



The Royal Burgh of
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**Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall the
Thursday 13th JANUARY 2022 at 7pm**

Present: Margaret Wardlaw, Gary McClure, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, Duncan Lucas, Ruth Brown, David Stutchfield.

Councillors: Cllr Linda Holt

Apologies: Linda Lauder, David Gallacher, Cllr J. Docherty and W. Porteous

Public Attending: none

OPENING OF MEETING: MW welcomed everyone to the first meeting of the new year. She explained how L. Lauder and D. Gallacher were both in hospital. **Cards were signed by all.**

PROPOSAL OF MINUTES: Peter Mills proposed and Duncan Lucas seconded them.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT: Cllr. LH. reported the following updates:

LH reported that a meeting should have been held on 17th December at the New Town Hall at 3pm with police, Housing and FC reps. and members of the public. The topic was University Terrace drug related business in Pittenweem. Once again this meeting had to be cancelled with short notice owing to Covid restrictions.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE: there are 3 branches of capital funding coming to FC in the next few years for specific big capital projects. (Levelling Up Fund & Shared Prosperity Fund). Because timescales are always short, it is necessary for FC to have shovel-ready projects in the bottom drawer. Cllr LH had mentioned to Area manager Donald Grant at a recent meeting that the interior of the Clock Tower needed renovation. **ACTION:** Cllr LH to write to DG cc'ing PM to ask that work commence to prepare a project application for the Clock Tower.

COMMON GOOD: Cllr LH said in her meeting with Donald Grant, he was busy retrieving the CG information PM had asked for and hoped to have it for him

by the end of January but it may take a bit longer. **Cllr LH** said that **DG** assured her progress was at last being made on creating a **FC** policy for regular inspection and maintenances of Common Good Buildings.

RECYCLING CENTRE: nothing new to report.

VEN: Cllr LH said the plan to replace the Fisher Lass with the Puffin on the 'Welcome to the 'East Neuk' road signs had been put on hold by **FC** so that a full community consultation could take place. The **VEN** committee would be meeting shortly to decide on the next steps and new people have applied to join the committee to make it more representative.

ROAD WORKS: Resurfacing would shortly be taking place on Abbeywall Rd and the CC had been notified about a Traffic Regulation Order to extend the yellow lines at South Loan. This offers people the opportunity to object to Transportation and the North East Area Committee when they come to decide on the TRO. CC said they appreciated receiving the full account of roadworks in Fife which **FC** send to councillors. **ACTION:** **CllrLH** to make sure she sends this on regularly.

EAST NEUK COMMUNITY FORUM: Martin Dibley has resigned as secretary and the next meeting is not yet planned. **Cllr LH** said she would in due course look for a new secretary and organise the next meeting (which is usually every three months).

ELECTRIC POINTS IN HIGH STREET: Disquiet was expressed about these – for which there is now a live planning application – because they would remove much needed parking spaces, and the CC wondered what consultation had taken place. **Cllr LH** didn't know and didn't think she had been consulted – she also feared it was probably too late to change the location now. The CC recalled sending in suggestions for better locations but they seem to have been ignored and no feedback was given. **ACTION:** **MW** to send **Cllr LH** email from electric charging point officer so she can follow up about possibility of moving them.

MATTERS ARISING:

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE: PM reported there has been nothing done over the winter. Help given to the East Neuk Preservation Society annual report section on the Tolbooth Steeple. Cllr LH had recently been discussing **CG** property maintenance with **DG**, Community Manager. **FC** is working towards defining a policy in this area and progress is being made. Cllr LH will remind the Community manager of the need to fund improvements at both the Tolbooth (internal structure) and the Old Town Hall (toilets and boiler).

MUP:

PM gave the CC an update on progress in implementing the community survey outcomes. It was accepted that the Core Path route was to be the established connection to Pittenweem where it would link with the ongoing path to Earlsferry. The Anstruther Cycle Group were keen to still consider building the A917 route as a branch travelling on the south side of the A917 and linking into Pittenweem harbour area. This would have the benefit of replacing the current unsafe pedestrian pathway linking Anstruther and Pittenweem. It had been agreed that matched funding already raised could be used to support costs of both paths.

SUP/EARLSFERRY:

PM reported the **ENCAP**/Pittenweem group have submitted a stage 1 application to Sustrans for the Shared Path to Earlsferry. It is hopeful that a positive outcome will be given.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION (SURVEY):

D.S reported he had liaised with **FC** and Planning Aid Scotland (PAS) and reported that they are happy for **PCC** to put the community visioning consultation (**CVC**) original programme on hold. Heather Whyte (FC) will support the **PCC** working group to determine what they would like to see in the outcome of the exercise. All members of the **PCC** volunteered to work with **DS** to confirm the overall scope of the community consultation/participation visioning project. **PAS** will then provide support as required. **ACTION: DS** to produce a briefing paper to arrange a meeting with the group in the **NTH** and to communicate with Heather Whyte (FC)

COMMON GOOD FUND:

PM reported, the annual FC Pittenweem CGF reports had been scrutinized and found to be unsound and difficult to understand. On 11.12.2021 **PM** and **DG** asked Donald Grant and Eleanor Hodgson to provide full statements for the last four years and to answer a series of questions. The response was that this would take some time and be available by the end of January 2022.

GILLINGSHILL NATURE RESERVE: no update available

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES: no update available.

EAST NEUK BROADBAND: no update available.

RECYCLING CENTRE: nothing new to add.

POLICE REPORT: Calls up to 31/12/2021 - 17 calls to the police consisting of various types: assist members of the public, concerns for a person, road traffic

matters, communications offence, neighbour dispute, sudden death and others. Within these 3 crimes were recorded.

COVE WYND LIGHTING: PM has chased Iain Gillies several times now to no avail, will continue to chase.

THE QUEENS JUBILEE:

THE BEACON : LL sent an email to David Thomson to see if the West Braes members would join in and help PCC make this a memorable occasion. She mentioned the Beacon and David said they would donate £400 towards the cost. The Beacon will cost £490 + vat then you have gas etc as well. MW has now taken over from Linda and has spoken with David who is going into hospital this week for an operation. He said he would get another member to contact me. Alison Graham has been in touch and MW is now waiting to hear back on a meeting date and time.

TREE-PLANTING: Ruth Brown representing (Footprint East Neuk) (FEN) has been helping us with this project and to date has more or less done everything required. The proposed plan for tree planting is on Common Good land at the top(north) end of the playpark at the back of New Grange Park. The current plan is to plant around 800 native, broad-leaf trees over an area of around 2000m². Funding will come from Woodland Trust (in the form of 420 free trees – these have been ordered and the order confirmed), and from FEN. The date for a tree planting event was loosely set for the beginning of April 2022.

Questions were raised about who will be responsible for maintaining the trees once they are planted and also about informing the community of these plans and asking for comments or suggestions. **ACTION TO BE TAKEN BY RB**

- Contact Roger Honeyman at FC to confirm that the council are happy for us to go ahead with the tree planting and to ask if FC will be responsible for the maintenance.
- Contact Pittenweem Youth Football Club to inform them of the plans and ask if they would like to be involved.
- Contact Pittenweem primary School and ask if they would like to be involved.
- Create a poster to inform local people of the plans and ask for any comments/suggestions – to be displayed on the community noticeboard and Facebook pages.

DS suggested some additional areas for tree planting at the West Braes and along the coast towards Pathhead Nurseries. These may be trickier due to the proximity to the sea and exposed conditions.

NOTICE BOARD: nothing

TREE LIGHTS: Questions have been asked how long are the lights to be kept on? Looking back to last year they were switched off at the end of February but it has been suggested we switch off at the end of January this year.

PROVISION OF BIKE RACKS: no reply to emails sent.

TWINNING: will chase again

NEW MEMBERS: we still need 2 new members

PLANNING REPORT: 15-12-2021 – 13-1-2022

REF NO 21/02724/FULL permitted with conditions

REF NO 21/02629/FULL permitted no conditions

REF NO 21/03070/FULL pending decision

REF NO 21/03774/FULL pending consideration

REF NO 21/03070/FULL permitted no conditions

REF NO 21/03133/FULL permitted no conditions

REF NO 21/02734/BW approved

REF NO 21/03846/FULL pending consideration

REF NO 21/03641/LBC pending decision

REF NO 21/03185/FULL application permitted with conditions

REF NO 21/03783/FULL pending consideration

REF NO 21/03784/LBC pending consideration

REF NO 21/01667/NMV1 application permitted no conditions

SECRETARY'S REPORT: nothing

TREASURER'S REPORT: In the main account there is £418-04

In fund raising account including £2000, £3509-28

CHAIR'S REPORT: points were included in discussions.

A.O.B

- **MW** asked if anyone knew what was happening with the Catholic Church since there has been a lot of activity going on. **G.M** informed us that Alan Waugh was the new owner, not sure what it is to be as yet.
- Elizabeth Ritches has sent an email asking support for their Anstruther Shared Use Path. They are working to improve the play facilities in Dreelside Park and give safe access to the Co-op, Community Library and Schools.
- Email from Improvement Services regarding update of free travel for under 22's
- Email regarding South Loan and Backgate and parking
- Email from **APRS** support and advice to your **CC**.

MW closed the meeting at 8.20pm, thanking everyone for attending.

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 WP - Councillor William Porteous. FC – Fife Council, DG – Donald Grant,

MUP - Multi Use Path, SUP – Shared Use Path, NTH - New Town Hall. WBP – West Braes Project, CGF – Common Good Fund. FCCT – Fife Coast & Country Trust, PAS – Planning Aid Scotland, CVC – Community Visioning Consultation,

HW – Heather Whyte, VEN – Visitors East Neuk,