



The Royal Burgh of
Pittenweem and District
Community Council

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**Minutes of the PCC Meeting held in the New Town Hall on Thursday
the 8th September 2022 at 7pm**

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

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

APOLOGIES: None

PUBLIC ATTENDING: None

INVITED GUESTS: Robbie Blyth

MW welcomed everyone to the meeting and a 2 minute silence was held in respect to Queen Elizabeth who died earlier today. **MW** then invited Robbie to update the council regarding the Fife Coast and Country Trust.

FIFE COAST and COUNTRY TRUST Robbie Blyth introduced himself and explained that there is 117 miles of coastal path and during the pre-pandemic, Fife Outdoor Tourism Infrastructure Programme (FOTIP) recognised some areas were in need of an upgrade, Elie – Ruby Bay and harbour, Pittenweem – West Braes, Lower Largo – Temple car park, Kinghorn – Pettycur Bay, North Queensferry – Battery Road car park, Kingsbarns – beach, Limekilns – Promenade, East Lommond – Car park, Craigmear, Glanvale, Birnie and Gaddon – Lochs and Fife Coastal paths.

Funding from **FC** to make better provisions, installing drinking water and shower facilities, this can't be done without help from motor home users, Community Councils, visitors and Community Groups. Pittenweem outdoor swimming pool is now open and is regularly used and is a good asset. Proposals are now to install a basic shower area and a Chemical deposable facility for motor homes, recycling points, bins for the disposing of barbecues safely. **FCCT** would also like to improve provisions for children and disability parking and overnight parking which will be a challenge. Ruby Bay at Elie and Kingsbarns have parking charges and would like to introduce them to other areas to generate an income. A modest charge for overnight parking is £10.00 per night, 0 – 2hours there would be no charge and to park for longer even all day £2.00 but a balance would need to be reached. These charges would help with maintenance and running costs. It is hoped that work will start next March.

DS asked how many motor homes are expected to be installed at the West Braes. Robbie's reply was 5 bays, and **FCCT** staff will frequently monitor the area, educating people how to respect the area. It will be a long process to get overnight parking at the car park. **MW** enquired about changing rooms. Robbie replied that this can be looked at but at the moment the toilets are being used. **MW** then queried the use of the field used as an overflow car park because it was believed to be locked during the Arts Festival and a key was to be retrieved from the Arts Festival Office. Robbie replied **FCCT** will try to address the parking issues, but the **PCC** would have to contact **FC** Transportation Department. Robbie went on to explain that the West Braes toilets are open from April to October and have been open to the public longer than the intended dates and times, again it all comes down to what funds are available to each department. **EB** reported that Ruby Bay at Elie and Kingsbarns have overnight parking for motor homes and asked how they were managed? Robbie explained the manageability was complicated at the start, a payment meter was installed, rubbish was reduced which has made the area

more manageable. The owners will be issued an advisory notice when FCCT staff inspect the area and hope to educate visitors to respect the area they are using. It was suggested that having motor homes parking can help reduce the problems relating to anti-social behaviour, drinking and drug problems. **DS** asked the last question, if there were to be any faults, are they to be reported to **FCCT**? The reply was send an email to **FCCT**. **MW** thanked Robbie for coming along and informing the **PCC** regarding the new proposals and update that the **FCCT** have planned for the near future, at this point Robbie left our meeting.

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

COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS: **Cllr. AH** reported for those on Universal Credit to check that they are getting a Council Tax Rebate. The coastal Road diversion at Boarhills is now open but there will be more road works in October on the coastal route.

Cllr. F.C reported the First Responders mobile care for the elderly is now available and training is taking place in October.

Cllr. SD reported Pittenweem in Bloom bank account has now been closed. **MW** confirmed the amount had been transferred into the PCC account.

MATTERS ARISING:

Peter Lomas, Call for Support is asking if members would agree to lend their Council's name in support. It's their intention to reconstitute the St Andrews forum this autumn – to which all Community Councils will be permanently invited – and, with its backing, undertake a wider action regarding St Andrews Community Hospital, not only to preserve the hospital against further reductive

moves but to regenerate and expand it, to enable it to occupy a proper place in the life of our area. The **PCC** agreed to support this

OFFICE BEARERS – PM asked **MW** if she was agreeable to continue to be Treasurer for the time being.

TOLBOOTH STEEPLE the clock has been repaired and is now keeping time. The inside of the Tolbooth remains unsafe and will require more funds to put this right. **FC** has ownership of the keys. **MW** reported that a payment had been made into our account of £11,938.00. **PM** suggested to wait until the payments from both the Fife Environment Trust and Historic Environment Scotland are confirmed before a cheque is sent to **FC**.

MUPS - PM reported that the **PCC** decision on **MUP** routes from the last meeting had been well received. A meeting of **PCC** members with senior Fife Council Transport officials had taken place at Bankhead Central on Sept 7th. The purpose was to lobby on behalf of active travel needs and to hope to influence policy in the upcoming Local Transport Strategy for Fife 2023-2033 review. The discussion was wide ranging and useful with much agreement on the way forward. Unfortunately, no councillors were able to join us and there was no further information from councillors on the transport committee.

The planning department had been approached to gain insight as to how section 75 agreement funding for the **MUP** might be secured from the two housing developments currently being proposed in Pittenweem. The **MUP** currently is planned to run through both areas of land identified for housing.

The **PCC** is exploring funding sources for the community matching funds for **MUP** construction.

SUP/ELIE there will be a Bike Swap event on Sunday 18th September 1pm until 4pm at the Church Hall in James Street also in the park behind the hall. Dr Bike, bike games and information stands. More info: www.eastneukcap.co.uk.

CYCLE RACKS – The **PCC** had asked for a site visit, this will take place sometime at the end of September, all **PCC** members will be invited to attend.

St MARGARET'S FARM DEVELOPMENT - a planning application will be sent to the planning department at **FC** by the end of September.

STATION COURT DEVELOPMENT – it was reported objections regarding traffic flow for this new phase have been lodged.

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION – a drop - in session took place at the **NTH** on 23rd August unfortunately only 16 from the community attended, they engaged in good conversation and left plenty of feedback regarding the different areas within the village. It is hoped to have a consultation table at the Bike Swap on Sunday for people to view. Applications for funding are going well and should hear from some by the end of September.

LOCAL PLACE PLAN - a Local Place Plans online information session for communities was held through **FC** was attended by 3 members from **PCC** on the 1st September. An **LPP** is to give communities help to explore what is happening in new development plans or to engage with local planning. Funding for this is also being looked at.

COMMON GOOD FUND - **PM** has invested his time looking into the **CGF** and sent a report to all members and councillors, **PM** was able to contact Yvonne Gillespie who is a newly appointed member of Property Services staff and has been extremely helpful, the good news was £174,000 had been replaced by **FC** into the **CGF** but

unfortunately there is a long process ahead as more items need investigated. It was suggested a meeting with Paul Vaughan is needed.

POLICE REPORT - there were 32 calls to the police. 5 crimes recorded.

ELECTRIC POINTS IN HIGH STREET - no new updates

SESSION STREET - the **PCC** have not heard any new updates on this

ROAD SIGNS – University Avenue and James Street signs have still not been replace and there have been no new correspondence from **FC**. The Councillors are to chase this up.

PLANNING REPORT: JW reported the Anchorage at 1, Milton Place has planning permission with conditions that the Gate house is to be rebuilt after it has been demolished because of the Japanese knot weed that is growing there.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: LL reported that all items have been reported throughout the meeting. Emails regarding the Miner's strike Pardon have been sent to all members, did they want this to stop or to be continued, and only one member wanted it to be sent to them.

TREASURER'S REPORT: MW reported there is £14,073.69 in the main account and £6,062.56 in the fundraising account. There have been cheques signed to pay for the **NTH** for the Anstruther Pittenweem Shared Use Path Group meeting, the Community Consultation meetings the **PCC** have held in the hall as well as their own monthly meetings, these are still to be cleared.

Monies received: Historic Environment Scotland £11,938.00.

Pittenweem in Bloom: £3,991.27.

FC Grant: £615.54.

CHAIR'S REPORT: **MW** reported the joiner Mr Syme had inspected the notice board in the High Street and found that the required hinges needed are no longer manufactured.

- **ARTS FESTIVAL BEING PART OF THE ROYAL BURGH OF PITTENWEEM** - it was discovered the Pittenweem Arts Festival are allowed to use the name.
- **PITTENWEEM INN** – it was reported that the property looked derelict and abandoned, a quick discussion took place and remembered planning being accepted for this property and is allowed 3 years before the owner has to reapply for planning.

A.O.B

MW reported there is a Craft Fair in the **NTH** on 17th September, 10pm until 3pm, also the Mad Ferrets a Contemporary Scottish Folk Duo will be playing at the **NTH** on 8th October tickets are online, please see the Pittenweem Community Council Notice Board on Face book or the notice board outside the New Town Hall for more details.

The next meeting will be held 13th October at 7pm in the New Town Hall.

ABBEVATIONS:

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, **LPP** – Local Place Plan, **MUP** – Multi Use Path,
SUP – Shared Used Path, **NTH** – New Town Hall, **CGF** – Common
Good Fund,
PAF – Pittenweem Arts Festival,
PIB – Pittenweem in Bloom, **FCCT** – Fife Coast and Country Trust,