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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 14<sup>TH</sup> December 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, W. Hughes, J. Bowman, A. Innes

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

Guests: none

Members of the public: Four

Apologies: H. Coggle, Cllr Riches.

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** A. Innes      **Seconded:** B. Ortmann

**KH.** Opened the meeting by giving an explanation for apologies. He then welcomed everyone to the Christmas meeting which started off with tea/coffee, mincemeat pies and shortbread. He explained that the minutes were getting longer and longer and it is time this was reduced to three pages if possible, therefore if people wanted to discuss anything try to keep it to the minimum. Asked for all questions to come through the chair, no tittle tattle, no separate agenda's

**Matters Arising:**

**Police Issues:** Police were too busy to come along tonight. Have said they would attend January meeting to update us since there had been break-ins etc. in the area.

**Library Closures:** **KH** wrote to Mr Ross reply that came back was too late. **Cllr JD** has written to chairman of **FCT** asking again for a meeting with parties concerned. He attended a meeting held by **PICT** suggestions made to formulate a joint committee for P/weem, Crail, and Colinsburgh. He also attended the protest meeting held by the Fife Library Campaign Group held at Fife House. An interview was given to press about E.Q.I.A's. but it has not been printed. To date no response to his request for a meeting with himself and library representatives. G. Stutchfield also was contacting **FCT** on behalf of Pittenweem Library. **Cllr DM** gave a brief of what happened, the final decision by **FC** was taken at a meeting consisting of 22 members but it was not on a proportional vote where all parties have their

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say but the majority of members were from the one party which meant it was a biased return on votes. 16 Libraries have to be closed, **FC** asked **FCT** for figures which ranged from £750,000 to £900,000, in the present financial climate of **FC** this kind of money will not be available. They had the final say, came up with alternatives, having volunteers as a possibility. Suggestion asking for a community organization to run it. **Pict** committee would like to put in an expression of interest coming up with **CC**. Constitution of **CC** wouldn't allow that to happen. Would everyone be happy to minute support G. Stutchfield's request. Put to a vote, unanimous, **KH** proposed **WH** seconded. If the library was to be kept open questions need answers. Present rent paid on library, nothing in **CGF** paperwork for lease of Old Town Hall. There are expenses listed but no income for renting out to **FC**. Andrew Ferguson is to be asked for some information. **KH** asked **Pict** to reply to letter with what their proposals would be if they could keep the library open. This has a very tight time scale to reply in, G. Stutchfield agreed to write on behalf of Pittenweem.

**Old Town Hall:** To date no reply regarding our queries and concerns regarding the state of the Old Town Hall. The only thing to come back was an e-mail to say they would look into it. This needs attention now since it is a health and safety issue. **JT** to chase up again.

**Scottish Water:** Nothing new to report

**Pittenweem in Bloom:** They held a social evening with a floral demonstration etc. to raise funds, no figure mentioned. There was a good turnout on the evening and Phylis Dougal from Pathhead Nurseries took the stage for demonstrating floral decorations etc. for Christmas.

**Road Repairs:** **Cllr DM** reported 2016-2017 resurfacing of Marygate, to Abbeywall Road, cost £43,000, University Terr. and Ave. cost £26,000, Sandycraig Rd. and Queen Elizabeth Rd. £50,000 after the renewal of gas pipes is completed. **KH** brought up about the change of one way system in Lady Wynd during the road works to make Lady Wynd a no parking zone at all times till road repairs were completed. **Cllr DM** is going to look into this matter to see if it would be possible.

Notice Boards. **MW** brought up the matter of putting paper work into the cabinets. Thought **BO** had keys, **MW** was holding 1 key but you need 2 keys to open the glass doors. **KH** has the keys so he is going to give out keys to those who are willing to place notices etc. into them. **BO** has agreed to do this at present.

**High Street Electrics:** Mr Coleman promised to have everything done but owing to weather problems it has been held up, all going well the electrics should be completed by the end of \*this week and Mr Wilson from RB Grant will be placing the lights on the trees next week so fingers crossed.

**Church Bell:** nothing to report

**Road Signs:** It was agreed at the last meeting that we would concentrate on the road sign coming in from the recycling depot. Contact **FC** to see if they would replace that sign and if all goes well then we would ask them to replace the other signs as well. **KH** has agreed to go back to **FC** and put this suggestion forward.

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

**Bins:** resolved last time, **WH** thinks it is a seasonal thing so will keep an eye on it.

Defibs: Completed

**Harbour/ Breakwater:** All scaffolding and materials have been removed and will be returned when the contactors come back to complete the job in 2016.

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

**East Neuk/Landward:** **DS** has been co-opted onto the committee and is now vice-chair. Cllr Riches talked about superfast broadband within the area. Two officers have been selected and are now employed, Community Trust has been set up to manage the programme. There is about a million pounds worth of work to be done, funding by Scottish Government £700,000-£750,000, this is to implement broadband in the areas that **BT** are not prepared to do. **FC** is giving approx. £200,000 for rolling out to tender, getting communities to engage with this. It should be going out to tender next year. European funding to help. Area's not getting any coverage, Arncroach, Caiplye and surrounding areas. It was asked why mobile phone reception was not given some thought since reception in this area is very poor. Encap board are looking for two people to be trained to work full time in broadband distribution. East Neuk First Responders have a new vehicle, centre of excellence has been awarded to this area and Gillian now on advisory panel. ENFS down to seven active people, thirteen people waiting to be trained by Ambulance services, they will not accept anyone not trained. It is now reported that the two areas organisations are now working successfully together, but with the Ambulance service calls going through Edinburgh there are still concerns, namely, areas are not familiar to person taking the call, they are meant to tell the caller where the defibs. are situated but are not always doing so, and they are not always making First Responders aware of an incident.

#### **Planning Application Notifications.**

##### **10/11/2015 to 14/12/2015**

Planning permission in principle (renewal of application reference 12/03491/FULL) for \*erection of dwelling house and alterations to access on land opposite No 48 James Street.

Ref. No: 15/01208/FULL 16/11/2015 Pittenweem Community Council, Street Record ,High Street Installation of 3 permanent power supply sockets.

Ref. No: 15/03654/FULL (amendment to 13/03398/FULL) Single storey extension and dormer extension to rear of dwelling house – 4 Mayview Consultation Expiry Date Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2015.

##### **Scottish Building Warrant:**

Alterations to dwelling – 13B Water Wynd

Ref. No: 14/01882/ALT | Received date Mon. 28<sup>th</sup> July 2014 | Status: Completion Accepted | Alteration and extension to dwelling house – 38 High Street

Ref. No: 15/02351/EXT | Received date: Tue. 29<sup>th</sup> Sept. 2015 | Status: Approved | Extension to dwelling house – 64 High Street

Ref. No: 15/02076/EXT | Received date: Wed. 02<sup>nd</sup> Sept. 2015 | Status: Approved |

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**Play Park Gate:** KH has written to I. Barbour, needs to be checked to see if problem has been sorted.

**Benches:** Moir Gibson meeting **CC** member at 10am at the harbour to discuss existing benches and the ones that have been removed. The bench that was presented by a member of the public some time ago has still to be realigned so it is sitting on level ground. Lucky Jim's bench was apparently removed by **FC** and placed at the Old Men's Club but has since disappeared. To be followed up by asking locals if they knew anything about it.

**Parking: Abbeywall Rd/Harbour:** **PIB** are to be asked to remove tubs and re-locate them, at present they are causing an obstruction within the harbour parking area. **JT** is to ask Moir Gibson to have a meeting to discuss how parking could be improved within the whole \*harbour area. Tote bag with logs in parking area in Mid Shore, been there for months, owners should be asked to remove it. Boat trailers are also a problem left in parking spaces.

**\*Sea Wall:** Work progressing but it is noted that contaminated soil removed from the Cunningham's has been placed behind the sea wall and covered with a heavy barrier material ready to be covered by fresh top soil.

**Pittenweem Arts Festival:** nothing to report.

**NTH Trust:** Andrew Ferguson identified some time ago what was required and since then all paper work has been submitted. This trust used to give to the needy of the parish, requests went before the area committee. Some of the monies should be coming into the NTH committee

**PICT:** They have had a meeting regarding library closure and have written to **FCT** and **FC** stressing the feelings of local users of the library

**Councillors Report:** **Cllr JD** attended Pittenweem Library reading. W. Rennie was there, didn't acknowledge or a give a date for any coastal queries. He attended rally at Fife House and **Pict** meeting, made suggestions, active group in area joint response. Regarding the church bell **FC** is looking for money by closing such establishments as the Church Tower. He attended a meeting where **FC** rep's. gave a talk on how community centres, town halls etc. are being looked at, looking at the liability of premises including Pittenweem Old Town Hall, its value being put at £100,000 with running costs of £1,548 per year it also has a very high maintenance backlog cost £165,000. It is intended at a future Ward locality meeting for this hall and properties throughout East Neuk/Landward. This process is being gone through across Fife.

**Cllr Docherty** attended East. Neuk & Landward Community Forum where it was agreed a presentation will be given by the Health & Social Care Integration Board and White Ribbon campaign will do a presentation. The White Ribbon Campaign – An action charity that is against domestic violence/abuse (male or female). It was founded by a group of male paramedics in North America that were appalled at the increasing numbers of female victims they were having to treat and collect in their ambulances.

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He also attended Pittenweem Library Read in, read out letter written to him by the Chair of Fife Cultural Trust regarding the information he sent to him re-the Equality Impact Assessments (E.Q.I.A's). There was no response to the request by **Cllr JD** to have a meeting with him plus the representatives of library campaigners and **CC** reps from Crail, Colinsburgh and Pittenweem.

Cllr D.Macgregor didn't have anything specific to report. He made his comments on other issues throughout the meeting.

**\*Treasurers Report:** To date in bank £7056-15, (£5000 from **FC** towards Bollards and electricity installation for the Christmas lights) Still some paint left over but will be used up on projects in 2016.

**\*Secretaries Report:** Hopefully, most of the lights will be switched on for Christmas. There is enough monies in the fund raising account to cover the full cost of the lights. **Cllr DM** has kindly agreed to come along and do the honours of switching them on. Thank you to Alec for sending information through regarding Still Park.

**N.T.H.C.** some funny things been happening within the hall, not sure if someone is going into the hall possibly using the keys that the payback people had. Nothing else to report.

**Website:** nothing to report

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

**Bus Service:** nothing to report.

**Fishermans's Memorial:** Recent public meeting, poor turnout despite the newspaper report. General feed-back, 'why has this not been done before'. Suggestions to do coffee mornings to raise funds. Committee waiting to re-convene, a lot more research needs to be done. **KH** to keep an agenda and report back to the **CC** and keep members informed before anything goes public. It went to a vote of hands for staying in as sub-committee of **CC**, 5 for, 2 against, 1 abstained. **KH** mentioned that someone had been discussing items out with the committee. No decisions have been made. Hope to co-opt more members on to the committee. Keep on agenda.

**Pittenweem Map:** The map in Office is to be put up on wall within the N.T.H.C.Office. Nothing else to report.

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

**Library/reuse of building:** It was asked if the library building could be used for internet purposes or be used as a communication hub for the area.

NTH Keys have been returned to me from the payback workers.

**Questionnaire Form Fairer Scotland Results** been sent to all members of **CC**.

**A Scottish Civic Trust Awards 2016** been sent to all members.

**Cllr JD Health & Social Integration Board, MW** has offered to be contact for Pittenweem **CC**.

**Finish Time:** 8-45pm

**Next Meeting:** 11<sup>th</sup> January 2016 -7pm

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**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, **Cllr DM**- Councillor Donald Macgregor, **Cllr JD**- Councillor John Docherty, **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **FCT**-Fife Cultural Trust, **DS**-David Stutchfield  
**BT.** – British Telecom, **ENFR**-East Neuk First Responders