



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

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Minutes of meeting held Monday 13th July 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, J. Bowman, A. Innes.

Fife Council: Cllr D. MacGregor.

Guests: Garry Nicoll (Fife Council Building Warrants)

Members of the public: None.

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

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: J. Taylor. **Seconded:** B. Ortmann

KH. Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies, he then invited our guest Garry Nicoll from Fife Council Building Warrants dept. to give an explanation of the process and reasons for building warrants.

Garry explained what building warrants were, why they were used and the involvement with Building Standards set by the Scottish Government. Building Warrants have come under Building Standards since 2005. Detailed technical plans are submitted to them for approval before work commences on foundations, drainage, insulation, safety, glass, stairs and overall general safety. He explained certain types of internal work does not need a building warrant but if unsure always make enquiries. If plans are not available for work that has been done to property then they need to enquire at Glenrothes to see if plans had been lodged. Individuals can ask for designs and warrants to be kept private. No representation is

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required when applying for a building warrant, once approval has been given, completed work must have a proper completion certificate from the builder in charge. Building warrant work is sometimes checked throughout the building process, also public safety, any defects or danger to the public the officer in charge can step in. All work has to be done to a standard to satisfy the board. When property changes hands any major work done to the property should have a certificate. Property is not always visited and a charge can be incurred for a specific visit to check out work completed to a property. These fees can be quite hefty and the people who visit are called verifiers. Landlords are checked for structural work completed. Internal changes do not usually need a building warrant unless it is a major structural change. It is always the person doing the work that submits the certificate to building standards and it is only then checked if it is thought necessary, a cost then would be incurred. Defective and dangerous buildings come under building warrant strategy if it proves it is a danger to the public, owners would have to make the building safe. Records only go back to 1991 and are available for people to look at if the need arises.

Scottish Water: Cllr Macgregor has spoken with Mr Rennie. He said the sewage and surface water goes down separate pipes, but apparently all water goes down the same pipe. During a recent heavy downpour of rain the sievers in West Wynd blew and as a result raw sewage came to the surface. It was decided to wait till Billy Hughes returns from holiday and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Police: As representatives from the Police did not attend meeting there is nothing to report.

Pittenweem in Bloom: HC reported that damage had been done to several tubs during recent weeks, many had plants removed from them and one tub at Lounge About was set on fire. Police will be asked to attend out next meeting. They are being judged tomorrow for the overall floral tubs in Pittenweem. They only get an hour to show the judges round. A cheque that was sent to them some time ago from FC by mistake has still to be sorted out. HC paid tribute to all the work helpers have done this year. Another two ladies have also come forward to say they are willing to help with tubs etc. The roadside going down Abbeywall Road is a mess and JT was asked to contact FC on behalf of PIB to see what they could do to repair and tidy up the wall and banking. It will end up a danger to road users if a landslide was to occur.

Road Repairs: KH has had complaints regarding the state of the road repairs, the general public don't seem to understand about budgets within FC and how the budgets work and the money allocated. Still trying to get West Braes car park done. Workmen seem more inclined to sit in their trucks rather than do constructive work and the standard of repair that has been completed to date leaves a lot to be desired. Cllr Macgergor is going to see what he can do about getting repairs done to a better standard than has been done

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recently. Areas needing to be done or re-done are Queen Elizabeth , West Braes and Sandybraes roads. Apparently two women were checking the work completed and they said they were happy with the standard of work completed.

High Street Electrics: waiting on report from K. Morsley and planning.

Harbour/Breakwater: no real change, the public would like to see updates on the web-site of hours to be worked and any changes that may affect the day to day movements within the harbour area. They will be moving the big piece of equipment to the other side of the wall every day so there will be more harbour disruption. They are still in the process of digging out, they have been pumping out and some concrete has been laid.

Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields: nothing to report.

Toilet Block: at West Braes. R. Blyth to contact Cllr Macgregor, they are finished on the outside having completed the paintwork. KH to write to see what is happening to the inside since it is need of full refurbishment.

Benches: M. Gibson in hospital. New bench that was donated has been placed at West Braes and was agreed but the installation of it leaves a lot to be desired. It is squint, not in line and basically stuck on a piece of ground and screwed down, it is not level, no alignment has been done, they will have to come back and redo this job. Yet another unnecessary expense to the tax payers. Why there is not a responsible person on site to make sure these jobs are completed correctly. KH to write to Iain Barbour to see if he can arrange the removal of all "artwork" since they are now an eyesore to visitors.

Pittenweem Arts Festival: copy of catchment sent to all, copy of AGM minutes but a few queries needing to be asked at their next meeting. Comments made by them regarding others doing things out with their committee and not contributing to the Festival funds was very spiteful and certainly many people have since commented on their comments regarding the Fringe.

Eastneuk and Landward: had their AGM. Police to charge for their time policing community events, up to £40 per hour may be charged. It appears a 'charity status' registered group such as the Pittenweem Arts festival is not normally charged. Funding has been secured to help improve superfast broadband.

Planning Notifications received since June Meeting:

14/03752/FULL Miss Rebecca Stewart, 22 Milton Place,
Formation of vehicular access. **Work commenced**

14/02993/FULL 10/6/2015 Mrs Virginia nelson, 26 Milton Place, Erection of a domestic garage and panel fencing, installation of roof lights. **Work commenced.**

15/00664/PPP 18/6/2015 Mr Derek Swan, 2 Milton Place, Listed building consent for installation of roof light. **Unconditional Approval/Referral to HS.**

15/01378/FULL 03/7/2015 38 High Street, Porch extension to front of dwelling house And Installation of window. **Application Permitted - no conditions.**

15/00555/FULL Ground Floor, 41 High Street, Change of use from shop (Class 1) to café (Class 3) incorporating outdoor seating area. **Application permitted – with conditions.**

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Being considered in June/July:

15/01926/FULL 05/6/2015 Mr & Mrs S. Harvey, Upper Floor, 63 Abbeywall Road, installation of replacement windows: **Delegated Decision: Fiona Kirk.**

15/01548/FULL/LBC 10/6/2015 Mr Craig Johnstone, 8 Kirkgate, Listed building consent for a single storey extension to rear of dwelling house: **Delegated Decision: Fiona Kirk.**

Update to plans being considered in the period – none.

New in the period – none.

N.T.H. Trust: it has to go before the North Area of Councillors for the distribution of funds.

Common Good Fund: Nothing apart from chasing repairs to the church bell and repairs to church tower.

PICT: nothing to report.

Notice Boards: nothing has been done to date, KH approached Fiona Mitchell but she has said it will cost money that is not available at present. It was decided that members of the C.C. would do it themselves.

Secretary's Report: Update for C.C.F.R.C. from first Royal bank statement £2819-75, petty cash £113-37. E. Paterson, headmistress Pittenweem Primary School invited Christine and myself to the unveiling of the School Centenary Memorial, we had contributed monies to their fund raising for the project. It was very interesting and every pupil including nursery all played a part by placing a mosaic tile into the picture. It is sited on the left hand side as you enter the school gates. Nothing has come back regarding the gate at the CC Church. Fiona Watson Fund Raising leaflet has been sent through. CD from planning guidance June 2015.e Parks dept. has been cancelled, put back to sometime in August. Use of the Church Tower nothing to date. Letter sent to A. Ferguson re the guided tours of the tower by L. Lowe, nothing back to date. JT to follow up. Flood plan should it ever happen, what steps would we take? Setting up of a website for CC. Copy of minutes to be sent to D. Stutchfield to put onto the Pittenweem web site.

Councillor's Report: Cllr Macgregor reported site for new Waid Academy, need a quorum since the old tower at the present site has to be retained and this has to be agreed. The closing down of the libraries, the Cllr's. Do not want to lose the rural libraries. FC has proposed to set an amount aside for the libraries and FC want to look at other ways of raising monies to fund the keeping of the libraries. All registered users of the libraries are being contacted since this a vital service to smaller communities, it has been mentioned that they could be housed in the schools within each town/village. We as a CC need to encourage people to both use this service more and to encourage people to fill in the forms that will soon become available to help stop the closures from taking place. The fact the libraries not only supply reading material but they are also a source to many who wish to use the internet. Cllr Macgregor gave us his holiday dates.

Treasurers Report: £7347-38 in bank. Still have £692 to use up from FC grant.

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Bins: contacted premises but no response. Still being left beside the Larachmohr. Also a seat sits on the road outside the building, not sure why. To be looked into for next meeting.

Parking in market Square: different people in different depts. regarding this query and it is making it difficult to get a decision.

Garden Scheme: no contact with figures from Jan Karl Querido to date.

Crest and Road Signs: Nothing back regarding costs from FC. One of the Crests is sitting in a garage. To be discussed at next meeting.

N.T.H.C.: presentation and afternoon tea for Jim Hughes (past chairman) and David Birrell for their commitment to the committee over the years. They received gift vouchers as a token of appreciation.

Pittenweem Memorial: At the last meeting it was decided that the committee would need to spend more time and get external guidance and information regarding funding etc., so it will be on hold at present whilst the committee continue in consultation.

Defib. Signs: It was agreed by both Pittenweem Pharmacy and Lounge About that the flat sign was their preferred choice. Feed back was sent back to First Responders.

Complaint to Mr Taylor: The meeting with Parks Dept. re Waggon Road 'garden area' was cancelled until further notice by FC.

Pittenweem Map: This has now been cleaned and updated by J.K.Querido and is ready to be installed into our new notice boards.

Scottish Resuscitation Conference: Leaflets for information about classes.

Kincardine Bridge Repairs: Update on closure and repairs.

Queen Margaret Hospital: Update on services now provided.

Traffic Update for Crail and Elie Festival/Gala: Update on parking and road closures.

Financial Harm and Vulnerable Adult Workshops: Information about classes and meetings.

Lighting Adverts: Adverts re-electrical products.

We Will Remember Them: Information from Corido about Commemorative Benches.

A.O.C.B.: to ask for contribution from Arts Festival for use of park . Parking in 'NO PARKING' area of Milton Road.

Time Finished: 9-30pm Next Meeting: Monday 14th September (no August meeting)

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

