



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall Pittenweem on
Thursday 10th February 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Margaret Wardlaw, Linda Lauder, Duncan Lucas, Jim Wood and Peter Mills,

Councillors: Cllr. Linda Holt, Cllr. John Docherty and Cllr. Bill Porteous

Apologies: David Gallacher, Gary McClure and Ruth Brown

Public Attending: Alan Waugh

Opening of Meeting: MW welcomed everyone to the meeting

Guest Alan Waugh reported smashed Perspex windows at the bus stop beside what used to be the entrance to the Catholic Church on Milton Place. Cllr. J.D reported he would take this up with F.C.

Proposal of Minutes: proposed by Jim Wood, seconded by Duncan Lucas

Councillor's Report: Cllr. L.H informed the PCC that an email had been received regarding the loss of all Primary School head teachers in the East Neuk and replacing them with one Super head teacher for the whole area. There is an outcry at this trial proposal, the East Neuk schools have been selected to pilot this project this is a rural area and it needs more services not less. The pupils need continuity not more disruption. Cllr. L.H is to set up a petition.

Cllr. J.D reported there is to be £1.4 million made available to be spent on the A917 in the East Neuk of Fife. There is another general number to contact FC on 04351 550000 from 9am – 5pm. It was reported people who are in

employment will find it harder to contact FC during these hours due to work commitments.

Cllr. B.P There are plans in the spring for murals to be painted on the shelters at West Braes. This will be done by a renowned artist, no name given. Cllr B.P was pleased to see the West Braes being involved with the Jubilee. He also reported the new sign at Lady Wynd would not be installed until the new financial year. **D.L** thanked Cllr. Bill Porteous for pushing the Lady Wynd sign.

Tollbooth Steeple: Cllr.L.H had sent Donald Grant an email regarding extra funding but is still to receive a reply. A discussion followed regarding who held keys for the property. **M.W** suggested could the entrance and the small room on the first floor be made into a museum to display the PCC Common Good items from Bankhead. . Repairs to the staircase leading up to the first level would need to be completed before this could happen.

Community Consultation: The **PCC** are to have a meeting with the committee in the **NTH** on Thursday evening 17th February to discuss the work book and any other documentation that DS may have sent through to fill in answers as a group before our next meeting with Heather Whyte. MW has sent her some dates but so far there has been no reply.

Recycle Centre: there is no new update.

Visit East Neuk: (VEN) the tourism group have decided not to replace the Fisherlass with a Puffin on the East Neuk signage.

Police Report: There were 9 calls to the police, consisting of various types including assist members of the public, concern for person, road traffic matters, dropped 999 calls and others. 2 crimes recorded in this period.

Queen's Jubilee – Tree Planting: Ruth had sent an email.

- The additional trees have now been ordered, and some canes and guards.
- I have emailed the Football Club to let them know our plans and ask if they would like to get involved, but they have not replied to me yet.
- I also contacted the primary school and they are keen to get involved, but we have not discussed any details of how this might work yet.
- Footprint East Neuk are currently buying some tree-planting equipment (wheelbarrows, spades, gloves etc.) which we can lend to any

community groups doing tree-planting, so that will be available on the day.

Queen's Jubilee – Beacon: A meeting has already taken place with the **WBP**; another is to take place on the afternoon on 17th February when it is hoped to have samples of the lunch menu which is to be held over the celebratory weekend 2nd – 5th June. This will be served from the New Town Hall with marques and help from the Coastline Church. The beacon has been ordered and will be delivered in April.

Cove Wynd Light: There has been no contact from within **FC** to explain why the new light has not been fitted.

Road Works: the resurfacing works scheduled to commence in Abbey Wall Road on 7th February 2022 have been postponed until next financial year due to contractor availability.

Temporary Road Closure at Ovenstone on the U067 between 28th February and 2nd March 2022 to allow BT Openreach cabling works to be carried out.

The alternative route for through vehicular traffic is via U066, C61 Arncroach and B9171.

Common Good Fund: this is still on going and paperwork is being collected. **D.L** brought up the legal point of view that the PCC and the residents have the right to use the Common Good Land for the financial benefit of Pittenweem -- not anywhere else and that Holyrood haven't taken the legal decision to "take over the Land for themselves to give to regional councils as I have read their Legislation on the subject at Gov.Scot and their words were it would involve large Legal and Financial costs to Parliament.

Twinning: MW reported that nothing has been done in the last month.

Electric Points in High Street: There has been no reply to an email **M.W** sent on the 18th December. **Cllr. B.P** reported he would chase this up.

Bike Racks: **L.L** reported an email was sent 13th December requesting an update but there has been no reply. **Cllr. B.P** is to follow this up.

Lady Wynd: See Cllr. B.P report. There will be no update until the new financial year.

Planning Report:

2 Milton Place

Erection of outbuilding & variation to windows.

Planning app permitted.

15 Ninian Fields

External alterations & single storey extension to side of dwelling house.

Planning app permitted.

16 West Shore

Installation of new rear door, internal alterations & alterations to existing windows.

Listed building consent & planning app permitted.

Great House, Priory Court

Prune trees in conservation area

Planning app permitted.

56 High Street

Listed Building Consent for external alterations & installation of window & door to domestic outbuilding.

Planning app permitted.

12 Sandycraig Road

Erection of fence (retrospective)

Planning app pending

5 Calmans Wynd

Listed building consent

Replacement door & flue

Planning app pending.

14 Milton Place

Alterations & extension to dwelling house to form Sun Room

Building Warrant Pending.

Secretary's Report: L.L reported the Community Council election that were to take place in October 2022 are now to take place in 2023 and every four years thereafter, as the Local Government elections are taking place this year. This is to extend time between elections.

- L.L also made enquiries regarding Public Liability within our insurance through F.C due to events being held for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee.
- An email regarding the rules of Parks and Open Spaces was received to inform us that they will keep us updated when information was available.

Treasurer's Report: There is £310.54 in the Current Account and £3509.28 in the Fundraising Account.

Chair's Report: MW has reported throughout meeting.

Gillingshill Nature Reserve: there is no update on this. **Clr.L.H** reported she will make enquires for an update.

Tree Lights: are now switched off. We hope to remove all lights etc. from the trees this year and give everything a full check before they are put back up in the autumn.

Harbour: **Clr. B.P** reported that removal of seaweed is a problem but not just in Pittenweem, this is happening in other areas too.

MUPS: This topic was left until last to allow councillors and guests to leave since there was quite a lot that the committee wanted to discuss. The members agreed that a meeting with Anstruther, Cellardyke and Kilrenny Community Council to discuss the cycle path would be helpful. **P.M** informed the members that John Marston had now joined their group on the MUP. There was some confusion over how acquiring land from landowners was done. It was thought permission had to be given first from landowners before plans were put into action, we were informed by **P.M** and **J.W** that this was not the case and it was the opposite way round that plans can go ahead before the purchase of land. L.L enquired about the matched funding required from the PCC and was informed that this was probably not required as the funding

would likely be covered by FC expenditure elsewhere. It was also explained that the area of Anstruther and Pittenweem is to be considered as a whole for the funding.

The Meeting closed at 9.15pm.

ABBREVIATIONS:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council. **MW** - Margaret Wardlaw, **LL** – Linda Lauder, **PM** - Peter Mills, **GM** - Gary McClure, **JW** - Jim Wood, **DL** – Duncan Lucas **RB** – Ruth Brown, **DG** – David Gallacher.

Cllr LH - Councillor Linda Holt, **Cllr JD** - Councillor John Docherty and **Cllr BP** - Councillor William Porteous. **FC** – Fife Council, **MUP** - Multi Use Path, **NTH** - New Town Hall. **WBP** – West Braes Project, **VEN** – Visitors East Neuk,