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Minute Secretary: M. Wardlaw, Contact Secretary: J. Taylor.**

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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2017 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.**

**Present:**

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

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

Guests: T. Elder Police, David Stutchfield and Georgina Stutchfield.

Members of the public: none

Apologies: J. Bowman and Cllr. E. Riches

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** J. Taylor

**Seconded:** B. Ortmann

**KH** welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Guests usually get to say their business before the main meeting starts, but **KH** commenced this evening by asking for a minute's silence in respect of the recent passing of Jim Hughes who was an active member of the **CC** and the community in general for many years.

**Pict** - David Stutchfield gave a quick update. **Pict** is still active, there is now a separate committee for the library and one for the West Braes regeneration. New directors for **Pict** are R. Bremner, D. Stutchfield and L. Foote. We are currently looking at the proposed cycle path which has been instigated by Anstruther and is now beginning to take shape. It will come up past the Waid and along the back of the Co-op, over the old railway bridge and along by the footpath to the Milton then onto the outskirts of Pittenweem. It is now our job to speak to the community and get their views of where they want this path to go to. We have received £2000 from **FC** for a consultant to look into going out to the community to get their views on where the path should go once it gets to Pittenweem. This was a way to get children to cycle to school rather than pay the bus fares. **FC** has started preliminary work, there is funding of £350,000 and **FC** is going to try and match this, end project will be in the region of £1,000,000. It is hoped this project will also help with the tourist trade in the East Neuk. Expected final date will be sometime in 2018. Lighting issues were mentioned, the path would be lit with built into the pathway solar lights. **KH** mentioned cyclists coming the wrong way down the High Street, it was commented on that these people did not take kindly to being told off about it. This would have to be looked into when and if the pathway goes through the town.

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**Broadband: DS** also gave a quick update on broadband. Another £715,000 will be spent getting the system working faster but there are some locations in Pittenweem that are causing a problem. **DS** promised to keep us updated on both projects.

**Library:** G. Stutchfield gave an update on the library. It closed on 27/2/17 and we do not as yet having a re-opening date. The lease is still under discussion. We do not want to sign a lease for only wind and water-tight when so much of the inside needs to be refurbished and we do not have the monies to do that. We are looking for a lease with an acceptable level of maintenance and care obligation from **FC**. It has been allowed to run down with no monies having been spent on it. She will be kept us updated. **KH** reported that it was said the property had a huge valuation which **FC** had depreciated considerably and the monies saved were meant to have been spent back on the hall but this had not been done.

**Police** – Tracy Elder is here tonight to give an update of what has been happening in our area. They have had a change of management since she was last here. There has been 2 assaults - detected, 2 thefts from recycle centre - not detected, 2 drunk driving both detected, vandalism at Grangemuir - 4 youths have been spoken to, case ongoing, complaints of speeding, about quad bikes at East Shore, a male tried to steal a generator from the harbour area and coastal destruction of birds' nests. They are looking for anyone who is seen in the coastal area causing problems to be reported. **Cllr DM** mentioned he had been targeted with scams twice recently, when he checked his bank he was told that someone had tried to take monies from his account. This brought into discussion other members who have been targeted recently in different ways. Tracy did say they have been going round the homes for the elderly speaking to them and warning them to be aware of these things happening. She also mentioned that two females have been stealing bags and purses in St Andrews, no one has been caught as yet. Another woman had been following people coming from the bank, bumps into them, takes their purse wallet or whatever and is off. If you see anything suspicious please contact the police.

**MW** asked if there were any posters available to make people aware of these scams in the area and how to handle them, **TE** didn't think there were any posters, but she has leaflets and will hand some in, they are quite explicit. She is more than happy to come along and talk to groups on scams.

**KH on Citation:** he did not attend court, has heard nothing and apparently only one person attended.

**KH on Skate Park:** have kept everyone advised to date and apparently funding has been given to update skate parks in Fife. I have asked A. Bisset to keep us in mind. Why can't we get an off the shelf replacement, St Andrews seem to be in the same position, costs are in the £250,000 area, will keep pushing till something happens.

**KH on Old Town Hall** – Common Good Property paper work coming out from **FC** dated 2014 which means nothing. Procedures which should have been sent out to **CCs** are just coming through regarding the asset lists. You cannot be given any names of Trustees for the Common Good Fund for Fife. M. McArdle is on property side and Dallas Meakin on the Council Trust side for moveable assets, but ou just cannot get any information back from them. Report is to be sent to **Cllr JD**.

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**KH on Church Bell** - needs a crane and scaffolding up on the inside of the tower to get the bell out and replace the wheel. **Cllr JD** mentioned Fife Cultural Trust and is willing to chase this up with them.

**KH on Provosts Chain** – We need to know where it is. MW asked: Should we not have been given a receipt when this was removed from the library?

**Marygate:** Whilst renewing pavements FC are lowering the kerbs in front of private houses.

**P.I.B.** just struggling along. Sadly Helen handed in her resignation tonight, she is finding she has too much on her plate with **PIB** and illness in the family. She will be missed since she has kept us updated with **PIB** activities. We wish her all the best for the future with **PIB** and also a speedy recovery for her husband.

**Main Road Signs** - we were going to talk about getting Royal Burgh signs to go on top of the present signs. There is a chap who works with a company in Hayfield Ind Est. Kirkcaldy, **KH** to chase up and get quotes. The year 1547 was when Pittenweem was made a Royal Burgh.

**Planning: 23** Notifications in Period Feb 13 to Mar 13 [2017] of those 6 were new, and 10 approved. The following are noted as commented on by public

17/00421/FULL | Rec'd date: Tue 14 Feb 2017 Erection of Dwelling (demolish existing fish processing shed and 2 garages) (amendment to application 16/00912/FULL) - Reekie Fish Merchant Marygate | Status: **New** 17/02/17 | Type: Planning

00/00282/L\_S50 | Status: Rec'd Section 50 Certificate - Pittenweem Pharmacy - 7 Market Place | Status: **New** 21/02/17 | Type: Scottish Building Warrant

16/03755/FULL | Rec'd date: Wed 09 Nov 2016 Installation of replacement street lighting columns, control pillars and ancillary works (Marygate and Priory) - Street Record Marygate | Status: Permitted - no conditions 23/02/17 | Type: Planning

17/00504/TCA | Rec'd date: Wed 22 Feb 2017 Request to carry out works to a tree in Pittenweem conservation area. Reduction of 1 cherry tree - 10 Priory Court | Status: **New** 28/02/17 | Type: Planning

16/04159/FULL | Rec'd date: Tue 20 Dec 2016 Change of use from shop (Class 1) to restaurant (Class 3) and artists' gallery and external alterations including erection of extension, formation of stairway and installation of doors and window - 14 East Shore | Status: **Permitted** with Conditions 09/03/17 | Type: Planning

16/04160/LBC | Rec'd date: Tue 20 Dec 2016 Listed building consent for internal and external alterations including erection of extension, formation of stairway and installation of doors/window and signage - 14 East Shore | Status: **Permitted** with Conditions 09/03/17 | Type: Planning

**Abbeyswall Road banking:** there are several cracks formed at "the watery stairs" and the wall is starting to bulge. **Cllr JD** said that someone was coming out to look at it but nothing back so far; he is going to chase it up again.

**Dog Fouling:** a lot of complaints coming in, talked again about signs for the play area. We have to get the signs ourselves since we put up the fence. **KH** going to get some prices.

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### **Councillors Report:**

**Cllr D.M** nothing to report.

**Cllr JD** reported that the machinery at Pittenweem Fish Market Ice Factory is now past its useful life cycle. Breakdowns include: ice production machine 1 incident, Chiller 10 incidents, Rake 9 incidents. There is an agreement between **FC** and **FMA** dating back to 1997, and there are several options for its renewal. The one favoured by **FC** is that there will be a one off funding grant awarded by **FC** to the **FMA** to purchase the plant in support of a **EMFF** funding application, with revenue costs and liability being fully met and managed by the **FMA**. Technical support and procurement services would be given by **FC** for the installation of the new plant.

**Treasurer's Report:** £2132.44 in the bank. Have spent £330 of the £581 received from **FC** at start of the year. Take out £700 and put towards signs and not plaques. Budget £200 per sign for 3 and £200 for installation. **BO** to go back to **FC** with update.

**Secretary's Report:** I had had two committee members come back with points from last meeting's minutes. Can I ask yet again for people who have things to say to write it down and give it to me after the meeting like **JD** does or to e-mail it to me. This request is getting like a stuck gramophone needle, although the tape is very good it is very difficult to pick up points when others are talking over the speaker. E-mail would be preferable.

Next meeting will be held in the office building

**NTHC:** We set up Facebook a two weeks ago, we are [pittenweem.newtownhall.co.uk](http://pittenweem.newtownhall.co.uk). There is nothing much on it at present. The nursery finishes at the end of this month for good, the relationship just was not working. The plumbers come in on 3<sup>rd</sup> of April to do a complete refit of piping and radiators thanks to "Awards for All" funding.

**Fisherman's memorial;** memorial has been given charitable status.

**Graveyards:** nothing to report, **KH** still chasing.

**The Bunting:** there is no financial help available. The ground to be sown with seeds to grow plants that the Buntings feed on will be along the fence at the north end of the park. This should not affect anyone including the Arts Festival's parking arrangements. **CM** proposed and **MW** seconded the plan to go ahead. **JT** go back and give them our answer. **KH** suggested we trade with **FC** if we do the Bunting hedge will they do the banking at Abbeywall Rd, it is worth a try.

**Cycle Path:** It is a lot of money when there are so many other things that need money spent on them. Will it justify the cost and how many people will actually use it? The safety element is there for children, no proper lighting. It has not been discussed at Waid level. Some staff do cycle from Pittenweem to Waid. There is still a lot of discussion needed to be done.

**Annual Grant:** haven't had any forms to claim for it so far.

**Road Closures:** road going up to Grangemuir has been put into notice board, school Wynd is closed at present

**NE Fife Area Reports:** it been sent to everyone

**Abbeywall Road:** I. Barbour not interested, complete eyesore, looking into how this needs to be cleared and tidied up.

**AOCB.** Complaints have been coming in from home owners regarding black bin bags being put out by holiday homes and left for the seagulls to enjoy and make a mess. We no longer have Gordon to come along and clean it up, it can be left for days, not what we want to see in a popular seaside village. Cigarette ends, litter and dog's dirt are also a common

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complaint. It was asked who cleans the Wynds going down to the harbour? **JT** has completed the insurance form.

**FC** : Jane Findlay 01345-444407, Ian Barbour coastal path and Steve Grimmond for roads etc.

Junk

CC Twitter Sessions, CC Surveys (committee members should have completed)

CC Discussions Scottish Ambulance (more communication should be between first responders and ambulance services.) PSE

**Time Finished: 8-45pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday 10<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm**

**Remember the next meeting is in the office building.**

**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, **CIrDM**-Donald Macgregor, **CIrJD**-John Docherty, **CIr ER**- Elizabeth Riches, **F.C.T.** Fife Cultural Trust, **FMA**- Fisherman's Mutual Association, **TE** – Tracy Elder, **NTHC** – New Town Hall Committee, **PICT** – Pittenweem Community Trust.