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**Minutes of meeting held Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September 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, B. Ortmann, M. Wardlaw, J. Taylor, C. McCallum, H. Coggle.

**Fife Council:** Cllr D. Macgregor.

**Guests:** Police T. Elder and colleague.

**Members of the Public:** K. Brereton.

**Apologies:** A. Innes, J. Bowman, Cllr Docherty and Cllr Riches

**Approval of previous minutes:**

**Proposed:** C. McCallum                      **Seconded:** J. Taylor

**KH** opened the meeting by asking K. Brereton to explain his reason for attending this evening's meeting. **KB** is distressed at the way **FC** has handled the pavement improvements in Sandycraig Rd., Queen Elizabeth Rd. and the surrounding area. The said improvements have resulted in a lot of damage to garden walls. Harled walls are literally falling to pieces some worse than others. **KB** was concerned that the harling had become loose on many parts and if dampness or frost gets in this will only make the condition of the walls worse. He spoke to the supervisor in charge of the job and was given a form to fill in to send to **FC** Insurance dept., which he did. He has now been told to get his own legal person to contact **FC**. **FC** has apparently spoken to some residents with the promise of reinstating the damaged walls but to date no one has put this offer to **KB**. One of **KB's** gate pillars was damaged by the digger when it smacked into the post. Cllr Riches is to be visiting the area tomorrow 13<sup>th</sup> Sept. with someone from **FC** to meet **KB** to discuss the problem. It was agreed that Cllr Macgregor would speak with Cllr Riches and report back at the next meeting. It is noted that FC Insurance dept. have refused to make any pay out to **KB**.

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**Police Report:** Crimes reported since 1<sup>st</sup> July, three break-ins at recycling depot with the theft of silly items, an old Hoover, old car battery etc. no one has been apprehended to date. Abandoned vehicle, breach of the peace, metal plates lying on the main road. Parking at Waggon Road and a theft from a fishing boat. **MW** brought up the vandalism yet again at the Old telephone Exchange building in Session Lane, damage having been carried out from the Primary School side of the building, strong wired glass windows were broken. The reason this was not mentioned is because the person who rents this building lives in Cellardyke therefore this crime will be registered there! **MW** asked if they had spoken with the headmistress at the school but the answer was no. Arts festival passed with only a few problems for the police this year, they commented how much quieter everything was overall. A **CC** member reported that they had seen a driver leaving the car park one night who seemed to be under the influence of alcohol or something.

### **Matters Arising:**

**Arts Festival:** issues raised: best way forward to organise another meeting - asking three members from each i.e. Festival Committee, Councillors and **CC** members to meet.

The last meeting organised before the Festival went ahead and had been organised to accommodate Cllrs Riches on 28<sup>th</sup> July. K. Horsburgh, A. Innes and J. Bowman, members from **CC**, Cllr Macgregor and Cllr Docherty attended, Cllr Riches apologies came in after the meeting and no one from the Arts festival attended. Jean Duncan thanked the **CC** for the invitation but owing to it being so close to the Festival it was unsuitable.

The meeting went ahead with Cllr. Docherty taking the chair; it proved a very useful exercise, a lot of items were discussed and will be on the agenda for the next meeting. Fiona Mitchell is to be asked to get the "wash up" meeting set up as soon as possible. It is hoped that a meeting to suit all representatives can be arranged now that things have quietened down .

**West Braes:** Nothing to report regarding the damaged bench or the missing fence planks.

**West Shore:** Once again the ownership of the land at 21 West Shore has come up. **FC** has taken it to **NEF** Area Committee. **KH** raised the points about **FC** not maintaining either their side of the wall to the Cunningham's ground and also nothing has been done to tidy behind the wall at the old gas works. He asked what **FC** planned to do about maintenance on those plots of ground.

**Skate Park:** latest from Alan Bisset **FC** is that the ramps are in poor condition and will be removed in the near future. He would be happy to arrange a meeting to discuss providing replacement ramps in the future.

**PICT:** The business plan for the library has been accepted by **FC** so it is a case of getting everything into place ready for management to take it over by the end of February next year. They have still to discuss the lease and other costs for this project.

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**Notice Boards:** MW asked KH if he had arranged for the people who installed the boards to make them level so that the doors can be opened and closed without having two people to lift up the corners. It is in hand.

**West Wynd:** it is almost finished and looking good.

**Marygate:** FC is planning to upgrade the street lighting in Marygate and Priory Court, no dates given.

**High Street Power points:** Have chased J. Coleman FC about the new locks, timers and the damaged bollard but to date have had no reply. Lights were switched on for the Festival, and are still on.

**Breakwater/Harbour:** work is now finished and extension on pier has been removed.

**Wee Roadie:** 2 complaints. Someone was using the area as an unofficial venue during the festival, since this is CGG it needs to be looked into.

**Old Town Hall:** nothing to report.

**P.I.B.:** Silver Gilt Award was awarded for all the hard work of the committee and helpers.

HC reported they had made bit of money during the Festival by serving teas and raised over £500 at the last coffee morning.

**Road Repairs:** Queen Elizabeth and area, road repairs have been in discussion for several years now and it was hoped when recent upgrading of lighting and pavements were carried out that the roads would also have been a part of the upgrading but no. Many complaints have come in from householders in this area and Cllr Riches has reported back to CC, the programme covers the next two years and whether a full or partial upgrade will be done is dependant on budgets. It was pointed out that the time, effort and cost to keep patching up patches is not cost effective especially when it has been noted men sitting in their vans for half the time when they should be working. Materials used are poor quality and not properly laid and sealed off therefore after a few days of rain they are back to their original state.

**Church Bell:** last update the joiner was on holiday till mid-September, we wait with baited breath.

**Main Road Signs:** last update 22<sup>nd</sup> July, the order was placed for three new signs coming into Pittenweem from East, West and North sides of Pittenweem.

**Dog Fouling:** nothing to report

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

**East Neuk and Landward:** Next meeting Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 6-30pm in Pittenweem New Town Hall.

**Website:** nothing to report

**Councillors report:** nothing to report.

**Treasurer's report:** Insurance Policy has been renewed. Monies in bank Sept.12<sup>th</sup> £2309.11p

**Secretary's Report:** nothing to report.

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**Planning:** You were informed of important updates via the weekly report during this longer period. There were 33 updates in total between the 12<sup>th</sup>. July and the 12<sup>th</sup>. Sept inclusive, of those 3 were noted & commented on by members of the public:

**Fish Vending Cart at harbour:** a few comments have come in regarding the positioning and colour of this vehicle, none of them positive.

**Car Wash at Petrol Station James St.:** worries about safety of children & noise

**Application was Withdrawn** on 10/08

**Reekie Fish Merchant Marygate :** comments about another "shop" being lost  
16/00912/FULL | Reekie Fish Merchant Marygate | Reg. date: Mon 14 Mar 2016 | Erection of dwellinghouse (demolish existing fish processing shed and 2 garages) | Status: Application **Permitted** with Conditions | 28/07

**N.T.H.O.:** **MW** reported they hoped to purchase the shed that **PIB** has in the grounds of the New Town Hall. A meeting has been held with Asda regarding possible funding to help replace the water pipes within the hall at a costing of approx. £12,000.

**KH** has complained about the way the notification of new charges was delivered to him.

**MW** has taken up his point and will discuss it at their next meeting.

**NTH Trust Fund:** nothing has been paid into the account as yet, Cllr Macgregor to chase.

**C.G.Fund:** it was asked who actually managed it. Cllr Macgregor is going to enquire for us.

**Fishermen's Memorial:** it has now been decided they should go for charitable status since most funding goes to organisations that have this. There has been a knock back on planning as to where the memorial would be placed. They are still waiting on a bank account being set up so monies are still being lodged as a subcommittee of the **CC** bank account.

**Play Park Gate:** Complaint made about a plank of fencing missing and others loose with nails showing. Reported to Parks.

**Broken Street Signs:** in pipeline will be kept updated.

**Removal of Advertising Signs:** it was stated by **FC** that all illegal roadside notices would be removed unless permission had been asked for and given. Notice in notice board with **FC** name and number.

**Complaint by Member of the Public:** a complaint has come through by a parent about an incident during the festival in the football park play area. Two boys were kicking a ball that went over the play area fence and struck one of the complainer's daughters on the head. He spoke to the boys who then complained to their parents and from there it went to **FC**.

It is being looked at to see if No Balls and No Dogs signs should be placed around and within the fenced area. **KH** has written a letter of apology to the parents. **FC** has not responded as yet.

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

Cllr Macgregor will be at Watersons Book Shop on 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

**Pay Back Scheme:** It was decided to ask the pay back boys to do some paintwork in the spring next year; we still have paint left from this year. If you think an area needs freshened up please contact a member of the **CC**.

**The graveyard** is in a bit of a mess. **FC** machinery is slowly eating away at the grass verges. To be discussed later.

**Edinburgh Airport Flight Paths:** we are not in the proposed flight path so this does not really affect us at the moment.

**Abbreviations:**

**KH**-Ken Horsburgh, **JT** – Jim Taylor, **BO**-Brian Ortmann, **AI**\_ Alex Innis, **CM**-Christine McCallum, **HC**-Helen Coggle, **WH**-Billy Hughes, **JB**-John Bowman, **MW**-Margaret Wardlaw, **Cllr DMcg**-Cllr Donald Magregor, **CllrJD**-Cllr John Docherty, **FC**-Fife Council, **CC**-Community Council, **PIB**-Pittenweem in Bloom, **CGF**-Common Good Fund, **CGG**-Common Good Ground, **NEF**-North East Fife.