



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**PCC Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall the
Thursday 18th August 2022 at 7pm**

PRESENT: Margaret Wardlaw, Duncan Lucas, Linda Lauder, David Stutchfield,
Ruth Brown, Evelyn Boyd and Peter Mills,

COUNCILLORS: Cllr. Fiona Corps, Cllr Sean Dillon and Cllr Alycia Hayes.

APOLOGIES: Jim Wood

PUBLIC ATTENDING: 3 members of the public were in attendance

INVITED GUESTS: Gillian Duncan

Opening of Meeting: MW welcomed everyone to the meeting

PROPOSAL OF MINUTES: Proposed Duncan Lucas **Seconded** David Stutchfield.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS:

MATTERS ARISING:

EAST NEUK FIRST RESPONDERS Gillian Duncan had come along to our meeting and gave a report on ambulance response times and ambulance control. The **ENFR** could deliver a quicker response it might be 3 minutes or more to attend someone who is in need of medical assistance compared to an ambulance response time which might be 30 – 40 minutes, unfortunately the ambulance control does not acknowledge that first responders are medically trained to give assistance to patients before the ambulance arrives. Gillian explained if the community council can write to Wendy Chamberlain and Willie Rennie to explain that the **ENFR** have pre hospital qualifications and can help in life - threatening situations. The service helped a lot of the communities during the covid 19 pandemic, 999 calls are word coded which means if a person is described by certain words it dictates whether or not first responders can attend. There are staffing problems within ambulance control but this is

happening all over in the health sector. Gillian did report that they have received fantastic support from G.P's. Crail Community Council wrote to the Scottish Health Secretary, it was suggested to ask them for a copy of their template. The **ENFR** are helping with the Health and Care Partnership to work with the elderly who are in need of assistance, 10 people have been trained in this area and equipment has been purchased. Gillian answered a few questions and thanked the **PCC** for their support, **MW** thanked Gillian for coming along, and it was at this point Gillian left the meeting.

COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr SD gave an update on Pittenweem in Bloom. Helen Coggle and himself attended a meeting at the bank recently. They discussed the situation and were told there would not be a problem but several documents required signatures. This is being dealt with at the moment so will update you at the next meeting.

Cllr. FC reported the broken sign at University Avenue has been ordered by **FC** and she would make enquiries regarding having a sign for James Street.

Cllr. AH, MW enquired if there were any updates regarding the incident in Session Street. **FC** had cleared **NTH** that the incident happened within their boundary **Cllr.AH** explained as Session Street is a private road this has become complicated as no one actually knows who owns the road. It had been reported that **Fc** had repaired parts of the road in the past.

PITTENWEEM ARTS FESTIVAL the **PCC** thought the week went well but was quieter due to lesser venues. It was reported that a comment has been seen on social media that it would have been a good idea if the **PAF** had a social media page where comments could be made. Some visitors or locals didn't seem to realise that there would be no events held in the evenings due to the fact covid has not disappeared completely. **MW** explained Simon Learoy had visited the **NTH**, in conversation he asked who had blue boards and who didn't. The **PCC** also suggested that the **PAF** should have more involvement with the community.

OFFICE BEARERS LL explained a treasurer is required as **MW** had only taken the position on temporarily as no one was willing to put themselves forward for the position. **MW** suggested to come back to this. **LL** stressed to the

members that this needs serious consideration as it has been on the agenda every month since May.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE PM reported Donald Grant had received the invoice for the repairs to the clock faces, it was decided to wait until the clock was working before payment was made. **FC** have a separate contract with Smith and Derby for this. **MW** asked who has keys for the Tolbooth Steeple, no one knew who if anyone was holding a set of keys. The PCC wasn't sure but as the work is now completed on the outside, **FC** would have a set of keys.

MUPS PM reviewed the APSUPG meeting of 12th August. Some progress had been made. Fife Council had offered to build the Core Path route using Transport Scotland funding. This was welcomed by members and should allow early construction.

The Anstruther group were very keen to obtain a decision regarding the branch from Dreelside Park along the A917 finally connecting to Mayview. The recent clarification over the two potential routes either north or south of the road with crossing in the 30mph zones had helped to make a decision. The PCC voted unanimously to support the north route as offering the best opportunity. A meeting is arranged with Mr John Mitchell, Senior Manager in the Transport Division of Fife Council, to lobby for clearer policy on active travel plans in Fife.

SUP/ELIE. There is a bike swap that is being held at the Play Park on 18th September and Crispin Hayes will have drawings of the **ENCAP** cycle route on display. ENCAP meets infrequently. Currently a meeting is being arranged with Crispin Hayes to look at potential routes around and within Pittenweem which then can be discussed with the community at the Bike Swap event on Sunday Sept 18th in Pittenweem. Please note change of venue, it is now church hall, James street.

CYCLE RACKS LL explained decisions were needed to be made on where the racks were to go, she was informed that Fife Coast and Country Trust would liaise with Andrew Tejada regarding the cycle racks at the West Braes.

LL is to phone Andrew for a site visit.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION DS reported a workshop had been held in the **NTH** to explain how the Place Standard Tool worked. The **PCC** are to hold a

drop in session in the **NTH** on 23rd August for members of the community to have their say on a variety of subjects. This is related to the survey delivered to householders in June and can hopefully lead to a Local Place/Action Plan in the future. Posters are to be shared on social media and advertised locally.

COMMON GOOD PM reported that a coding error is the reason why the Pittenweem **GCF** is low on funds, this has happened over 4 years. **PM** is to arrange a meeting to discuss this.

POLICE REPORT there were 18 calls to the police including; assist member of public, abandoned 999 calls, disturbance, drug misuse, road traffic matters, assault, wildlife, damage, concern for person. 2 crimes recorded.

Operation Paramount – Road Traffic Matters

Community Speed Watch involves local resident volunteers being deployed on our roads with speed detection devices to provide a visible presence to deter and identify speeding motorists in hot-spot areas. We are nearly in a position to have our volunteers out in the community. We now have 10 volunteers across the NEF area, of which 3 are from the East Neuk area, who have now had their vetting confirmed and attended a training provided by PC's Robb and Dunn at St Andrews Police Station on 26th July. Further risk assessments require to be undertaken to ensure the safety of the volunteers, and once this is complete, you will shortly see them out and about. We are very grateful to those who have already volunteered for the scheme.

New Community Sergeant for the East Neuk, St. Andrews and Taybridgehead areas is PS Joanna Peddie she has recently taken over from PS Matt Spencer in this role and based within St. Andrews Police Station.

SPEEDING at our last meeting a resident reported concerns regarding drivers speeding out of Pittenweem heading into Anstruther. I sent an email to PC Wallace enquiring apart from speed checks is there anything that can be done. He replied thank you for bringing this to our attention. We have previously carried out speed checks in this area, however will make efforts to give this some further attention. Fife Council Transportation Management have responsibility for introducing speed calming measures, it may be worthwhile contacting them via your Local Councillors to establish if they can lobby them on your behalf. **CIlr. FC** explained she sent an email from **FC** to the Police with a

report explaining the speed of traffic entering and leaving the village at both ends.

ELECTRIC POINTS IN HIGH STREET there is no new update.

ROAD WORKS Queen Elizabeth Road, from the jct. West Braes in a northerly direction for a distance of 20m or thereby.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic is via West Braes, Sandycraig Road & Queen Elizabeth Road. From Monday 22/08/22 at 08.00hrs to Friday 02/09/22 at 17.00hrs, or until earlier completion of the works. This is to allow Scottish Water works to be carried out in safety

Access for emergency services and residents will be maintained via the alternative route. Access for pedestrians will be maintained.

Temporary Rolling Road Closure

East Neuk 10K

The road will close and open on a rolling basis as the run progresses at Grangemuir from East Lodge to South Lodge. Between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. on Sunday 25/09/22. This is to allow the East Neuk 10K Run to take place in safety.

Anster Haddies Running Club is responsible for this event and can be contacted on the telephone number shown below:-

Contact Telephone Number: 07952 981125.

Cllr. FC reported the speed sign coming into Pittenweem from the west is still to be repaired due to an electrical fault.

OX & ANCHOR status has been decided, application is permitted with conditions these are hours of operation between 12pm and 7pm Wednesday to Sunday and written permission to **FC** would be required to operate out with these hours.

Reason: In order to protect the amenity of adjoining and nearby residents.

TELEPHONE EXCHANGE this property has been approved regarding change of use to a dwelling house.

St MARGARET'S FARM DEVELOPMENT – EIA screening opinion request for the erection of 33 dwellinghouses, and change of use from category C listed farm building - Land at St Margarets Farm James Street Pittenweem Fife.

Ref. No: 21/03533/SCR Status: EIA Not Required | Case Type: Planning Application

STATION COURT DEVELOPMENT - Planning Application submitted

PLANNING REPORT: LL reported there were 10 Planning Applications, 7 Scottish Building Warrants & 1 Application Permitted. PM asked the councillors how to contact planning regarding consultation of the Multi Use Path. Both developers were made aware of the project, this it is not shown on the plans. A discussion took place when it was agreed to send our concerns as neutral.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: LL reported an email had be received from a former resident who explained he is currently writing a book about parish and community councils across the UK. And wondering if it would be possible to interview any of the councillors about the role of community councils. The interviews will be anonymous, and I will ensure there can be no link between anything he uses as a result of an interview and either the council or the individual councillor. LL has decided to take part.

- Fife Coast & Country Trust have been invited to attend 8th September's Meeting & have accepted. Robbie Blyth will attend.
- Eva Martinez has reported the TRO order on South Loan is expected to be complete by early October.
- The Butter fly tree an email from Education services to confirm Building Services had made a request to Scottish Pest Control to remove the tree and put down weed killer. There was no timescale. This has now been done.
- Litter at the Harbour more bins needed. Cllr. AH is to make enquiries regarding sea gull proof bins.

- Waid Community Use sent a report regarding what has been happening over the last year at Waid Community Use documenting their steady recovery. They have a lot of activities for youngsters aged between 6 – 12 years old.

Booking conditions can be found at: <https://www.fife.gov.uk/cu-booking-conditions>

TREASURER'S REPORT: **MW** reported there is £1,520.13 in the main account and £2071 in the fundraising account.

CHAIR'S REPORT: **MW** reported that she was waiting on the final paper work from the bank regarding Pittenweem in Bloom. The form for our annual grant has been sent to **FC**.

AOB

RB explained Foot Print East Neuk are to hold a Science & Nature Conference at Cambo Gardens 3/9/22 10am until 4pm although this is a free event all tickets have been allocated, anyone wishing to be considered if there are any cancellations can email footprinteastneuk@gmail.com

As **MW** was about to thank everyone for attending, one of the attending public volunteered to become our treasurer and wished to become a member of the Community Council. This person was thanked and the meeting closed.

The next meeting is to be held in the New Town Hall 8th September 2022 at 7pm.

Abbreviations:

PCC – Pittenweem Community Council, **MW** – Margaret Wardlaw, **LL** – Linda Lauder, **DL** – Duncan Lucas, **RB** – Ruth Brown, **PM** – Peter Mills, **JW** – Jim Wood, **EB** – Evelyn Boyd, **DS** – David Stutchfield.

Cllr. FC – Council Fiona Corps, **Cllr.SD** – Councillor Sean Dillon,

Cllr. AH – Councillor Alycia Hayes.

FC – Fife Council, **MUP** – Multi Use Path, **SUP** – Shared Used Path,

ENCAP – East Neuk Action Plan, **NTH** – New Town Hall,

TRO – Traffic Road Order. **PAF** – Pittenweem Arts Festival,

PIB – Pittenweem in Bloom, **ENFR** – East Neuk First Responders,
FCCT – Fife Coast and Country Trust.
APSUPG – Anstruther Pittenweem Shared Use Path Group.