



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K. Horsburgh, Vice Chair: W. Hughes, Secretary: J. Taylor,
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Minutes of meeting held 13th April 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, W. Hughes, J. Taylor, M. Wardlaw, B. Ortmann, C. McCallum, H. Coggle, A. Innes.

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

Guests: None

Members of the public: One

Apologies: Cllr Ritches, J. Bowman

Approval of previous minutes:

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

Matters Arising:

KH called on the committee for a minutes silence to commemorate the passing of Tom Adamson who passed away recently, Tom had been a member of the **C.C.** several years ago.

Cllr MacGregor gave an update on road repairs. Ross Walker visited the site and explained that there is a recognition of the requirement for road repairs in this area. It is proposed there will be a further programme taking in Sandycraig Road and Queen Elizabeth Road in the current financial year. These programmes are undertaken by Operations utilising the hotbox and are generally limited to between 200-350 sqm. As the surfacing material is hand laid there is a restriction on the size of an individual patch to try and maintain surface level control. For this reason the road condition in University Terrace would not be suitable for this programme. This location was assessed for the 2015/16 ATWP but due to other competing priorities was not allocated funding in this years programme. It will be assessed again later in the year when the 2016/17 ATWP is compiled. **KH** to send an e-mail commenting on the unsatisfactory results from the recent patching up along with residents comments.

Benches KH reported that a long outstanding matter has now been completed and two new benches and a waste bin have been placed in the play park compound on the side of the Primary School. The bench donated by Mr Stuart Roxburgh was discussed and looking through a selection of photographs of different sites out West Braes supplied by Mr Roxburgh it was decided this new bench would be situated along the side of the toilet block. A letter of thanks to be sent to Mr Roxburgh once the bench has been installed.

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A query arose as to who removed the 3 benches from the East Shore and it was noted that **FC** had removed them. Still unsure as to who was responsible for instructing the removal and what has happened to them, further questions need to be asked.

Electrics in High Street: at last **KH** received the site plans and they have all been returned to **FC** with all necessary paper work. Will await next update.

Community Payback: **KH** reported that a good meeting was attended with Andrew Ferguson and resources had been allocated to Pittenweem for May. They would not fund the purchase of materials required. **Cllr DM** suggested **KH** should contact Fiona Mitchell. Ian Barbour won't even organise their purchase, storage or delivery. Common Good Fund people will look to support this but need a full application completed for a grant award. Costs will be circa £1500. **KH** to advise the **C.C.** members with the advice of going down the **C.G.F** route but need to discuss the storage logistics.

KH e-mailed Robbie Blyth (**FC**) 20/3/15 about the state of the toilet block out West Braes again, it had some refurbishing work done a year ago. Repairs this time include rotten wood round windows needs replaced, some of the the glazing has been replaced with perspex from the inside and the metal grills are in a bad state of repair. Some pointing is also required where the grills are bolted into the walls. An e-mail from Robbie Blyth 22/3/15 mentioned that Mike Fuchs is said to be pushing to get the whole block refurbished inside and outside. **KH** has sent reminder 8/4/15 asking for an update.

Installation of notice boards, Mike Fuchs agreed that his staff are trained to carry out such work and would help with the installation of the new notice boards when they arrived. J.K. Querido has almost finished the map for one of the notice boards, **KH** is to meet J.K. Querido to discuss set up.

Mike McCardle: **KH** and **Cllr JD** have been in liaison to get Mike McCardle to engage but have encountered difficulties. **JD** is suggesting a site meeting to progress the wall at the 'Little Roadie' and the Church Bell. **KH** will also raise the issue of Leonard Lowe still accessing the Clock Tower and charging people for the pleasure-its unresolved from last year. **Cllr JD** did invite M. McCardle to attend our meeting tonight but Mike McCardle declined with the reply that he did not attend evening meetings. He is willing to meet up with two **CC** members and **Cllr JD** during daytime hours.

KH to circulate date of meeting when it is arranged.

Cllr JD also asked that someone from transportation come out to assess the situation of speeding cars in the Backgate.

JT explained where the new disabled parking space in Market Square was going to be sited

KH asked **MW** for an update from Primary school regarding gate leading from **C.C.C.** building into school playing field. To date E. Paterson headmistress has had nothing back from **FC**.

KH reported on the state of play with bank accounts and it seems yet again the Royal Bank of Scotland has made mistakes so **KH** has gone back to them so hopefully by the next meeting all will be sorted out.

KH reported on the quality of the Centralised Police Call Centre and the recent press coverage. It is hopeful that some police presence will be at our next meeting.

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Jan Karl Querido: J.K.Querido came along to ask permission to use the field at West Braes for car parking on Sunday 21st June for the Open Garden Scheme. Since the problem with the Arts Festival a few years ago **FC** have refused access to the field. J.K.Querido said he went through **CC** last year with no problems and thought that would be suitable again for this year. There would probably only be about 40 vehicles (last years figures) using it. The parks division gave permission with a c.c to Ian Barbour. It was put to a vote and unanimous, it was a yes but it would be left to J.K.Querido to use his discretion regarding weather conditions. Only 10 gardens were taking part this year, he would like the grass to be cut the week before. **KH** agreed to write to I. Barbour explaining the outcome of the meeting and what had been agreed.

Pittenweem Memorial:

To date the committee have had 2 meetings since the last **CC** meeting. Basically they are looking at different avenues to contact for funding etc. Discussions are very open to ensure all aspects are covered in our thinking and remaining respectful of what this memorial is all about. The committee have no intentions to alienate anybody or any particular group. A further meeting was organised for 23rd April at 7pm. Further update will be included in next months minutes.

Treasurers Report:

BO has completed the annual accounts and will deliver them to J. Lowe to audit.

It was noted that several copies of the Annals of Pittenweem were handed over to **BO** on David Stutchfield's retiral from the **CC**. **MW** has offered to try and offload these at the price set back in 2009 of £30 each.

Councillors Report:

Cllr JD; Bins not being emptied often enough especially down the shore. More bins are required.

Cllr DM noted that Larachmohr does not always take in their bins and they are often left on the pavement. To be looked into.

East Neuk and Landward: nothing to report

Arts festival: A meeting will be held at the festival office Wednesday 22nd April at 10am. It was agreed that **KH** and **MW** would attend this meeting.

Pittenweem in Bloom:

Helen Coggle had been approached by Keith Jackson (FC) to enter beautiful Britain but the PIB committee declined the offer.

Common Good Fund: nothing

Health & Social Care Integration Board:

Cll J. Docherty gave an update on the intention of the above board where he has been pushing for, that a member of all Community Councils have a person appointed to be the contact point for communication of the board. Any proposals to change services etc can be sent to that contact and views sought after presented to **CC** sought and returned to the board. That person, can when asked to by the **CC** relay any questions, service reviews contact the board.

Planning Report:

Planning Applications

Ref. No: 15/00088/LBC | 2 Milton Place | Listed building consent| to be considered along with following

Ref. No: 15/00099/FULL | 2 Milton Place | Installation of rooflight |

Ref. No: 15/00546/FULL | 6 Sandycraig Road | extension | Application Permitted - no conditions |

Ref. No: 14/02558/FULL | Reapplication| Adamson's Bakery Routine Row| Formation of external staircase (retrospective) | Status: LRB - Decision Upheld (Application Refused) | April 15, 2015

Ref. No: 15/01208/FULL | Received date: Wed 08 Apr 2015 | Pittenweem Community Council | Installation of 3 permanent power supply sockets - High Street | Status: Pending Consideration |

Ref. No: 15/01465/CLP | 44 University Avenue |Single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse | Note Following in a CLP Certificate of Lawfulness, there is no requirement for it to be assessed against the Development Plan. The application will only be assessed on an evidential and legal basis.

Planning Dept passed it "Recommend Unconditional Approval" | Status: Pending Consideration |

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A.O.C.B.

MW asked what had happened to the entrance signs with the boat on them coming into Pittenweem from both ends. It was mentioned they had been thrown out but it was also mentioned Ken Brereton had one. To be checked out.

It was mentioned that St Monans gets money back from Community Funding for the use of a field by the Arts Festival. It was suggested that the **C.C.** asks the Arts Festival for some kind of donation from the use of the playing field used during the Festival for car parking since this is Common Good Ground. It has to be discussed in more detail at the next meeting.

WH mentioned that the write up recently in the Sunday Times said Pittenweem was one of the best places to stay. The town was very busy this Easter and if this continues something will have to be put in place to ensure the daily running of Pittenweem businesses does not suffer.

JT: mentioned that where the bushes in Waggon Road that were cut down recently and as a result with the rain etc the soil is now moving and causing erosion to the banking. This needs to be attended to as soon as possible.

Margaret Wardlaw

Close of meeting: 8.50pm

Next Meeting: Monday 11th May at 7pm.

Abbreviations: **KH-Ken Horsburgh, JT-Jim Taylor, BO-Brian Ortmann, MW- Margaret Wardlaw, WH-Billy Hughes, FC- Fife Council, DM-Councillor Donald MacGregor, JD- Councillor John Docherty, CGF- Common Good Fund, CCC- Coastline Community Church**