



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

Chair: M. Wardlaw, **Vice Chair:**??**Treasurer:** M. Wardlaw
Secretary: L. Lauder. **Co-Member:** Ruth Brown
Members: G. McClure, P. Mills, J. Wood, Duncan Lucas, David Gallacher.

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Minutes of Meeting held in the New Town Hall the
Thursday 12TH May 2022 at 7pm

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

Councillors: Cllr. Sean Dillon, Cllr. Alycia Hayes, Cllr. Fiona Corps

Apologies: Linda Lauder,

Public Attending: 5 members of the public

Invited Guests: none

OPENING OF MEETING: MW welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jenny Archibald had a fall leaving the New Town Hall on polling day and ended up in hospital with a broken finger and other injuries. The accident happened at the corner of the pavement on the north side of Session Street. Cllr Hayes and MW both went out to look at exactly where the accident happened. Because Session Street is still a private road FC say it is not their responsibility. MW has asked the new councillors to look into this to see if Jenny who is a hairdresser and will be off work for at least six weeks, if there is anywhere, she could apply for an emergency payment. She is not entitled to claim sick pay etc. MW said she would also contact FC and the householders in Session Street. She would also keep in touch with Jenny.

A representation from the Ox and Anchor mobile unit attended again to give us an update as to what was happening. They are in the process of putting in a

planning application as instructed by FC. They have put in place what they said they would do at the last meeting and will keep us updated as and when anything happens with the planning.

MW thanked them all for attending and keeping us up to date

Proposal of the Minutes: P. Mills proposed and D. Lucas seconded the minutes.

MW went on to welcome the new Councillors and asked them to introduce themselves and wished them all the best in their new role in the community.

Councillor's Report: Since we now have a complete new set of Councillors sitting on the panel, we will pass over any community business to them as we go along. Cllr Hayes said she would look into what could be done to help Jenny regarding her accident.

Pittenweem Arts Festival: MW reported that an email had come through from Simon Learoyd suggesting a meeting on 30th May at the Festival Office. It was agreed that date was suitable so could MW get a time and how many people from PCC can attend.

Tolbooth Steeple: PM reported the scaffolding had all now been removed. There is still work to be completed on the clock but it has made a huge difference removing the scaffolding.

Church Closures:

The CC had become aware of the Fife Presbytery Mission Plan to tackle falling Church of Scotland congregations and availability of ministers. The initial plans were to reduce churches by 25% but this has now increased to 38% throughout Fife by December 2022. However, the proposal is to reduce churches in the East Neuk of Fife by over 90% and reduce to two WTE ministers. The proposed closures are very much targeted with no closures proposed in certain parts of Fife. The proposal is to close 10 out of the 11 churches in the East Neuk with only St Ayles in Cellardyke remaining open. Many church halls will also close. These closures are proposed despite the historic nature and listed building status of many of the churches, their extensive use by many of the community. The confidential Mission Plan allowed consultation to May 6th only. PM and Cllr Linda Holt have both contacted Mr Neil Campbell, Director of Mission, to protest that

there has been no community consultation on these plans and question why the East Neuk of Fife is being so heavily penalised.

In Pittenweem the historic Parish Church (A listed) and church hall are both recommended for closure. This comes at a time when the Tolbooth Steeple restoration has just been completed so successfully.

The CC propose to engage with the minister and team at the Parish Church to establish communication on the plans and determine how the community can help. It was also suggested that the East Neuk Community Council Forum should co-ordinate responses.

Multi Use Path (MUP):

The signing of the MOU eventually took place on the morning of the 26th April in the New Town Hall. In attendance Cllr Linda Holt, Peter Mills and Gerald Cooper watched as Andrew Peddie and Margaret Wardlaw signed the documents. Cllr Linda Holt took some pictures and said she would send a copy of a picture along with a single page document to the press and social media regarding what had been agreed by all parties.

PM reported: Progress has been made recently after meetings with landowners who have shown support for the scheme. Anstruther Seabox see no difficulty in routing the MUP over the core path and negotiations with their solicitors is commencing. Mr Wilson at Anstruther and Crawhill Farms has similarly been supportive. He thought he had already signed agreement to allow passage alongside Metaflake and Barnett's. Apparently, this has not been completed yet and he is visiting his solicitor in Perth on May 11th when this may be finalised. He is also agreeable to a MUP branch passing from Dreelside Park along to the Spindrifft, alongside the A917, then down to Mayview in Pittenweem. Crossings of the A917 still need to be agreed following advice from an external consultant hired by FC.

Councillor LH indicated her support for the core path route. She mentioned that there were concerns from residents of houses bordering the Dreelside Park to Spindrifft branch section but this has been an issue wherever the MUP travels. The MUP will be used by both pedestrians and cyclists but the traffic density will be low.

A MUPS meeting was held in the NTH on Friday with the MUPS committee and minutes have since been circulated to PCC members.

Next meeting will be held in Anstruther on 27th May

Shared Used Path: ENCAP: nothing new to report.

Community Consultation: DS has arranged for a meeting with Heather and Paul on Friday 20th May at 9-30am to discuss the way forward. David had emailed to all a copy of the proposed single page questionnaire for their opinion. Not sure where Footprint East Neuk comes in?

Queen's Jubilee – Trees: Now that the trees have been planted it was suggested we asked the senior pupils from Pittenweem Primary School to give a name to the small wood. A prize would be given to the pupil whose name would be selected by PCC. We were given a list of names and it was passed round the committee to select their choice. The 'Weem Wuud' was selected and this had been chosen by 3 pupils. Since Wuud does not come up in any of the Scottish dictionary's it was agreed to go with the spelling of 'Weem Wuid'. A sign has been ordered from St Andrew's Menshed to be placed beside the trees and the three pupils will all receive a gift to commemorate the event. Date for this is still to be arranged.

There is still some mulch left to be put round the trees. This will be done in the near future.

Queen's Jubilee – Beacon: Arrangements are progressing and LL has put a lot of time and effort into this project. Licences, permissions and many other details required to allow a public event to take place. These are now all in order as is the hire of games etc. The picnic in the park will take place in the small grass field that the school uses as part of the playground on Saturday 4th June 11am till 4pm. The soft play games, candy floss machine and other fun events will all be held in this area.

The toilets at the football pavilion will be open for use as will the toilets at the New Town Hall. There is an indoor boot sale being held in the hall on the Saturday morning 9am till 1pm. The kitchen will be open for filled rolls, tea and coffee. The New Town Hall will also house the First Aider and First Aid kit. The Beacon will be lit at 9-45pm on Thursday 2nd June down at the West Braes. They are putting on food from 6pm onwards, burgers etc.

Common Good: We have had someone else involved who has looked over the figures. It was decided to leave this to the next meeting when hopefully we will have more time to go into more detail.

Police Report: dated 30/4/2022. Received 25 calls consisting of various types including anti-social behaviour, drug misuse, road traffic matters, missing person, concern for person. 2 crimes were recorded in this period.

Noticeboard: no update

Road Works: Temporary Road Closure C44 North of Pittenweem C44 Pittenweem, from north side of Dreel Burn to jct. B9171 at Ovenstone House. The alternative route for vehicular traffic is via C44 Charles St, Tollcross & Viewforth Place, A917, B942, and B9171
Monday 30/5/2022 at 07-30hrs to Friday 03/06/2022 at 17.00 hrs or until earlier completion of works.
To allow carriageway patching works to be carried out in safety.
013451-555555 ext. 430266 Emergency no. 03451 550099

Twinning: nothing to report

Electric Points in High Street: nothing to report.

Cycle Racks: LL has chased Allan MacLean several times regarding this topic to no avail until 5th May. Although Linda had forwarded suggested areas as to where these could be placed, they have come back asking for maps for these areas. This will be passed over to our Councillors.

West Braes Mural: Nothing to report

Cemeteries: nothing to report

Planning Report:

New notifications

[Listed building consent for alterations to existing garden room and replacement external stair - 3 Calmans Wynd Pittenweem Anstruther Fife KY10 2NS](#)

[Change of use of part from car park to siting of 1 hot food takeaway trailer \(Sui Generis\) \(Retrospective\) Site Adjacent to 8 Backgate, Pittenweem - This Site Address Is Still To Be Recorded On Our Property Database \(temporary Address Used\) Fife](#)

Ref. No: 22/01510/FULL | Received date: Mon 16 May 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration | Case Type: Planning Application

[Installation of replacement windows - 4 Still Park Pittenweem](#)

[Anstruther Fife KY10 2NT](#) Ref. No: 22/01516/FULL | Received date: Tue 17 May 2022 | Status: Pending Consideration | Case Type: Planning Application

"Pittenweem" Building Standards Application Alterations. No: 21/00385/BW | Received date: Fri 19 Feb 2021 | Status: Completion Accepted | Case Type: Scottish Building Warrant

JW forwarded a report from Damon Wilkinson regarding what was happening with the Old Telephone Exchange building in Session Lane.

- Building work and associated traffic will be extremely limited by the fact that I wish to make only very minimal changes to the building, as outlined in my proposal. I do not anticipate deliveries of heavy materials requiring large lorries. The external appearance of the building will remain unchanged.
- The telephone exchange is currently classed for use as workshop and storage; the number and types of vehicles accessing it as such is liable to be of more impact than if it was used for a private dwelling with its own parking space within the curtilage of the site. As the property owner, I am already jointly liable for maintenance of the lane.
- Mains services for water and electricity are already in place and renewal of these is likely to be needed even if the property were to remain as a workshop. The water and electricity boards have experience in upgrading of their services and are unlikely to cause damage elsewhere.
- The residential conversion is intended for my own use, not as a holiday let. Also, as the building is currently non-residential, I am not removing housing from the local community. The site is not big enough to be redeveloped with market housing available to the local community

I trust the above addresses the points raised and hope you would agree that there are also positive aspects to the proposal, including:

- the clearing of an area previously used as a dump for building materials for some decades which contained broken glass, timber with nails, etc, and which also attracted vermin.
- restoration of a building which is a Heritage Asset at risk of deterioration beyond the point of practical use.
- reusing an existing structure and making only minimal changes, rather employing quantities of new materials, therefore reducing the environmental impact.
- securing the future of the telephone exchange building which, as one resident put it "has always been there".

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[Amend Layout and Design - 1 University Terrace Pittenweem Anstruther Fife KY10 2PY](#)

Parks and Open Spaces: nothing to report.

Secretary's Report:

LL has sent her apologies but was able to send in her report.

Signs – University Ave broken at South end

Routine Routine Row/Backgate sign post rusty and dangerous

A resident sent an email regarding dying trees at the cemetery car park. This was reported to Roger Honeyman Grounds Maintenance at FC who is on annual leave. MW has passed this complaint over to Ruth Brown to see if she can come up with an answer on how to restore it back to health.

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

LL also asked when we were going to replace the treasurer who resigned early last year and also the Vice Chair held by the same person. MW has put this back to next 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 £2375.29 which includes £588 for the beacon from the WBP.

CAMPION HOMES: Are holding an open day at Pittenweem New Town Hall Wednesday 29th May 2022 between 15.00 and 19.00 hrs. Posters have been placed throughout the village.

May newsletter for Scottish Rural Action has been sent to all.

The next PCC meeting is Thursday 9th June 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 Sean Dillon, Cllr Alycia Hayes, Cllr Fiona Corps.

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.