival on Queen Elizabeth road had been reported but that was all. One of the public members mentioned that she had found someone had entered her house by door and window on separate incidents but nothing was taken, Police attended and security

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information was given. Speed cameras have been used at both end of Pittenweem in recent weeks but no one was found to be breaking the speed limits. **BO** mentioned that the police should target the Backgate between 4-30pm and 5-30pm since many cars travel over the limit on this part of the road.

Matters Arising

Library Closures: No reply has come back from D. Ross at **FC**. Meeting held within Pittenweem Library tonight 12th October between 5pm and 7pm was not all that well attended. Cllr. R. Campbell, D. Macgregor, J. Docherty and E. Riches attended to speak to locals and advise them what could be done to try and halt the closure. The dead-line is 6th November. Forms completed and handed in were checked, they will be sent to Cllr Leslie and then admin, still very much in the dark as to the final outcome. With what **FC** would be saving by closing the libraries it is very minimal and the Cultural Trust is very disappointed in how it has been handled. **Cllr. Macgregor** said he would make some enquiries as to how other libraries were coping. **PICT** has not become involved since they have just had their AGM and a new committee has been formed but they are willing to help **CC** if needed.

Old Town Hall: To date no reply regarding our queries and concerns regarding the state of the Old Town Hall.

Scottish Water: Nothing has come back regarding queries.

Pittenweem in Bloom: They are holding a meeting tomorrow night (13th Oct.) They are organising what plants etc. will be needed for tubs etc. A full update will be given at next meeting. They are hoping to have the Christmas Lights switched on 27th November.

Road Repairs: There has been some work completed recently, patching etc. hopefully the line painting will be done when repairs are completed.

High Street Electrics: Fiona Mitchell from **FC** has been helping with putting us in touch with the new people working on this project; hopefully the lights will be ready to be switched on by end of November.

Toilet Block: general tidy up has been completed but remedial work still needs to be completed on the inside. **Cllr. Macgregor** tried hard to get **FC** to keep the toilets open throughout the winter but **FC** is determined that they are closed now for the winter and will re-open at Easter. The Coastal Path is closed at present for an upgrade.

Common Good Fund: nothing to report.

Church Bell: **KH** wrote to Michael McArdle on 12th Oct. reply was he would get an update and get back to him, nothing else to report.

Notice Boards: They are up and running now and a token gift of thanks have been given to Jan- Karl Queried for all his work in upgrading the local map which is now installed into the middle notice board. The old map sitting in the **NTH** Office is under discussion as to what is to happen to it and where it is to go.

Gardens in the Burgh: Pittenweem Open Gardens made this year £1542.30. 60% goes to Scotland Gardens for their chosen charity and our 40% share was evenly split between Fife's Women Aid £308.46 and Anstruther Life Boat £308.46. The next full event will take place in

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June 2017 as we alternate with St Monans. The **CC** would like to thank all who took part in this event

Bins: **WH** reported that a lot of bins at the bottom end of Abbeywall Road are being left out causing obstruction to pavement users. **Cllr. D. Macgregor** is going to contact **FC Waste Aware** to see if letters can be handed into the holiday homes in that area. **JT** was also asked to write on behalf of **CC** and to copy Cllr. Macgregor into his e-mail.

Fishermen's Memorial: There will be a Public Meeting on 26th November possibly at The New Town Hall, notice will be placed in notice board giving full details.

Defib. Signs: Not up yet, will chase to see what has happened to them.

Road Signs: nothing to report for the roads coming into Pittenweem, chasing for prices. **Cllr Macgregor** is going to send contact details to **KH**. Street signs that are missing: James Street, Waggon Road and West Wynd. **MW** mentioned that a complaint had been made about the no through road sign at the bottom of Water Wynd, was asked if a larger sign could be put in place since cars still go up the Wynd thinking it is a through road.

Harbour Wall: It has been decided by the contractors to finish up now and come back to it in the New Year.

Payback Scheme: The boys have almost finished all the jobs they were asked to do, some small bits to finish off at the railings and West Braes. **BO** has suggested that if **PIB** wanted their tubs painted this is an ideal opportunity to get them done.

Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields: nothing to report.

East Neuk and Landward: Nothing to report.

Planning Applications:

Permitted:

1. PA Ref. No: 15/02688/FULL | Received date: Wed 22 Jul 2015 | Single storey ext. to side of 54 University Avenue | Type: Application | Status: Application Permitted - no conditions

2. PA Ref. No: 15/02441/FULL | Received date: Sun 05 Jul 2015 | External alterations to dwellinghouse including installation of replacement windows at 3 James Street | Status: Application Permitted - no conditions
Pending

1. PA Ref. No: 15/02439/LBC | Received date: Sun 05 Jul 2015 | Listed building consent for Installation of replacement windows and sandstone lintel at 3 James Street | Status: Still Pending Decision from Historic Scotland

2. PA Ref. No: 15/03351/FULL Retro | Received date: Tue 22 Sep 2015 | Alterations to existing detached domestic garage including replacement roof at 8 Sandycraig Road |

3. PA Ref. No: 15/03211/FULL | Received date: Tue 08 Sep 2015 | Single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 30 Milton Road

4. PA Ref. No: 15/03211/CLP | Received date: Tue 08 Sep 2015 Certificate of Lawfulness | Proposed for single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse at 30 Milton Road

5. PA Ref. No: 15/03403/PPP 05/10/2015 | Mr & Mrs R Handley, 50 James Street (renewal of application reference 12/03491/FULL) | Planning permission in principle for erection of

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dwellinghouse and alterations to access at Land opposite No. 48 James Street | Local Development Delegated Decision

Scottish Building Warrant:

Approved:

1. SBW Ref. No: 14/00927/ALTA01 | Received date: Fri 28 Aug 2015 | Amendment to original layout at 27 High Street | Status: Approved

Pending:

1. SBW Ref. No: 15/02076/EXT | Received date: Wed 02 Sep 2015 | Extension to dwellinghouse at 64 High Street |
2. SBW Ref. No: 15/02280/EXT | Received date: Mon 07 Sep 2015 | Extension to dwellinghouse to form new vestibule, sunroom and toilet at 54 University Avenue |
3. SBW Ref. No: 15/02351/EXT | Received date: Tue 29 Sep 2015 | Alterations and extension to dwellinghouse at The Old Yard 38 High Street |

Play Park Fence: nothing to report at present. The soft matting around the swings, chute etc. have been renewed.

Benches: The bench on a slope has been levelled and they are coming back to level the other one. Another 3 benches are missing from the sea front, that is now 5 benches in total that have been removed. **KH** to write to Moir Gibson regarding this matter. Benches were to be replaced but to date nothing.

Sea Wall: **WH** mentioned about access up the pier, a whole section had been built out from old sea wall, this is meant to be removed on the completion of works at the harbour.

NTH Trust: **A** copy of the Constitution and Minutes from last AGM for the **NTH** are to be forwarded to Andrew Ferguson so that this can then proceed to be dealt with.

PICT. They recently held their AGM so a new board of directors have been selected. They have a few projects in the pipe line, one being installing a hut out West Braes next year to sell dinks etc. Upgrading the Putting Green/Crazy Golf area. They are also still discussing how to improve the facilities at the swimming pool. Butchers shop in High Street could be turned into a Community Shop, so they have quite a lot to discuss with their new committee.

Councillor's Report: **Cllr Macgregor** discussed the installation of 2 Solar Farms, one in Newport and the other outside Crail, another application for one at Cameron. A group meeting was to be held to discuss the closure of local libraries.

Treasurer's Report: **KH** thanked **BO** for circulating the bank statements each month, to date in bank is £7103-91. £5,000 of that is a grant from **FC** for new playpark equipment to be discussed in the New Year.

Secretary's Report: **MW** thanked all those who had come back regarding draft minutes. It has been suggested that a general committee be organised to include all local committees in Pittenweem to come together to help with fund raising and general support for the community. If anyone has any comments on this please contact me in the first instance. A resident commented that the sign at the bottom of Water Wynd could do to be enlarged to

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prevent people driving up the Wynd. It is hopeful that the Christmas lights will be ready to be switched on **THIS** Christmas and has asked Cllr. Macgregor to do the honours, he graciously accepted.

N.T.H.C.: Recent meeting discussed improvements made, resurface of car park in front of hall, new garage door and the installation of the lights on pillars at entrance gate. It was suggested if and when we get Trust Fund monies this could be spent on up-grading some of the facilities inside the hall, new flooring in ladies toilets, new coat rails etc. This will be discussed in more detail at next meeting.

Website: Nothing to report.

Tolbooth: Nothing to report.

Abbeywall Road:

After a meeting with Parks, they are not responsible for the upkeep of ground on the right hand side going down Abbeywall Road. Although **FC** did some repairs a few years ago to the bottom wall they are not responsible for the upkeep. If anyone knows anything about this ground the **CC** would appreciate any information on this matter. The cutting down of hedges and shrubs causing soil erosion in Waggon Road was also discussed. It is suggested that residents in the area of Waggon Road and Priory Court get together to complain to the Housing Dept. about having their 'garden areas' reinstated since Parks only carry out work according to instructions given by Housing.

Order wreath and **JT** has agreed to lay it on Remembrance Sunday.

Refugee placements – **FC** will assess where these people will be placed. It is more likely that they will be housed in bigger towns rather than the smaller rural areas. Collections have started for clothing etc. contacts can be found on websites.

Time Finished: 8-40pm Next Meeting: Monday 9th November

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