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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in Pittenweem New Town Hall.**

**Opening of Meeting:**

The Chair **KH** called the meeting to order at 7pm and welcomed all present.

**Present:**

Community Council: K. Horsburgh, W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, H. Coggle, J. Bowman,

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

Guests: None

Members of the public: None

Apologies: B. Ortmann, A. Innes, C. McCallum and Cllr E. Riches ,

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** J. Taylor      **Seconded:** J. Bowman

**Matters Arising:**

**Notice Boards:** discussion regarding defacing of boards, no one has owned up or come along to meeting to discuss their problems or queries.

**West Shore:** a site meeting took place 26/4/2016 with representatives of **FC** and **CC**. Shown plans of the area and advised although no specific plans attached to title deeds for 21 West Shore, **FC** legal people happy on reflection presented to us. Quick summary, the **CGF** would gain circa 40 sq. metres and lose 20sq metres, which would result in boundaries of 21 West Shore being more uniform, **FC** has agreed to maintain (grass cuts etc.) on the **CGG**.

Reinstatement of ground by the contractor agreed between contractor and **FC**:

Repairs to fence substandard to be made good and coated with Dark Oak, Duck's Back preservative to match existing fencing.

In light of concerns raised and possible evidence of subsidence at the ground immediately above the old concrete staircases, an engineer has been called in to inspect the coastal slope and provide advice/recommendations for **FC** to consider.

The car park will have its surfaces improved by spreading the newly placed aggregate over the complete car park and adding a finer material to match the pre-existing material that was originally used.

The contractor not accepting responsibility for missing bollard, to be discussed with **FC**.

The contractor will dig new drainage channel for the flooding area of path and remove all dirt and debris at the bottom of the coastal path coming off the ‘Pan Braes’.

The contractor will remove all their remaining materials (orange plastic fencing and posts).

The contractor is to tidy up the ground immediately behind the Gas Works (sea) Wall by removing large stones/boulders which are exposed.

The contractor will make good and resurface the damaged parking bays at West Shore (damage to end two are evident but third might just need cleaned)

All this work due to commence the first week in May depending on the weather and contractor availability, to date no sign of anything being done.

**Gas Works Wall;** lengthy discussion with **FC** regarding previous drainage system (open ditch behind the wall and open slip way-not walled off) which worked well for the Little Roadie and its particular challenges for managing high tides and debris. Several coping stones are also noted to be damaged or missing.

We were advised that Nicholas Williamson **FC** will be undertaking repairs on the Gas Works (sea)Wall this summer (pointing and replacing damaged/missing coping stones and will look to make minor improvements in terms of drainage behind the wall at this time (chases in the sea wall to aid drainage). Consultation will take place towards end of May early June once the tendering process has been completed and time-scales for works have been discussed with contractors. Hope this answers any questions the public may have on any of the issues mentioned.

Although we think that the **CGF** already own part of the newly grassed ground at West shore allocated as such, 60% to common good and 40% to the Cunningham’s. A vote was taken to allow this division since it makes a straight border. **KH** proposed change and **WH** seconded it.

**West Braes:** Ian Barbour FC is to get wooden bollard repaired. Progress is being made on the upgrading of the Crazy Golf area with a metal portacabin being delivered on site and fitted out.

**West Wynd:** work in progress.

**Police:** Have taken details about notice board defacement. An update will be given at next meeting.

**Library Closures:** **MW** had a meeting with Georgina Stutchfield to discuss possible accommodation in New Town Hall for a future library if needed.

**Marygate:** lights are still causing problems but **SP** are still working on them.

**High Street Electrics:** the last bollard has been installed but the door will not close therefore we cannot install lights on the last two trees. This has been reported to J. Coleman **FC** several times now with no response to date. J. Wilson from R.B.Grant has been out to discuss what their plans are to re-arrange lighting but will not do anything till **FC** is finished.

**Wee Roadie:** see West Shore report.

**Old Town Hall:** scaffolding up but not sure what they are doing to it, carry over to next month. To date nothing has been done regarding fire escape and this needs to be sorted as soon as possible since this hall is still in use. The railing going upstairs has been damaged

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and never repaired. The fire escape has to be mentioned again before Arts Festival since they use the building.

**Scottish Water:** nothing to report

**P.I.B.** Tubbs have been painted down the shore. J. Knox has agreed to keep the grass area coming into Pittenweem from Anstruther tidy. Running out of time to get boat names done

**Road Repairs:** problem again in Abbeywall Road, same place as last time with the burst drain.

**Hall Closures:** it was noted that **FC** will only be keeping New Town Hall wind and water-tight all other repairs and upkeep will have to be paid by community funding.

**Church Bell:** contact made with M. McArdle so site meeting to take place, needing a new wooden wheel, joiner to visit site and report back.

**Road Signs:** nothing to report

**Common Good Fund:** **KH** to bring up suggestion re car parking at Arts Festival Meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**Harbour/Breakwater:** work is ongoing, 2 lorry loads of concrete was delivered on Sunday so they are working hard to complete.

**Maw Dubbs/Ninian Fields:** needs a building contractor to come along and apply to build houses, to date no interest has been shown. It is still on the **FC** planning charts for housing.

**East Neuk and Landward:** **Cllr D.M.** reminded us about a meeting in Cameron Hall on 16<sup>th</sup> June at 6-30pm all welcome to attend.

**Play Park Gate:** **MW** commented that the middle gate needs to be repaired, the hinge is damaged and the catch needs to be re-aligned to enable the gate to be closed properly. **KH** to contact **FC**.

**Benches:** one bench still to be returned no word where it is to be put.

**Pittenweem Arts Festival:** meeting to be held 24<sup>th</sup> May at Festival office. **KH** written to Andrew Ferguson regarding monies from car parking, part of which should be donated to **CGF**. E-mails flying round on social media from Arts Festival members regarding Fringe and this has caused a lot of ill feeling which does nothing for Pittenweem. It is only a small fishing village and at the end of the day the Festival is doing no favours for the residents. To date they have put in no tangible contribution to Pittenweem since it was set up. **CC** wants some monies to be paid back into **CGF** in lieu of the usage of play park for car parking.

Comments placed on Facebook have caused quite a bit agro, Festival management need to be aware of the unrest that is out there. Residents of Pittenweem need to be consulted and listened to as does the **CC** when they attend Arts Festival meetings.

**NTH Trust Fund:** forms have been signed and returned for monies to be paid out.

**PICT:** they are working on up-grading the Crazy Golf at West Braes.

**Dog Fouling:** We are informed: photos can be taken of the dog and pooh but not of the dog walker. Pictures can be sent into the dog warden.

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**Planning:** 18 updates have been received from 11th April to 9<sup>th</sup> May. No application was considered to require our attention, and no member of the public contacted us with any comment.

**Treasurers Report:** Bank Account: monies in bank to date 29/4/16 £1797.30

**Secretary's Report:** Problems regarding notice board damage. Offered secretary's position to anyone willing to take it on, but no takers. St Monans has someone who comes in and takes their minutes, she may get paid for doing this. **Cllr DM** is going to look into this and report back.

### **Councillor's Report:**

**Cllr D. Macgregor** said a meeting would be held at Skeith Centre to discuss problems between First Responders and Ambulance Services to sort out the current problems.

**Cllr J. Docherty:** Health and Social Care integration Board was formally recognised as a Board by the Scottish Government and is now the I.J.B. (Integrated Joint Board).

Communication will occur between the Board and **CC** and the **CC** will be able to raise issues with the Board. **Cllr J.D.** raised the issue about the church bell, he had contacted Mike McArdle, the specialist joinery team would like to have a meeting on site to discuss further with **CC** reps. soon. **Cllr JD** happy to organise and attend if required.

**NTHC:** Locality Fund meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> May will decide what grants will be awarded from **CGF** and Capital Grant. Note AGM meeting on 11<sup>th</sup> May.

**Website:** **JT** had asked if web contact could be named as **secretary.pittenweem on the council web site** as opposed to a personal **address**. **Cllr. D.M.** said he would speak again to Beth Flynn.

**Common Good Ground:** under report on West Shore.

**Fisherman's Memorial:** Charitable status papers passed to R. Hughes from Pagan Osborne, RH thinks it makes it too complicated so another meeting is needed to decide whether it will be a charity or not.

**Hedge in Charles Street:** e-mail was sent to Lyle Smith regarding complaint of over grown hedge spreading over pavement in Charles Street. It had already been cut back when someone came out to look at it.

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

Bill Welsh has retired and it is now Beth Flynn who is the Community Council Liaison Officer Tel. No. 03451 555555 Ext. 442346

Discussion about Common Good Artefacts that belong to Pittenweem, some are still in Pittenweem but some have gone missing, we need to find out what should happen to the ones we know about. **KH** to speak to Andrew Ferguson since they are listed as **CG** property. WH reported the 'no through' road sign at the top of School Wynd has been snapped off, looks as if it has happened when scaffolding has been erected at chemist. When scaffolding is erected in a public place a charge of £75 is made by **FC** to cover any eventualities like this. **FC** to be contacted to come out and look at it.

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If JT applies for Data Protection registration it goes down in his name and should anything happen to him then what happens. Could this be applied for as "secretary for" as opposed to a named person. **Cllr D.M.** said he would speak to Beth Flynn.

JT reminded us our allowance has not been spent to date. If you don't use all the allowance **FC** reduce the amount you get the following year.

WH asked what we should ask for from Arts Festival from the car park, a few suggestions were made.

Notice about Meetings for Scottish Rural Parliament

Documents from FC NEF Planning Committee – Pre-Determination Hearing.

**Time Finished: 8-30pm      Next Meeting: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2016 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, **Cllr DMcg** Cllr Donald Macgregor, **Cllr JD**,Cllr John Docherty **FC**- Fife Council, **CC**- Community Council, **CCFRC**- Community Council Fund Raising Committee, **PIB**- Pittenweem in Bloom, **SW**- Scottish Water, **SP** – Scottish Power, **CG**-Common Good, **CGF**-Common Good Fund, **CGG**- Common Good Ground,