



The Royal Burgh of  
Pittenweem and District  
Community Council

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**Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall the**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7pm**

**Present:** Margaret Wardlaw, Linda Lauder, Gary McClure, David Gallacher, Peter Mills, Jim Wood, Duncan Lucas, David Stutchfield.

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

**Apologies:** Ruth Brown.

**Public Attending:** 7 members of the public

**Invited Guests:** Simon Learoy and Robert Mack from Arts Festival.

**OPENING OF MEETING:** MW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

In attendance the PCC had representatives from the Ox and Anchor mobile unit as there were concerns from residents to where it was situated in Backgate. Sandra a representative from Ox and Anchor explained that this was a local business run by a local family, the food was locally sourced and it was quality food that was being served, this was not just a burger van as it sold more than beef burgers. In the week since it had been open it has had good support from locals and visitors alike. They are open from 1pm until 7.30pm which means they are not open when the local pub closes. At present there are no parking issues, but parking is a problem throughout the village. The subject of litter was discussed, there are bins provided for public waste as well as business waste. The PCC were then informed as long as the mobile unit didn't remain in the same place for more than 28 days they didn't need planning

permission. A member enquired regarding the mobile unit being near a Primary School. There have been topics reported regarding fast food mobiles near schools. Sandra went on to say that the owners would look at any future issues anyone has.

The **PCC** had been in touch with Gillian Love at FC and were informed the Police and Transportation had no concerns but it is likely they would need planning permission if they want to leave the unit on site.

The next person to speak was invited guest Simon Learoy from the Pittenweem Arts Festival this event is held annually but has been cancelled these last 2 years due to Covid 19, he invited along Robert Mack to answer other questions we may have. Simon explained that the Festival will be simpler this year, which means no events are taking place this year and Ovenstone will not be a venue. The coaches will be parked at the Waid in Anstruther this year and a shuttle bus will be running between the two villages. A bus will run from the play park to the High Street then onto the harbour. If it does rain the parking will be moved to Bowhouse just outside St Monans, again a shuttle bus will ferry people to and from the villages. **MW** enquired regarding the rubbish that accumulates and was informed waste bins can be made available if more are required. Simon explained it would be really helpful if issues were reported as they arise. Simon was asked if there was a designated phone number where the chair could contact him if any grievances were to be received through the **PCC**. The toilets will be open at the Church Hall, the pavilion and 5 portaloos will be supplied. The **PAF** will take place at venues throughout Pittenweem on 6<sup>th</sup> August until 13<sup>th</sup> August with preview night on 5<sup>th</sup> August. David Barnett will still be catering at the harbour. The committee were informed donations from parking in the play park helps to cover some of the costs that is paid to **FC** to allow parking.

Both groups then decided to leave the meeting at this point, Margaret thanked both groups for attending the meeting and keeping the **PCC** informed.

A resident brought to the committee's attention that the James Street Road sign had been removed on the first house on James Street. **Cllr. JD** is to report this. Other road signs that need repaired or replaced is the University Avenue sign heading to the West Braes, also the post at Routine Row/Backgate. **Cllr. BP** enquired if the No Entry sign had been installed on the Marygate to stop

traffic turning right when driving down Lady Wynd. This has not been done to date. **Cllr. BP** will follow this up.

**Councillor's Report:** **Cllr JD** was to mention Road Signs.

**Cllr. LH:** would report on items as they came up on the agenda.

**Tolbooth Steeple:** **PM** reported the scaffolding is slowly being taken down, the clock faces have been repaired and replaced. The inside of the Tolbooth still needs work done.

**Multi Use Path (MUP):** **PM** reported a meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> April with Sea Box regarding their land. The meeting was short and helpful. Ian McBain, the chairman, was supportive of the project and happy to agree to use the core path and land either just North or South of the A917 for the MUP. Negotiation with solicitors can commence. A meeting is to be held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April at the New Town Hall at 7pm in Pittenweem with Gerald Cooper, Andy Peddie, Margaret Wardlaw, and Peter Mills to discuss the MOU. Cllr. Linda Holt is also to attend.

**Shared Used Path:** ENCAP are to start Sustrans Stage 2 application. There is to be a Bike Swap event held in the Pittenweem Park on the 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

**Community Consultation:** a meeting was held in the Arts Festival office on the 24<sup>th</sup> March with Heather Whyte, David Stutchfield, Linda Lauder, Duncan Lucas, Peter Mills and Jim Wood where progress is starting to be made. DS brought a few samples of the small survey to the meeting which is to be delivered to all households to help gauge what questions to ask in the actual survey, this is to get maximum responses. The committee were happy with what David had produced. A suggestion to have a phone number added when advertising the survey so anyone who is housebound or don't have electronic devices can access a manual survey. DS was asked to arrange the next meeting with everyone.

David Stutchfield agreed to become a Co-opted Member of the PCC as he is helping and consulting with the PCC on the Community Consultation.

**Queen's Jubilee – Trees:** the tree planting has now taken place. All the trees have now been planted except for around 100 which the Community Payback

are to plant. East Neuk Footprint are still in the process of arranging a date for them to come along and plant the final trees but it should happen soon.

There is quite a lot of mulch left in the bags. Ruth, Helen and Sonja will come back in the next few weeks to spread the remainder of the mulch on the trees which have been planted.

It was reported there had been fly tipping in and around the Corn Bunting area.

**Queen's Jubilee – Beacon:** **MW** has reported the beacon has been delivered, the **PCC** are working with the **WBP**, and preparations are under way. The beacon is to be lit at 9.45pm on 2<sup>nd</sup> June, this will take place at the West Braes. The **WBP** are to hold events on the day. We are also hoping to hold a Picnic in the Park on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June. Events to be held over the weekend have been discussed such as games like Slat the Rat. How many grains of rice can you pick up in a minute? Have a Jester to entertain. Face Painting or maybe even make and decorate crowns. Regarding Funding **Cllr LH** reported the funding was now available for the Jubilee, Donald Grant has still to decide on how this is to be split as there have been numerous applications.

**Common Good:** **PM** reported that 3-4 years ago Janice Laird reported there would be no charge to the **CGF** to pay for the scaffolding, the capital was to be left but could use the interest to fund it. The **CGF** is down £70,000, it has been explained there was a change of software at **FC**. An application for Freedom of Information was made and it reports different amounts in the accounts. Payment for the scaffolding was not agreed by the **PCC**. Paul Vaughan is to be invited to a meeting arranged by **PM**. A policy is now needed to be put in place for the upkeep and maintenance of the steeple.

There are to be proposed changes to all **CGF** in Fife at **FC**, they are saying it would take 2 surveyors 3-4 years to look at all the properties. **Cllr BP** read a list of the places that have properties in the North East Area which are Crail, Anstruther, Pittenweem, St Monans, Elie/Earlsferry, St Andrews Falkland and Newburgh with others in the rest of Fife.

**PM** reported he had a phone call from the previous Chairman Ken Horsburgh who had explained if **FC** wanted to remove amounts larger than £2,000 from the **CGF** they would have to approach the Community Council as it effects the community.

**West Braes Mural:** David and Nicola Thompson had arrived at the meeting and produced photographs to show the PCC the work of the artist Paco Graff who they have commissioned to paint a mural on the 3 walls of the shelter out at the West Braes. The members told David and Nicola they were all impressed by Paco's work. David hopes to have the shelter painted soon.

**Police Report:** there were 16 calls to the police, consisting of various types including, antisocial behaviour, drugs misuse and road traffic matters. 1 crime was recorded in this period.

**Bus Shelter at Milton Place:** the 3 panels of Perspex have been replaced.

**Notice Board:** MW is to chase this up.

**Road Works:** there is a contraflow in Braehead Road from 12<sup>th</sup> April until 25<sup>th</sup> April to allow SP Energy Networks.

The Marygate will be closed at the Waggon Road walk way to the AbbeyWall Road junction from 14<sup>th</sup> April until 27<sup>th</sup> April to allow Scottish Water update piping.

The alternative route for 'through' vehicular traffic is via Lady Wynd and James Street. The Burgh of Pittenweem Byelaws for the Regulation of Traffic in High Street and Lady Wynd 1954 and the Fife Council (Pittenweem Town Centre) (One Way) Order 2007 shall be revoked for the duration of the works insofar as they relate to the permitted direction of travel on Lady Wynd and Marygate, to allow two-way travel.

**Cemeteries:** It has been reported that cemeteries are getting near their capacities, FC are looking at this. An email had been sent asking Community Councils if they would like to sign up to take part in the survey when it becomes available, the PCC have signed up to take part.

**Slowing down of traffic:** Cllr LH reported that there is to be an investigation in to the accident that badly injured the man walking home from St Monans.

**Planning Report:** before the report was given LL had an email regarding a change of use regarding the Telephone Exchange to a dwelling in Session Lane. In the email it explains the person's interest in technology and social history

and buying and restoring a GPO K6 telephone kiosk at the age of 14. I now share this interest with the community. The person then goes on to say since being decommissioned by BT, the building has been privately owned and used for storage and is in a state of disrepair. The future of the building should be secured by conversion to a residential property, whilst adding a much-needed entry-level home to the local housing portfolio. I hope the proposal will meet with your support. **MW** and **LL** have a conflict of interest as they both have neighbouring properties. **JW** is to reply to the email.

**JW** reported all applications for planning had been sent to everyone.

**Secretary's Report:** **LL** reported that the cemetery wall at the North end of the cemetery has now been rebuilt.

- The extension of the yellow lines to 8a in South Loan were completed on the 14th February.
- There was a lovely email sent by a resident who thought it was wonderful that the trees had been planted as part of the Queen's Jubilee and hopeful with the Primary children planting some themselves, they will respect them.
- Lesley Craig sent an email explaining she had received another email calling for speed reduction and now speed bumps coming into Pittenweem from the Toft Hill. Is pedestrian safety on that footway a major concern to the Community Council?

I replied back - This will be discussed at our next meeting at the moment there are no concerns to pedestrian safety on that footway, apart from the footpath in need of upgrading. A comment was received, would like to see the flashing speed sign moved nearer to the 30-mile limit signs. When you look at other villages and towns they are on the outskirts.

**Chair's report:** **MW** had reported on various items on the agenda throughout the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** **MW** reported balance in the current account is £375.59 which includes £250 transferred from the fundraising account. The balance in the fundraising account is £2359.29 which includes £588 for the beacon from the **WBP**.

**The next PCC meeting is Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7pm.**

**Abbreviations:**

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

**Cllr LH** - Councillor Linda Holt, **Cllr JD** - Councillor John Docherty, **Cllr BP** - Councillor Bill Porteous.

**FC** – Fife Council. **MUP** - Multi Use Path, **SUP** – Shared Use Path, **PAF** - Pittenweem Arts Festival, **NTH** - New Town Hall. **WBP** – West Braes Project.

**CGF** – Common Good Fund.