



The Royal Burgh of Pittenweem and District Community Council

Chair: K. Horsburgh, Vice Chair: W. Hughes, Secretary: J. Taylor,

Minute Secretary: M. Wardlaw, Treasurer: B. Ortmann

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Minutes of meeting held Monday 11th May 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

Guests: None

Members of the public: None

Apologies: Cllr Ritches, J. Bowman, Cllr J. Docherty

Approval of previous minutes:

Proposed: H. Coggle Seconded: J. Taylor

KH explained the reasons for apologies, also that **WH** would be a bit late owing to a work commitment and Tracy Elder from the Police would be here for about 7-45pm. A general discussion re-Arts Festival was held about matters before Tracy arrived. At the recent meeting **KH** and **MW** attended a meeting at the Festival Office. It was stated that there was the possibility that no local police would be used during this period therefore it is hoped to cover the main points to keep traffic moving and cause as little annoyance to locals as possible. Hot spots with traffic and where the attendants send people, this needs to be addressed so that no bottle necks arise as in previous years. Basically the police do not want to be involved with parking issues, accidents or traffic jams.

Tracy Elder gave her usual report on incidents within the area. 2 men with a large white van acting suspiciously and there may be a connection with lead thefts in the area. A quad bike has been stolen from Airdrie Farm. Bikers have been caught going out on the rocks at the house on the rock. Hare coursing has also been reported. Speeding has been checked once again within the school area and no one was found to be exceeding the speed. Feedback on the call centre in Edinburgh and problems arisen to date: lack of knowledge within the centre with staff not knowing locations of suspected crime. This causes a problem because police are sent from different areas so the situation at present is not ideal. Tracy said that using e-mail was the most effective way of contacting the police but again not ideal since not everyone has a computer and people don't always pick up their e-mails. Telephone calls: you get put into a queue and again you face the fact the person you may be talking to has no local knowledge of your area, not ideal in an emergency. Some police stations are manned at certain times but again this is not consistent. Arts Festival: Tracy hopes to attend the next meeting on 10th June. Arts Festival Committee have still not booked police for this event in August. The first Saturday of the event is usually the worst, the police need to be

given more information and numbers expected should be available going back the number of years the Festival has been running. There should also be a full contingency plan in case of poor weather since parks will not be in use if rain is a problem less than two weeks before event. Philip Mould has been invited to the next meeting to discuss parking issues and staff who will be manning the streets. Irresponsible parking was a major issue so it is hoped that traffic wardens would be employed to enforce any major parking difficulties on the days that are usually busier with a police presence in the background.

Matters Arising

Road repairs at West Braes/Backgate; Cllr MacGregor asked Ross Walker to attend a site meeting with no response as yet. The workmanship of these repairs are not acceptable, the workmen did not complete the repairs, often it was noted that they were either sitting or sleeping in their vans. It has been reported that the reason the roadwork not being completed was because of bad weather but if they had been properly supervised the work should have been completed in the given time. A member of **C.C.** took pictures of the work both completed and not completed, these have now been forwarded to **F.C.** by **J.T.**

Missing benches: they were removed without any discussion with anyone, they have been broken up and used for firewood. Apparently they are being replaced by three new benches. **JT** to forward e-mail he received from **F.C.** to Cllr Macgregor to follow up as to what is to happen. It was suggested they had been removed to make more access to parking.

Donated bench: nothing has been done so far, discussions still with the person donating the bench as to the position.

Application for Electrics in High Street: An objection has been submitted by Mr and Mrs Govan who now say the property where the new bollard replacement is to go is on their ground. It has however been discovered that they have been mis-led as to who had applied for this application and what the uses were for. **KH** and **MW** will be speaking to them in the near future to explain the reasons and useage of the electrics in the High Street. **MW** asked **HC** to discuss with the **PIB** committee about replacing the current lights in the High Street and when the new ones eventually do go up it would mean all the lights would be the same. The current ones could possibly be used in another area, this is still to be discussed.

Locality Budget **C.C.** have received £2000 from Fiona Mitchell so that the pay back scheme could get the paint etc to complete the necessary sprucing up of the toilets out West Braes, seating and fencing.

H.C. offered the use of their hut situated within the grounds of the New Town Hall to store all the paint etc. **H.C.** to hand in the key to **B.O.**

The **C.C.** would like to thank the Councillors for supporting our application once again

New Notice Boards: they have arrived and are in safe storage. It has been agreed that the pay back people will help with the removal and installation of the boards. They are very heavy and will need to be made properly secured, Craig Hutton from **FC** has agreed to sort out what is required. **KH** has still to discuss the map for the notice board with **JKQ.**

Lines need to be re-painted at Mid Shore. Cllr Macgregor was going to see about getting this done.

West Braes Toilets: we have had an knock-back from Mike Fuchs for the toilet upgrade that is required before painting etc starts, it is not a repair it is an urgent remedial job for window replacement since the present woodwork on the windows are rotten and not fit to paint.

Town Square disabled parking space does not comply with the current space and has to be moved – new site discussions will continue.

The gate going from the **C.C.C.** into the school play park, still nothing to report **MW** will chase again before next meeting.

Bank Mandates have now been properly updated and cheque books and paying in books will be available by the next meeting.

Pittenweem did not get outright approval for parking arrangements from **F.C.** for their Open Garden Scheme to be held in June. If the weather is wet two weeks before the event the proposed parking area out West Braes will not be allowed.

Harbour Repairs: although they are nothing to do with us, it is essential that we are informed when discussions take place. The biggest concern is the large lorries carrying concrete to the area, discussions have been held and it was agreed that the **C.C.** would be kept in the loop.

Bins More information is needed regarding the bins and rubbish at Larachmohr. Still no information regarding the emptying of street bins at week-ends.

Entry signs into Pittenweem: no policy of consistency in place, new signs are available from **F.C.** if you twin with a foreign town.

We have traced one of the old signs with the fishing vessel on them, but the other has vanished. Anyone with information please contact **C.C.**

Gordon Hughes says the current signs are in reasonable condition and see no reason for renewing them. We have asked for prices for new signs so will update on this when we get them.

Little Roadie/Church Bell Cllr J. Docherty is talking to Mike McCardle regarding the above repairs. A meeting on Monday 18th May at 10am has been arranged at the site to discuss the problems with him. A wall has been built and is stopping the flow of water which is one of the main problems. The damaged bell will also be discussed at this meeting.

Pittenweem Memorial: Meetings have been taking place and it is hoped that an open meeting will be held sometime in the near future.

Conservation Mistakes: Cllr Macgregor is going to ask Mathew Price about the correcting of information regarding Pittenweem. KH and AI are prepared to proof read any future documents so that mistakes will be corrected before documents go to print.

MW mentioned that an e-mail had come through regarding the Levenmouth train line, she will forward the e-mail to all members of C.C.

PIB Helen Coggle discussed where improvements could be made regarding plant tub placing. It was suggested that it would be worthwhile doing some at the bottom of Abbeywall Rd. Have one at each side of telephone box. They are open for suggestions.

Treasurers Report: BO gave an update of expenses in the past month. New cheque books and pay in books have been received.

Secretary's Report: Check that B.O. has a copy of C.C.F.R. Accounts, he needs them to accompany C.C. Accounts to F.C.

Useful comment from B.O. regarding using initials. Will put a list of abbreviations at the end of reports in future.

Planning Report:

JT explained a planning application, a planning appeal, and a Builders Warrant

Planning Applications

15/00088/LBC | 15/00099/FULL Received date: Mon 12 Jan 2015 30/03/2015 | 2 Milton Place | Installation of rooflight | Decision Issued Thu 30 Apr 2015 | **Application Permitted - no conditions**
15/01208/FULL | application dated 8th April 2015 registered on 15th April 2015 | High Street | Community Council | Installation of 3 permanent power supply sockets
Area Planning Committee consideration date 15th June 2015

15/01465/CLP | Received date: Sun 26 Apr 2015 | Single storey extension to rear of dwellinghouse : Delegated Decision by Carol Clark : Planning passed it on with Recommend "Unconditional Approval" On 01/05/2015 we were notified **Application Permitted - no conditions**

Building Warrants applied for recently.

14/00927/ALT 30.04.2015 Alterations at 27 High Street - Conversion of Gallery to Dwellinghouse
10/00154/ext A02 29.04.2015 Amendment to original layout- Alterations to external wall to include retaining wall

Councillors Report: Cllr MacGregor has nothing to report as yet on the bins at Larachmohr.

East Neuk and Landward: nothing to report

Common Good Fund: Still in discussion regarding the Trust re-organisation.

A.O.C.B.: Phone call re-British Legion changes, KH will get the details and will act as main contact.

Residents living down the shore are having a meeting regarding the proposed new pipes to be laid.

J.T. has contacted F.C. regarding the common garden areas in Waggon Rd, to date he has had no reply.

A.I. Commented about the new Waid Academy to be built, it was mentioned that 'Academy' would be dropped and be just called 'The Waid', however Cllr Macgregor was sure that this would not happen and it would continue to be called Waid Academy, comments welcome on this topic.

C.McC pointed out that the sign at the end of Session Street for the New Town Hall was slack and at the bottom of the post.

Time Finished: 9-45pm Date of next Meeting: Monday 8th June 7pm

Abbreviations:

KH-Ken Horsburgh, JT-Jim Taylor, BO-Brian Ortmann, MW-Margaret Wardlaw, AI-Alex Innes, CMC-Christine McCallum, HC-Helen Coggle, WH-Billy Hughes, JB-John Bowman, FC-Fife Council, CC-Community Council, CCC-Coastline Community Church, JKQ- Jan-Karel Querido, PIB- Pittenweem in Bloom